



ASIA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

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Latest human toll: over 2.3 million affected, with 224,685¹ presumed casualties (174,729 confirmed dead and 49,956 missing).

Highlights of overall Red Cross and Red Crescent operations

- Detailed overview of the first three months of the Red Cross/Red Crescent's operation in all tsunami-affected countries, including those in East Africa, was provided in [Operations Update no. 52](#).
- Since the beginning of the operation, over 840,000 people affected by the disaster have received some form or combination of assistance coordinated by the International Federation.
- Over 34,000 people in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and India were able to restore family links and learn whether their family members are still alive with assistance from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

INDONESIA

- From commencement of the emergency response to date the relief programme of Indonesian Red Cross ([Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI](#)) and the Federation has distributed 3,418 tents, 40,106 tarpaulins, 2,902 kitchen sets, 35,994 hygiene kits, 87,228 blankets, 54,588 jerry cans, 17,927 family kits, 4,815 baby kits, 7,528 stoves, 35,430 mosquito nets, 10,865 supplementary food parcels, 45 community recovery tool kits (reaching 11,250 people) in Aceh province in response to the tsunami, not yet taking into account aggregate numbers for the Nias earthquake.
- Registration with ration cards is currently being finalized for Aceh Besar, Pidie, Biruen, Kota Lhokseumawe, Aceh Utara, Aceh Timur and Aceh Tamiang. Upon completion of registration, beneficiary families will be provided with two-month supplementary food parcels. It is estimated that 40,000 to 50,000 families will benefit from the food distribution programme, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host family populations.
- The total number of people assisted with food and non-food items in Indonesia remains 52,588 families or 262,940 individuals and will be updated when beneficiary data based on the ration card system is processed.
- Since starting its operation on 10 January, the German Red Cross has treated 6,344 patients in its basic health care unit (BHCU) in Teunom. In total, over 91,000 people have received basic or preventive health care in Indonesia from mobile clinics of PMI or the specialized health units.
- On Nias Island, the emergency response units (ERUs) of the French and Spanish Red Cross are currently producing 60,000 litres per day of drinking water in Teluk Dalam for distribution to the general population.
- In its response to the Nias earthquake, PMI/Federation increased logistics capacity thanks to additional support from the Norwegian Red Cross which included two generators, 12 Rubb halls (temporary warehouse structures) and two technicians for their installation.
- The telecom/IT delegates are setting up a radio network for operational communications on Nias, and have completed the installation of networked computer services for the office that is currently serving as a temporary coordination centre on the island.
- The water and sanitation ERU of German Red Cross has installed one 10,000-litre capacity and one 5,000-litre capacity tank in the camp at Teunom, which currently houses 1,898 IDPs.
- At the third round of technical working group meetings of Red Cross and Red Crescent partner national societies (PNS) operating in Indonesia, which took place in Medan on 11-13 April, 52 project proposals were discussed, of which 46 were recommended for approval by the Movement

¹ The International Federation relies on official government sources for update of the casualty figures and does not bear responsibility for accuracy. Those listed as missing will be officially declared as dead in most countries a year after the disaster.



platform task force, with the remaining six proposals awaiting further details. The fourth series of these meetings will take place 3-5 May in Banda Aceh.

SRI LANKA

- [Sri Lanka Red Cross Society](#) (SLRCS) has appointed a new acting director general.
- A new head for the Federation's delegation has been approved. The current head of delegation in Bangladesh will have a two-week handover with the current head beginning 2 May.
- The Movement platform task force in Sri Lanka (composed of SLRCS, ICRC and Federation representatives) has successfully approved 157 concept papers which will allow more defined project proposals for recovery and rehabilitation activities across tsunami-affected areas to be submitted and approved without delay.
- The Federation has responded to a request from the ministry of health to distribute 20,000 treated mosquito nets in Ampara district as part of a nationwide anti-malaria campaign.
- So far, the relief ERU team has distributed the following non-food relief items in Galle, Matara, Hambantota and Ampara: over 200,000 water containers, 40,000 tarpaulins and tents, 25,000 kitchen sets, 5,800 family kits, 85,000 family hygiene kits, 115,000 blankets, 243,000 bed sheets, 50,000 sarees and sarongs, 67,000 mosquito nets, 20,000 kerosene stoves, 100,000 sleeping mats, 160,000 laundry soap, 65,000 ropes, 75,000 pairs of ladies underwear, 20,000 lamps, 31,000 baby kits.
- In total, over 200,000 people have received non-food relief assistance from the Red Cross/Red Crescent.
- Sri Lanka Red Cross is hosting the fifth meeting of the South Asia Red Cross/Red Crescent network on HIV/AIDS (SARNHA) in Colombo from 19-23 April. The meeting will discuss issues relating to HIV/AIDS, prevention and education, and provide a forum for regional information sharing.

MALDIVES

- Half of the 85 temporary housing blocks are now completed and the second instalment of funds for building materials is being transferred to the Government of Maldives.
- The first bids for construction of 50 new houses on Kudahuvadhoo Island will be opened next week. This will provide information on the ability of contractors to meet specifications within the budget guideline set by the government.
- Registration of all IDPs and host families is now almost completed and the data will be used for distribution of hygiene parcels.
- The Canadian and Australian Red Cross societies have completed an assessment to jointly undertake a tsunami debris clean-up and waste management project. Cancross is also considering the repair of community buildings and the trialling of a wind turbine as part of a renewable energy project, whilst Australian Red Cross will be supporting water and sanitation activities. The two PNS are expected to establish a presence in the Maldives.
- American Red Cross has also visited the country to explore water and sanitation projects.
- A logistician is presently assessing sea transport needs of the delegation and will be proposing the most appropriate boat requirements.

For more details and news stories, photos and all operational updates related to the tsunami:
<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/response/tsunamis/index.asp>