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ASIA AND THE NEAR EAST

TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION

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Photo: DoS/ Helaena Rathore

SRI LANKA

US Assistant Secretary Rocca tours Sri Lanka tsunami damage

US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia, Christina Rocca, presented sets of tools to tsunami-affected carpenters, masons, and welders in eastern Sri Lanka on April 19 as part of a visit to three USAID-funded reconstruction projects. She also inspected transitional shelters, observed cleanup activities, and talked with teachers and students at school sites. After re-inaugurating the American Center in

Colombo, she told assembled journalists the US will “remain engaged in the recovery process.” Rocca also met top government officials including the prime minister, opposition leaders, and key national and international interest groups, including Norwegian peace envoy Eric Solheim, to discuss reconstruction plans.

Coastal management to take “ridge-to-reef” approach

USG funding for a participatory coastal zone management program will complement post-tsunami signature infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka. A USAID coastal resources specialist is assisting USAID/Sri Lanka to design a program that embeds the infrastructure projects within a broader context of integrated coastal management. The program will take a holistic “ridge-to-reef” approach to local development, incorporating local community perspectives. The program will strengthen local governance and community participation while addressing water management, flooding, erosion, and land use conflicts.



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INDIA

More than 300 fisherman return to sea

Thanks to USAID, over 300 fishermen from four villages surrounding Tirumallivasal returned to the sea on April 20, 2005. As a result of the tsunami, most of the fishermen in the area lost their boats and fishing nets, preventing them from returning to work. To date, USAID funding has supported the repair of 170 boats, 232 boat engines and 200 fishing nets through a cash-for-work program. With these newly restored resources, the fishermen were able to start fishing again.



Photo: Project Concern International/India



Photo: USAID/Betina Moreira

INDONESIA

USAID supports employment generating projects in Lhoong

Since the December 26, 2004 earthquake and tsunami, USAID has focused significant resources on developing cash-for-work and micro-enterprise activities to generate employment for those affected. More than \$6.3 million in grants have been made to support cash-for-work programs to rehabilitate local infrastructure, such as schools, markets and agriculture gardens. These programs employed more than 35,000 beneficiaries, providing \$2.9 million directly to workers.

USAID works in partnership to mobilize financial services in Aceh

On March 23, 2005 Bank Danamon re-opened its Banda Aceh microfinance branch and intends to open a second microfinance branch by July 2005. A partial credit guarantee will facilitate an extension of microfinance services to businesses economically affected by the tsunami. With USAID's guarantee, Bank Danamon will also increase lending in new sectors nationwide and expand their presence in Aceh.



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INDONESIA

Government of Indonesia releases Master Plan

The Government of Indonesia's Master Plan for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of tsunami-affected areas in Northern Sumatra is now available. On March 26, the Indonesian Government presented this draft plan to local governments and the public for comment. An English version of the document may be accessed at the following site sponsored by USAID and other donors:

<http://www.e-aceh.org>.

FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE AS OF APRIL 27, 2005

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged:	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 81,378,000
Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 22,466,900
Total USAID/ANE Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 5,372,944
Total USAID/ANE Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Assistance Committed:	\$ 11,518,202
Total State/PRM Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 200,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$132,936,046

For more information on the tsunami and USAID's work, please see "Tsunami Relief" at www.usaid.gov.