



ASIA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

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Latest human toll: over 2.4 million affected, with 226,415¹ presumed casualties (176,459 confirmed dead and 49,956 missing).

Highlights of overall Red Cross and Red Crescent operations

- The [Tsunami Emergency and Recovery Plan of Action](#) for 2005-2010 covering South/Southeast Asia and East Africa was launched on 6 May.
- The frequency of operational reports and fact sheets for the tsunami operation has been further reduced. Detailed operational updates will be issued mid-month with the shorter fact sheets issued in the period in between. The following ops update will come out at the end of next week.
- 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.

INDONESIA

- The emergency response programme of Indonesian Red Cross ([Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI](#)) and the Federation has to date distributed 50 community recovery tool kits (reaching 12,500 people), 3,792 tents, 45,518 tarpaulins, 3,600 kitchen sets, 40,969 hygiene kits, 90,033 blankets, 61,277 jerry cans, 18,164 family kits, 9,452 baby kits, 8,732 stoves, 43,084 mosquito nets, and 15,344 supplementary food parcels in Aceh province.
- The total number of people assisted by PMI/Federation with food and non-food items in Indonesia remains 52,588 families or 262,940 individuals.
- PMI and the Federation are currently supporting water and sanitation needs in seven temporary living centres, four of which are concentrated in the Banda Aceh area. Platforms for water tanks and septic tanks at the centre at the stadium in Banda Aceh are in the last stages of construction. A water and sanitation delegate has been stationed on Nias.
- The main PMI/Federation operations base for the Nias earthquake recovery programme is being re-located from its temporary set-up at Binaka airport near the capital of Gunung Sitoli to the southern city of Teluk Dalam.
- The basic health care unit of the Japanese Red Cross, operating at a school in Gunung Sitoli, closed on 22 April after handing over to PMI. In its 11 days of operation, the ERU treated 722 patients.
- The Danish Logistics ERU is now operational at three bases: in Sibolga on Sumatra across from Nias; at Binaka airport on Nias; and at Teluk Dalam in southern Nias. Warehouses at all bases are pre-positioned with relief stocks transported from Medan by trucks and by landing craft and are ready for onward distribution in accordance with relief plans.
- As part of its ongoing capacity building to meet the increased demands following the tsunami, PMI hired a logistics coordinator to act as counterpart to Federation staff. This development will increase functionality for logistics operations, including: warehousing, appeal stock management and inventory management of items received directly from donors by PMI at Banda Aceh.
- Roads are now open to key locations in the PMI/Federation emergency relief programme, including; Lam No, Calang, Teunom, Loksemawe, Pidie and Sigli. All 59 of the donated Norwegian M6 trucks are now in constant use delivering relief stocks for distribution by PMI volunteers.
- The process of coordination and collaboration amongst PMI, partner national societies and the Federation through the Movement framework agreement continues to strengthen. The task force decision-making body met on 26 April to consider and approve projects recommended by the six sectoral technical working groups and to communicate policy directives taken by the governing Movement platform entity comprised of representatives from PMI, ICRC and the Federation.

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.



- On 6 May, a memorandum of understanding was signed in Banda Aceh by the chairman of PMI on behalf of the Movement and by the head of the newly-established rehabilitation and reconstruction agency of the Government of Indonesia, formalizing the role of Red Cross and Red Crescent in the long-term recovery in Aceh province and North Sumatra.

SRI LANKA

- The health team conducted field trips to Ampara, Batticaloa and Galle to discuss proposed programmes, to assess health facilities identified for reconstruction by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to determine health needs in villages and camps and to monitor the psycho-social support programme.
- To expedite the construction phase, the [Sri Lanka Red Cross Society](#) (SLRCS) is in the process of securing site plans and perimeter surveys. It has also secured land for 55 sites to construct approximately 9,500 houses and received a full list of beneficiaries from all districts. The SLRCS is working closely with partner national societies (PNSs) to identify those who will receive new houses.
- Water production units based in Ampara continue to provide 1,924 cubic meters of safe water that is distributed to transit camps.
- In preparation for the transition to the recovery phase, a relief workshop was held for the relevant branches of the SLRCS to ensure a common approach to distribution procedures such as beneficiary targeting, commodity requisition, monitoring and reporting. This was the first such exercise of its kind since the beginning of the operation.
- The procurement of 300,000 additional hygiene kits by the American Red Cross to support the recovery phase distributions began during the week. PNSs continue to work closely with the SLRCS and ICRC in the planning of the recovery phase.

MALDIVES

- The opening and evaluation of bids for the 50 houses on Kudahuvadho Island was delayed as the government tender board faced difficulty in identifying professional evaluators for the award committee. The problem is being solved and a decision should be made by the end of the week.
- Site clearance and plotting has commenced on Kudahuvadho Island.
- Bids for the award of a contract to construct 36 houses on Garaidho Island will be available to the tender board within the next two weeks. The people who lost their homes are living in tents and with the onset of the rainy season, there are concerns for their well being.
- The French Red Cross signed a memorandum of understanding with the government for the construction of 500 houses, a school, a stadium, a community centre, an extension to the regional hospital and two ambulances on Gan Island, Laamu atoll.
- A logistics coordinator has now joined the Federation's delegation.

EAST AFRICA

- The East Africa regional delegation in Nairobi organized the recent visit to Somalia and Seychelles by the Special Representative for tsunami operations of the Federation's Secretary General.
- High-level meetings with the vice president of Puntland and the vice president of Seychelles resulted in requests from the two officials for Federation support in the development of comprehensive disaster preparedness and response plans for their respective countries.

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>