



## ASIA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

### Fact sheet No. 2 – updated 28 January 2005

**Background:** 9.0 earthquake struck area off western coast of northern Sumatra on 26/12/2004, depth 10 km, 7.59am local time (00.59 GMT) triggered massive tidal waves / tsunamis, inundating coast areas in countries around Indian Ocean rim. Sri Lanka, the Indonesian province of Aceh, four states of southern India, the Maldives, coastal areas of Thailand, Malaysia, and Myanmar were the most severely affected.

**Latest Human Toll:** Over 275,000 dead, more than 14,000 missing and 2.2 million people displaced.

| Countries    | Dead           | Missing       | Displaced            |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Indonesia*   | 228,448        | -             | 617,159              |
| Sri Lanka    | 30,959         | 5,644         | 876,295              |
| India        | 10,749         | 5,640         | 667,599              |
| Maldives     | 82             | 21            | 21,663               |
| Thailand     | 5,388          | 3,132         | n/a                  |
| Myanmar      | 90             | 10            | 3,200                |
| Malaysia     | 68             | 12            | 4,296                |
| East Africa  | 314            | n/a           | 52,000               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>276,098</b> | <b>14,459</b> | <b>&gt;2,242,212</b> |

*\*In Indonesia only, the number of dead includes persons previously listed as missing.*

#### Appeal launch history

- **26 December 2004** – Bay of Bengal: Earthquake and Tsunamis Preliminary Launch – CHF 7.5 million for 6 months to assist 500,000 beneficiaries. Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 1 million.
- **29 December 2004** – revised to CHF 67 million for 2 million beneficiaries for 6-8 months. Title of the Revised Preliminary Appeal 28/2004 is now Asia: Earthquake and Tsunamis.
- **12 January 2005** – Operations update No. 16 revised the Revised Preliminary Appeal 28/2004 budget to CHF 183.5 million with programme extensions for Sri Lanka, Indonesia, the Maldives and East Africa.
- **February 2005** – a comprehensive operational framework for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is scheduled for launch.

#### Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

- It is estimated that during the first month of the operations, over 330,000 people affected by the disaster have received assistance through the International Federation.
- Approximately 33 national societies are actively involved in the tsunami operations.

#### Number of beneficiaries supported to date

| Countries/Region | Total number of beneficiaries | Relief         | Health        | Water and sanitation (daily) | Shelter       | Psycho-social | Family links / registrations (with ICRC) |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Indonesia        | 161,662                       | 40,400         | 13,202        | 76,000                       | 25,425        | -             | 6,635                                    |
| Sri Lanka        | 114,040                       | 48,836         | 5,304         | 34,000                       | 25,500        | -             | 400                                      |
| India            | 899                           | NA             | NA            | -                            | NA            | NA            | 899                                      |
| Maldives         | 37,531                        | 21,400         | NA            | -                            | 3,491         | 12,640        | -  |
| Malaysia         | NA                            | NA             | NA            | -                            | NA            | -             | NA                                       |
| Myanmar          | 3,217                         | 3,060          | 6             | -                            | 150           | -             | 1  |
| Thailand         | NA                            | NA             | NA            | -                            | NA            | NA            | NA                                       |
| East Africa      | 13,000                        | 1,000          | NA            | 12,000                       | NA            | -             | NA                                       |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>330,349</b>                | <b>114,696</b> | <b>18,512</b> | <b>122,000</b>               | <b>54,566</b> | <b>12,640</b> | <b>7,935</b>                             |

#### Summary of current human resources mobilized

| Countries/Region | No. of RC volunteers | RAT teams present | FACT teams /no. of members | 17 ERUs active in 2 countries. By sector: |          |          |          |          | No. of expatriate delegates |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|
|                  |                      |                   |                            | BHC                                       | Watsan   | Relief   | Logs     | Other    |                             |
| Indonesia        | 1,252                | X                 | 1/7                        | 2   | 6        | 1        | 1        | -        | 166                         |
| Sri Lanka        | 4,500                | X                 | -                          | 3   | 2        | 1        | 1        | -        | 198                         |
| India            | 500                  | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | NA                          |
| Maldives         | 11**                 | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | 7                           |
| Malaysia         | 4,300                | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -                           |
| Myanmar          | 300                  | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | 5                           |
| Thailand         | 1,000                | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | 6                           |
| East Africa      | 55                   | -                 | -                          | -   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -                           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>11,918</b>        | <b>2</b>          | <b>7</b>                   | <b>5</b>                                  | <b>8</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>382</b>                  |

\*\*The volunteers in Maldives are from sister national societies.

