



## ASIA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

### Fact sheet No. 3 – updated 8 February 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 283,000 dead, more than 7,900 missing. In Indonesia and India only, the number of dead includes those previously listed as missing though this will only be official in Indonesia one year after the disaster's date.

Countries	Dead	Missing
Indonesia	230,000	-
Sri Lanka	30,974	4,698
India	16,389	-
Maldives	82	26
Thailand	5,393	3,062
Myanmar	61	10
Malaysia	68	12
East Africa	394	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,361</b>	<b>7,966</b>

*Note: East Africa covers tsunami-affected countries of Kenya, Madagascar, Seychelles, Somalia & Tanzania*

#### 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** – completion of comprehensive operational framework for the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement

#### Red Cross and Red Crescent Action

- It is estimated that since the beginning of the operation, approximately 486,000 people affected by the disaster have received some form of assistance with coordination of the International Federation.
- The types of assistance provided by the national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the affected countries include: relief (non-food items and complementary food), shelter items, preventive and curative health care, medicines, supply of clean water, sanitation services and restoring family links.

#### Number of Red Cross and Red Crescent beneficiaries supported to date - by sector

Countries/Region	Relief	Health	Water and sanitation (daily)	Shelter	Psycho-social	Family links / registrations (with ICRC)
Indonesia	86,130	8,631	80,000	16,750	-	8,552
Sri Lanka	122,575	6,528	20,500	33,662	-	400
Maldives	24,400	-	-	13,848	12,640	-
Myanmar	3,060	6	-	150	-	1
Thailand	35,462	NA	-	NA	NA	-
East Africa	1,000	9,000	3,000	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,627</b>	<b>24,165</b>	<b>103,500</b>	<b>64,110</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>8,953</b>

#### Summary of current human resources mobilized

Countries/Region	No. of RC volunteers	17 ERUs active in 2 countries. By sector:			
		BHC	Water and sanitation	Relief	Logistics
Indonesia	1,423	2	6	1	1
Sri Lanka	4,500	3	2	1	1
India	500	-	-	-	-
Maldives	11**	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	4,300	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	300	-	-	-	-
Thailand	11,370	-	-	-	-
East Africa	55	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,459</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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



### Relief flights coordinated through the International Federation in support of relief activities

	Sri Lanka	Indonesia	Maldives	Myanmar	Total
Arrived	57	54	9	5	125
In the pipeline	7	11	2	1	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>146</b>

Note: The Mobilization Table available on the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) provides more details on logistics behind the operation. Access to DMIS (only for Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement members) is through: [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
<a href="#">Indonesian Red Cross Society</a> (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
<a href="#">Indian Red Cross Society</a>	1920	31 state and 650 district branches	505	
<a href="#">Thai Red Cross Society</a>	1893	75 provincial and 211 district branches	8,320	426,006
<a href="#">Malaysian Red Crescent Society</a>	1948	13 state branches, 2 Federal branches	156	278,170
Myanmar Red Cross Society	1937	324 branches	62	258,859
Maldives – No National Society				

**For more details and news stories, photos and operational updates related to the Tsunami:**

<http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/response/tsunamis/index.asp>

#### 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