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INDIAN OCEAN – Earthquake and Tsunamis

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

Indonesia	79,940 deaths, 1 to 3 million affected	CNN ¹ , December 30; WHO December 30
Sri Lanka	24,673 deaths, 6,589 missing, 888,000 displaced, 12,482 injured, 1.5 million affected	CNN, December 30
India	10,850 deaths	AFP, December 30
Thailand	2,000 deaths, 3,000 injured	WFP ² , December 30
Somalia	120 deaths, 50,000 displaced	BBC ³ , December 30; AFP, December 30
Burma (Myanmar)	90 deaths	BBC, December 30
Malaysia	65 deaths, 50 missing, 100 injured, 8,000 displaced	OCHA ⁴ , December 30
Maldives	54 deaths, 61 missing, approximately 223,957 affected	OCHA, December 30
Tanzania	10 deaths	BBC, December 30
Bangladesh	2 deaths	BBC, December 30
Seychelles	1 death	BBC, December 30
Kenya	1 death	BBC, December 30

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CURRENT SITUATION

Most Powerful Earthquake in 40 Years

- A magnitude 9.0 earthquake on December 26, off the west coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia, triggered massive tsunamis that affected several countries throughout South and Southeast Asia, as well as Somalia, Tanzania, and Kenya in East Africa. In addition, aftershocks from the December 26 earthquake occurred in Indonesia's Aceh province and the island of Sumatra on December 29.
- Reports from international media and national government sources indicate that the earthquake and tsunamis killed more than 117,000 people in South and Southeast Asia and East Africa: 79,940 people in Indonesia, 24,673 in Sri Lanka, 10,850 in India, 2,000 in Thailand, 120 in Somalia, 90 in Burma, 65 in Malaysia, 54 in Maldives, 10 in Tanzania, 2 in Bangladesh, and 1 each in the Seychelles and Kenya. Death tolls continue to rise as rescue and recovery operations access more remote areas.

Additional USAID/DART Members Deploy to Region

- Five USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) members have deployed to Thailand and will be joined by a sixth member from USAID/FFP. Three USAID/DART members are positioned in India. Additionally, four USAID/DART members are in Sri Lanka and will be joined by four others. Additional USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members are preparing to deploy to Indonesia and Sri Lanka to augment USAID/DART members already on the ground. The teams will be comprised of a combination of logisticians, medical experts, structural engineers, and information officers from the Fairfax County and Los Angeles County Fire Departments and USAID/OFDA and USAID/FFP. USAID/OFDA anticipates quickly increasing to a 40-person regional USAID/DART over the next several days.

IFRC Appeal Revised Upward

- On December 29, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) issued a revised appeal of more than \$59 million to support emergency operations in response to the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis.

¹ Cable News Network

² U.N. World Food Program

³ British Broadcasting Corporation

⁴ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Water-borne Disease Threats

- On December 29, a top U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) official warned that contaminated drinking water and standing water may cause communicable disease epidemics in tsunami-affected areas across South and Southeast Asia. The main area of concern is Aceh Province in Indonesia, where Government of Indonesia officials caution that clogged drains and the lack of clean water may lead to a disease epidemic in Aceh Province. Specific threats include diarrheal diseases, cholera, dengue fever, and malaria.

U.N. Field Teams

- On December 29, OCHA reported that representatives from the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) and U.N. Country Teams have begun conducting preliminary needs assessments in: Aceh province, Indonesia; Penang and Kedah, Malaysia; and Sri Lanka. In addition, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed U.N. Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator Margareta Wahlstrom as the Special Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance to Tsunami affected areas.

USG ASSISTANCE

- The USG has pledged \$35 million toward earthquake and tsunami relief efforts. Dollar amounts in this Fact Sheet are part of the total pledge of \$35 million and refer to specific funding actions that have been committed and programmed.