\* For all abbreviations and acronyms, see key at end of fact sheet.



### Summary of the material resources mobilized through the Federation relief pipeline to date

| Countries/Region                                | No. of relief flights | Volume of relief supplies transported  |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| Indonesia                                       | 40                    | 300,000 hygiene parcels, 75,000 baby kits, 220,000 bedsheets, 200,855 tarpaulins, 212,000 blankets, 903,100 water purification tablets, 207,200 jerry cans, 62,160 kitchen sets, 28,276 tents  |
| Sri Lanka                                       | 50                    | 160,000 hygiene parcels, 75,000 baby kits, 321,512 bed sheets, 87,248 tarpaulins, 155,100 blankets, 4,196,900 water purification tablets, 171,780 jerry cans, 46,945 kitchen sets  |
| India – in country through the national society | -                     | 7,000 family packs, 21,000 blankets, 39,000 pieces of clothing, 22,000 kitchen sets, 16,500 bed sheets, 15,000 towels, 11,000 buckets  |
| Maldives  | 8                     | 2,000 hygiene parcels, 5,540 blankets, 181 kitchen sets, 3 Rubb Halls, 2 water bladders, 600 torches, 1,393 batteries, 3,000 garbage bags, 200 sleeping mats, 100 kitchen sets, 5,000 clothes, 20,000 tins of beans, 10,000 tins of fish, 400 dressing kits, 1,000 cooking stoves, 24 generators, 1 set medical items, 20 boxes school kits. |
| Myanmar   | 4                     | 21,140 blankets, 8,500 buckets, 2,000 kitchen sets, 19,432 jerry cans, 5,260 tarpaulins  |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>102</b>            |  |

Note: Exact details can be found in the daily Operations Updates at <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/response/tsunamis/index.asp> and in the Mobilization Table available on DMIS (access only for Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement members) at [https://www-secure.ifrc.org/dmis/specialfocus/bengal\\_04/bengal.asp](https://www-secure.ifrc.org/dmis/specialfocus/bengal_04/bengal.asp).

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Federation Appeals:** Number of Federation Appeals launched since founding of Federation in 1919 to 2004: 2,102. Of these, 554 appeals have been for Asia and Pacific region, for a total value of CHF 2.4 billion (1919-2005).

**Disasters in Asia and Pacific Region:** Asia is the most disaster prone region in the world. In the decade 1994-2003, out of a total of 5,677 natural disasters, 2,328 were in Asia. During that decade, 2.3 billion people in Asia were affected by natural disasters, out of a total of 2.6 billion people affected by natural disaster globally (*World Disasters Report 2004*).

### National Society Profiles – for countries most seriously affected by the tsunami

| National Society  | Date Founded | Number of Branches                           | Number of Staff | Number of Volunteers / members |
|---|--------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Indonesian Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) | 1945         | 27 provincial chapters 316 district branches | 2,815           | 851,500                        |
| Sri Lanka Red Cross Society                               | 1949         | 25 branches                                  | 84              | 128,011                        |
| Indian Red Cross Society                                  | 1920         | 31 state and 650 district branches           | 505             |                                |
| Thai Red Cross Society                                    | 1893         | 75 provincial and 193 district branches      | 7,104           | 440,739                        |
| Malaysian Red Crescent Society                            | 1948         | 13 state branches, 2 Federal branches        | 156             | 278,170                        |
| Myanmar Red Cross Society                                 | 1937         | 324 branches                                 | 62              | 258,859                        |
| Maldives – No National Society                            |              |  |                 |                                |

#### Abbreviations and acronyms used:

BHC – Basic Health Care  
DMIS – Disaster Management Information System  
ERU – Emergency Response Unit  
FACT – Field Assessment and Coordination Team  
Logs – Logistics

NA – Not available  
RC – Red Cross/Red Crescent  
RAT – Recovery Assessment Team  
Telcom – Telecommunications  
Watsan – Water and sanitation