



## ASIA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

### Fact sheet No. 1 – updated 21 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 210,000 dead, more than 20,700 missing and nearly 2,300,000 displaced.

Countries	Dead	Missing	Displaced
Indonesia	166,320	6,245	617,159
Sri Lanka	30,922	5,565	917,482
India	10,749	5,640	667,599
Maldives	82	21	21,663
Thailand	5,318	3,199	n/a
Myanmar	59	10	3,200
Malaysia	68	50	4,296
East Africa	244	n/a	52,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,762</b>	<b>20,730</b>	<b>2,283,399</b>

#### 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** – 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 three weeks of the operations, a total of 250,000 people affected by the disaster have received assistance through the Federation (consolidated figures are still being prepared).
- 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 (daily)	Water and sanitation (daily)	Shelter	Psycho-social	Tracing requests(with ICRC)
Indonesia	143,237	20,000	175	95,800	25,425		1,837
Sri Lanka	66,492	35,041	500	20,000	12,295		400
India	899++tbc	tbc			tbc		899
Maldives	22,450	10,000	-	-	1,950	10,500	
Malaysia	196				196		
Myanmar	3,217	3,060	6		150		1
Thailand							
East Africa	13,000	1,000		12,000			
<b>Total</b>	<b>249,491</b>	<b>69,101</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>127,800</b>	<b>40,016</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>3,137</b>

#### Summary of human resources mobilized to date

Countries/Region	No. of RC volunteers	No. of RDRT/ members	No. of FACT/ members	18 ERUs active in 2 countries. By sector:					No. of expatriate delegates
				BHC	Watsan	Relief	Logs	Other	
Indonesia	1,252	-	1/8	2	6	1	1		167
Sri Lanka	3,000	1/tbc	1/7	3	2	1	1	1 (telcom)	110
India	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Maldives	11	3/7	1/7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Malaysia	2,985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Myanmar	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Thailand	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
East Africa	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,103</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>290</b>



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

Countries/Region	No. of relief flights	Volume of supplies
Indonesia	25	300,000 hygiene parcels, 903,100 water purification tablets, 132,265 blankets, 23,215 tents, 52,160 kitchen sets, 44,563 tarpaulins
Sri Lanka	41	160,000 hygiene parcels, 321,512 bed sheets, 87,248 tarpaulins, 155,100 blankets, 4,196,900 water purification tablets, 145,980 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	7	1,967 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.
Thailand	-	tbc
Malaysia	-	3,000 tonnes of relief items
Myanmar	2	21,240 blankets, 8,500 buckets, 19,432 jerry cans, 4,700 tarpaulins
East Africa	-	tbc
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</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: 2,102. Of these, 554 appeals have been for Asia Pacific region, for a total value of CHF 2.4 billion (1919-2005)

**Disasters in Asia 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	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

RC – Red Cross/Red Crescent  
RDRT – Regional Disaster Relief Team  
tbc – to be confirmed  
Telcom – Telecommunications  
Watsan – Water and sanitation