Regional Assistance

- On December 27, USAID/OFDA provided \$4 million to the IFRC for the distribution of emergency shelter materials and other relief commodities, based on the assessment and evaluation of needs in affected areas. The appeal targets 500,000 beneficiaries for 6 months. Specific activities will include the purchase and transport of tarpaulins, mosquito nets, and family kits to affected areas, as well as operational activities such as surveying and registering people for assistance. IFRC will distribute the relief items to the most vulnerable tsunami-affected households. IFRC will also work to complement local reconstruction initiatives through the provision of essential building materials and tools.
- The U.S. Department of Defense is currently in the process of organizing and sending disaster relief assets and aircraft to the Indian Ocean region to assist with the emergency response.

Sri Lanka and the Maldives

- On December 26, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Jeffrey J. Lunstead issued disaster declarations for both countries. The same day, USAID/OFDA provided \$200,000 through USAID/Sri Lanka: \$100,000 for Sri Lanka and \$100,000 for the Maldives.
- On December 29, USAID/OFDA provided \$2.5 million to USAID/Sri Lanka for emergency grants to nongovernmental organization (NGO) relief activities in affected areas of Sri Lanka.
- USAID/OFDA is dispatching two flights to Sri Lanka carrying 120 rolls of plastic sheeting, 1,000 blankets, 3 10,000-liter water bladders, and 5,400 water containers, valued at a total of \$49,850, excluding transport.

India

- On December 27, U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford declared a disaster due to the magnitude of the effects of the tsunamis, particularly in southern coastal areas of India and in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In response, USAID/OFDA immediately provided \$100,000 through USAID/India to be divided between the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and the Indian Red Cross for emergency activities.
- On December 29, USAID/OFDA provided \$1 million to USAID/India for emergency grants for relief activities in the affected areas of India.

Indonesia

- On December 27, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia B. Lynn Pascoe issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the earthquake and the tsunamis. USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$100,000 through USAID/Indonesia to the Indonesian Red Cross for relief operations. USAID/OFDA is also providing \$4 million through USAID/Indonesia to support emergency grants for water and sanitation, shelter, and health sector activities.
- On December 30, USAID/OFDA airlifted 100 rolls of plastic sheeting, two 10,000-liter water bladders, 4,200 water containers. The value of this assistance excluding transport is approximately \$35,650. USAID/OFDA is preparing to dispatch an additional flight to Indonesia carrying emergency relief items valued at \$13,650.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) has authorized 3,000 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, consisting of bagged rice, valued at approximately \$2.0 million toward the U.N. World Food Program's (WFP) relief efforts in northern Sumatra. The shipment is currently at port in Jakarta aboard the MV Hunter D in preparation for transport to northern Sumatra.
- On December 29, USAID/Indonesia provided \$1.0 million for NGO relief activities in Banda Aceh, Sumatra.

Thailand

- On December 27, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Darryl N. Johnson declared a disaster declaration due to the effects of the tsunamis. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$100,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to the Thai Red Cross for the procurement and distribution of emergency relief items.

USG REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
IFRC	Response to emergency appeal	Regionwide	\$4,000,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO REGION			\$4,000,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
Indian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
USAID/India	Emergency grants for water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
	Administrative		\$16,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO INDIA			\$1,116,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Sumatra	\$100,000
Indonesian Red Cross	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Sumatra	\$35,650
Indonesian Red Cross	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Sumatra	\$13,650
USAID/Indonesia	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, shelter	Sumatra	\$4,000,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO INDONESIA			\$4,149,300
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	3,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP TO INDONESIA			\$2,000,000
USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$1,000,000
TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$1,000,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$7,149,300

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Malaysia Red Crescent and National Disaster Management and Relief Committee	Procurement and distribution of relief items, shelter	Northwest Malaysia	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO MALAYSIA			\$50,000

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$100,000
UNICEF	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$8,100
UNICEF	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$44,250
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO THE MALDIVES			\$152,350

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
IFRC	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$44,450
IFRC	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$5,400
	Administrative		\$132,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO SRI LANKA.....			\$2,781,850

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO THAILAND			\$100,000

¹All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of December 30, 2004.

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PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their tsunami relief efforts in South Asia can be found in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov, Keyword: Tsunami, or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance