



SOUTH/SOUTHEAST ASIA & EAST AFRICA: EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMIS

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Financial facts from the tsunami operation

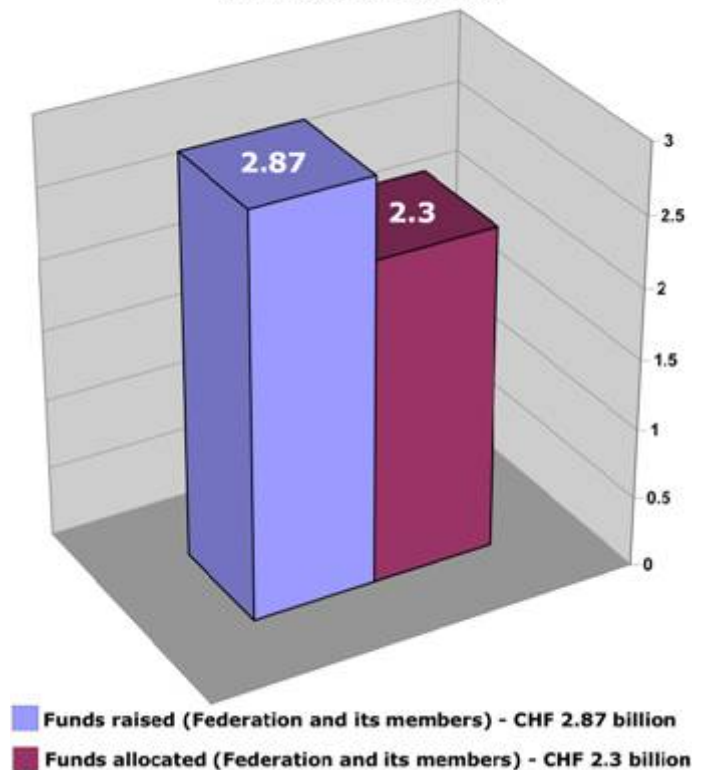
From the beginning of the Red Cross and Red Crescent tsunami response, the International Federation has pledged consistent and transparent communication to donors on matters of financial accountability. The focus of this fact sheet is to provide a broad range of information outlining both the expenditures and plans for funds generously pledged by individuals, companies and governments from around the world.

Tsunami operation funding

When a large-scale natural disaster occurs each Red Cross and Red Crescent national society can launch a fundraising initiative to support the Federation's operations if it wishes. Given the size and scope of the tsunami emergency, around 100 national societies, of a total of 183 member societies worldwide, chose to undertake fundraising – an unprecedented number.

Between them the Federation and its members have raised an estimated 2.87 billion Swiss francs to support the years of work required to rebuild tsunami-affected countries. Of this figure, programmes have been identified leading to the allocation of 2.3 billion Swiss francs between 2005 and 2010. These figures are based on current estimates and planning and so are subject to change as new needs are identified.

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(in billions of Swiss francs)

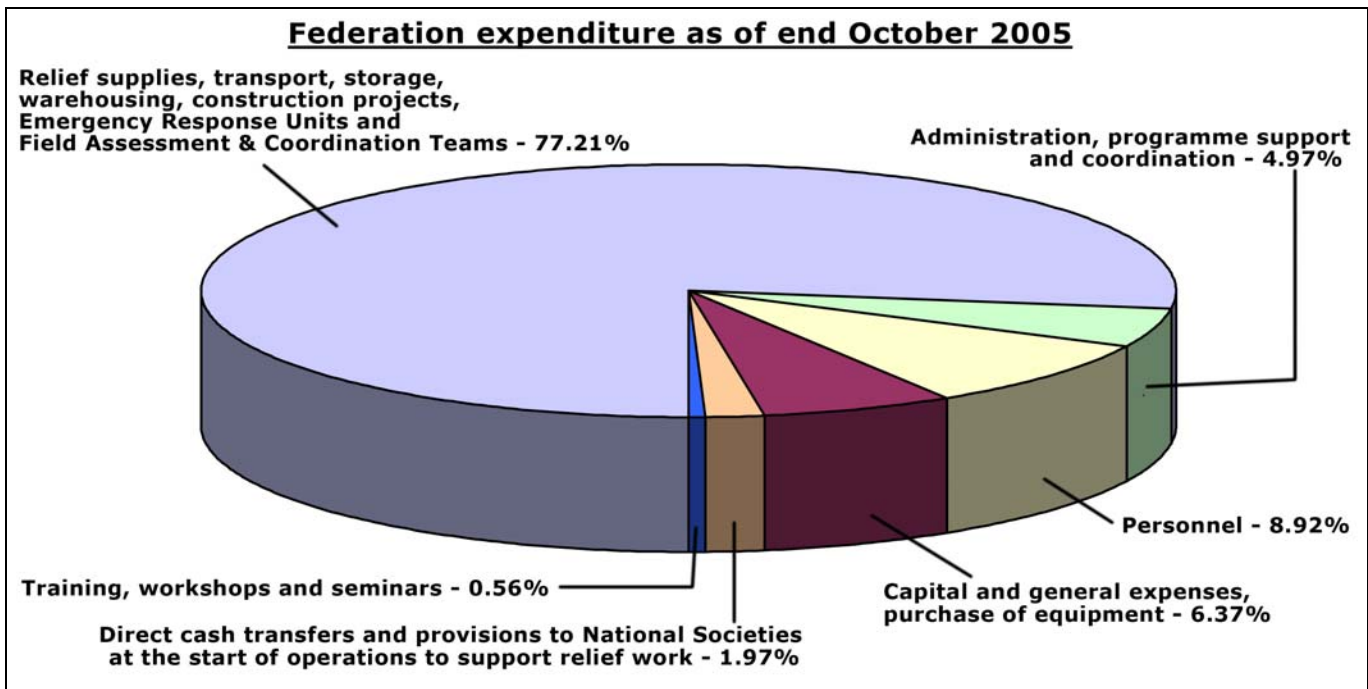


Tsunami operation expenditures in 2005

By the end of October, the Federation and its members had expended some 672 million Swiss francs on the emergency phase of operations – which continues in some areas – and also on the commencement of the recovery and reconstruction phase. Of the 590 million Swiss francs appealed for by the Federation in May (see [Tsunami Plan of Action](#)) to cover the emergency relief and commencement of the recovery operation, 68.5 per cent has been covered to date. At the end of October, the Federation's expenditure amounted to some 172 million. Information received from member national societies indicates that expenditure on bilateral programmes totals some 500 million Swiss francs.

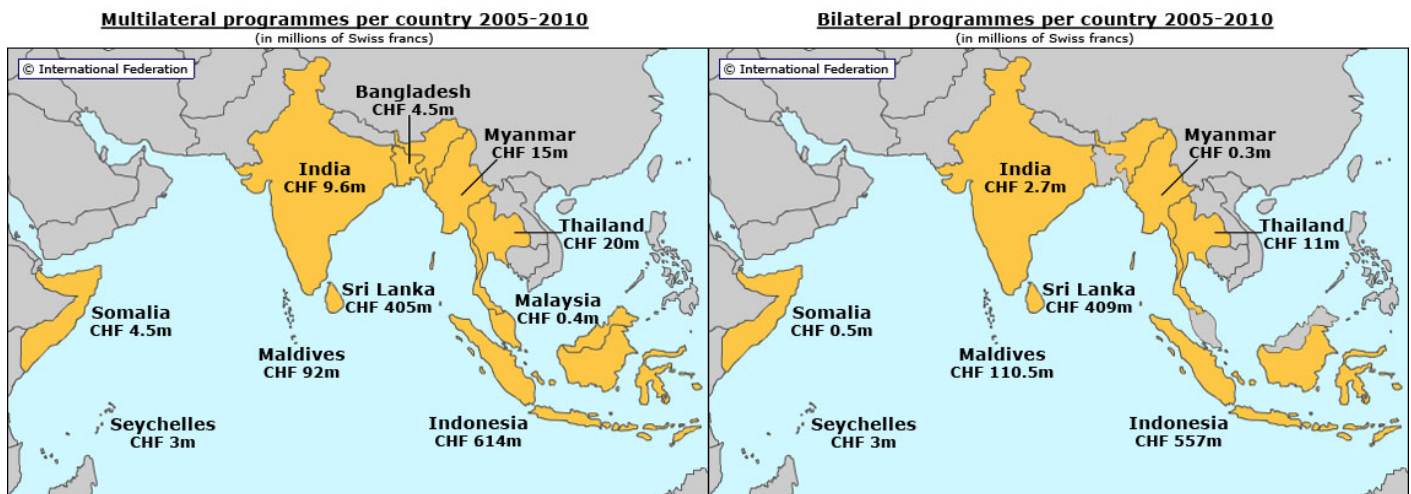
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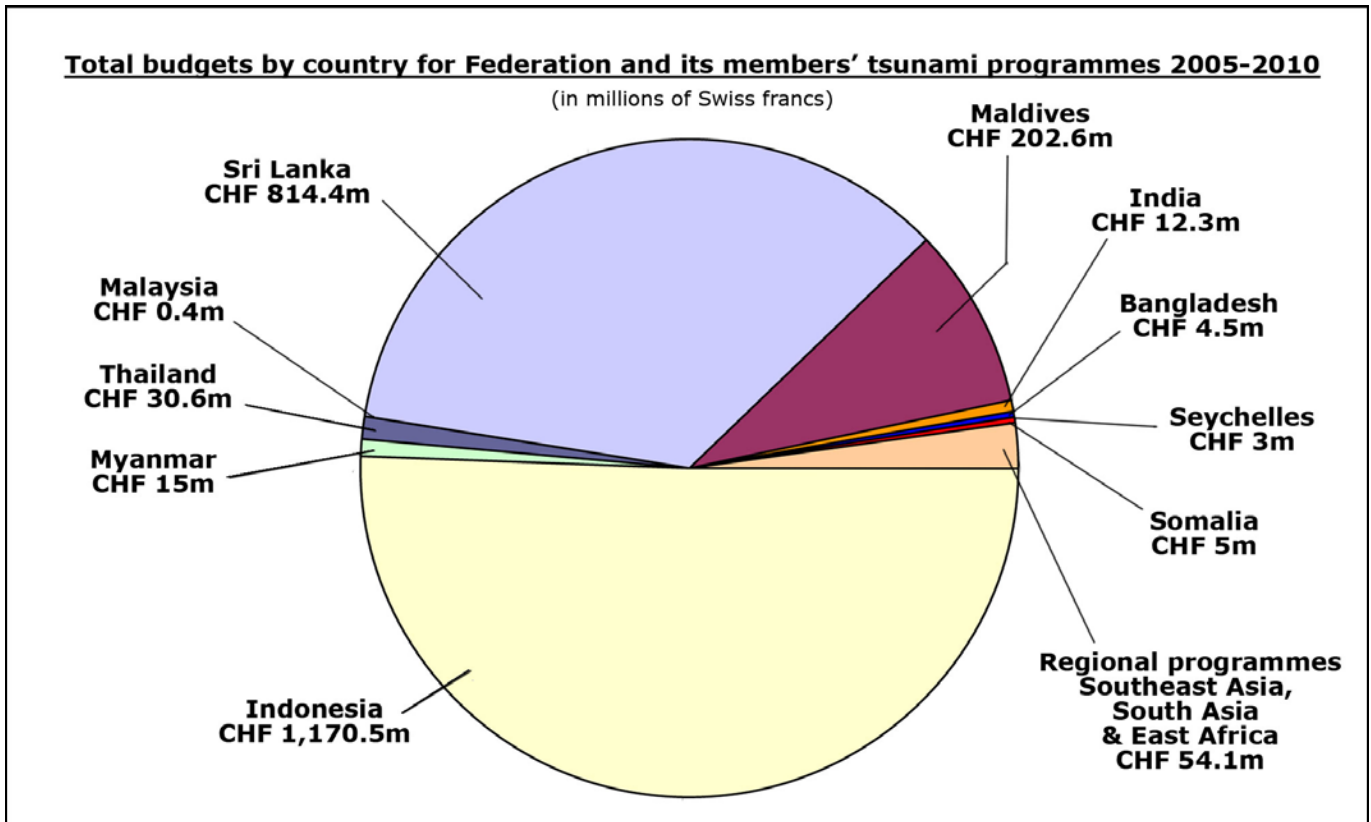
By the end of October, the Federation’s programme expenditure totalled some 172 million Swiss francs. The vast majority of this figure (70.35 per cent) was for the provision of relief supplies, transport, warehousing and construction projects. At the end of October, administration programme support and coordination costs were 4.97 per cent. The standard Federation administration cost (PSR) for the planning, launching, administering, monitoring and evaluation of emergency appeals is 6.5 per cent. In this case the figure is running lower than the standard rate due to the exemption of some items from the PSR.



Planning for sustainable recovery in tsunami-affected countries

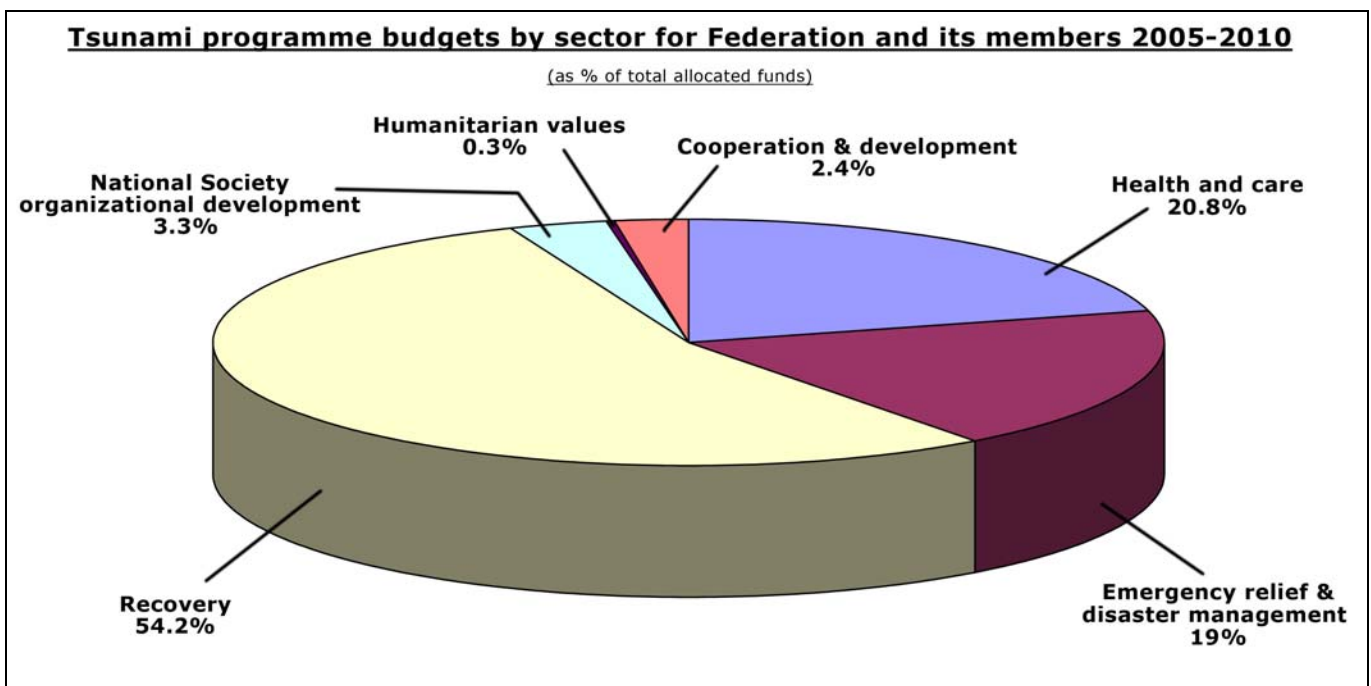
As well as requiring a massive and immediate emergency response the scale of devastation in tsunami-affected countries requires diligent and transparent planning to ensure lasting recovery. Through the International Federation and its members, programmes, both multi-lateral (through the Federation’s direct management) and bilateral (partner national societies working directly in-country), have been identified totalling nearly 2.3 billion Swiss francs for the period 2005-2010.





Key areas of activity

Within these detailed plans, the Federation and its members have identified key areas requiring significant resources during the coming years. These are: recovery; emergency relief and disaster management; health and care; national society organizational development; promotion of humanitarian values; and cooperation and development.



Operational updates by country

While the focus of this fact sheet has been to provide an update on the financial income and expenditure of the Federation and its members, operational priorities continue apace. The main focus of activities remains in the areas of: recovery (reconstruction and livelihoods), relief distributions, health, water and sanitation, psycho-social support, livelihoods assistance and the building of capacity of the local national Red Cross or Red Crescent society.

Indonesia

- Continuing relief distributions have reached 158,143 families in the latest round of food and other relief items distributions, with beneficiaries registered by Indonesian Red Cross ([Palang Merah Indonesia](#)/PMI) and Federation teams currently numbering 550,943 affected by the tsunami in Aceh province and by the earthquake on Nias. Distribution of 420,000 family hygiene kits is also currently underway, and is expected to be completed by the first week of January.
- The tent replacement programme continues under difficult conditions during the rainy season. To date, 9,000 deteriorated tents have been replaced with the Federation's new, weather-resistant model. Current distributions of tents include 5,000 to Nias and 2,500 each to Lam No and Calang.
- The transitional shelter construction programme is now underway, with the arrival at Banda Aceh by air freight of an initial 180 temporary houses in order to quick-start construction. The first of these 27 m² steel-frame units with wooden walls and floors have gone up in Banda Aceh and on Nias Island. Regular weekly shipments from the manufacturing plant in Thailand have commenced by sea, with a target of delivering and constructing 20,000 units across Aceh and Nias within the next 3-6 months.
- To date, 747 permanent houses have been completed or repaired in Indonesia. A further 1,065 are under construction.
- The Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar mobile water treatment plant operated by the Austrian/Swedish/Macedonian/Malaysian consortium of national societies has surpassed the 50 million litres milestone of safe drinking water production.
- Following an extensive preparatory effort by Federation delegates working with Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) staff and volunteers, the national society is now fully engaged in delivering PHAST training (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation), with two training of trainers and four training of beneficiaries courses having been conducted during the past month.
- Provisioning has been completed of office equipment and furniture for all 21 PMI branches affected by the tsunami in Aceh and by the earthquake off Nias Island.
- The Federation and Red Cross and Red Crescent partner national societies working in Aceh province are supporting PMI volunteer involvement in the third national polio immunization day. Red Cross is providing its traditional vaccination campaign support services for which it is known worldwide: social mobilization, cold-chain logistics and door-to-door follow-up to ensure all children have been reached.

Sri Lanka

- More than 300,000 people have received distributions of relief goods including food, cooking supplies, stoves, hygiene items, mosquito nets, lamps, clothes, sleeping mats, schoolbags, stationery and clothes. Also, over 50,000 tarpaulins and 5,000 tents were distributed.
- To date, land has been made available for construction of 5,836 houses on 46 sites as part of the "fast track" construction programme; 2,225 houses are currently in various stages of construction. To date, 160 permanent houses have been completed in Sri Lanka.
- More than 50,000 people benefit from water and sanitation interventions including: production and distribution of three million litres of clean water weekly in two districts; additional distribution of 140,000 litres of water daily across 10 districts; construction of 100 latrines; cleaning of over 1,700 wells; construction of 16 community wells and 42 tube wells.

- Over 100,000 people benefited from health services delivered via mobile health clinics, first aid volunteers and two field hospitals. Medical equipment was donated to hospitals and health facilities; additional health care and education training was provided for [Sri Lanka Red Cross Society](#) (SLRCS) staff.
- Schools in three districts are being refurbished and provided with equipment and educational materials. Over 50,000 uniforms have already been distributed.
- First aid training has been organized for volunteers at all 26 branches of SLRCS. Over 200 SLRCS volunteers have been trained and deployed in three districts to raise public awareness about dengue fever prevention methods and to eradicate dengue mosquito breeding grounds.
- Three temporary nursing schools have been erected in three districts; each school comprises two lecture halls which can accommodate 300 students. The temporary structures will eventually be replaced by permanent buildings.
- Trained volunteers are providing psycho-social support in the south, north and east of Sri Lanka.
- To boost SLRCS disaster preparedness capacity at local levels, emergency relief materials sufficient for 9,100 families have been pre-positioned in eight regional warehouses within disaster prone areas.
- Teams of volunteers and paid community workers cleared the coastline and construction sites, and repairing damaged roads, wells and irrigation canals.
- 500 boats are being distributed to affected fishermen in Trincomalee and Batticaloa.

Maldives

- 85 temporary housing blocks have been completed.
- Construction of 134 permanent homes is underway on Guaraidhoo, Kudahavadhoo and Maafushi islands.
- Relief items including medical supplies, shelter materials, mattresses, cooking utensils and water and sanitation services provided to 20,000 people.
- 17,000 people benefited from 32 generators installed on tsunami-affected islands, which restored electricity supplies and enabled the operation of desalination plants to produce clean drinking water.
- 10,500 water tanks and rain water harvesting kits benefiting 63,000 people have been distributed.
- More than 89,300 students from 226 schools received psycho-social support by more than 320 teachers trained by the Red Cross and Red Crescent.
- Initial meetings held and working groups set up to facilitate the formation of a Red Crescent national society in the Maldives.

India

- Relief assistance was provided by Indian Red Cross Society to over 500,000 people in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala states, Pondicherry (union territory) and the Andaman and Nicobar islands.
- 26,000 relief packages distributed during the emergency phase.
- Drinking water provided to approximately 100,000 people by five mobile water purification plants.
- 10,000 Red Cross volunteers mobilized during the emergency phase and provided basic health care, family linking and psychological support activities.

Thailand

- The [Thai Red Cross Society](#) deployed teams of doctors and other medical personnel to the six affected provinces – Phuket, Phang Na, Krabi, Trang, Satun and Ranong – to assist 35,000 people.
- Some 11,370 Thai Red Cross volunteers from the general public, governmental and non-governmental organizations, students, teachers, soldiers, and foreigners provided relief assistance to over 35,000 beneficiaries in the six affected provinces.

Myanmar

- The Myanmar Red Cross mobilized three emergency relief teams and some 200 volunteers, who provided first aid and distributed emergency relief items, food and relief items to 3,060 people, as well as tracing and messaging services.
- 8,500 of planned 20,000 family sets distributed to regional warehouses to ensure relief supplies for 15,000 people are pre-positioned for future disasters.

Malaysia

- The Malaysian Red Crescent supported thousands of affected people in Penang and Kedah states with emergency food and other relief items, along with health activities.
- Five regional disaster response teams and 1,000 Red Crescent staff and trained volunteers were mobilized and assisted with evacuation, emergency first aid, establishment of relief centres, registration of displaced people and mass cooking.

Bangladesh

- The Bangladesh Red Crescent immediately and effectively put its cyclone preparedness programme into action, using its early warning network to alert populations to the earthquake and tsunami risks.

Seychelles

- [Seychelles Red Cross Society](#) volunteer teams provided ambulance and psychological services, removed debris and helped relocate La Digue's hospital to higher ground.
- Basic relief items, including mattresses, bed sheets, cooking sets and 90 fishing kits were distributed to support 350 families, including 90 fishermen.

Somalia

- The Somali Red Crescent mobilized its volunteers to provide immediate relief and basic health care assistance to the tsunami-affected population.
- 5,000 beneficiaries were assisted with oral re-hydration salts, environmental clean-up and household sanitation activities.
- The Somali Red Crescent health teams treated some 700 patients in the affected coastal areas and 785 patients in remote communities, helping to prevent outbreaks of disease in the worst-hit areas.
- Community-based first aid manuals were printed to support volunteer activities in vulnerable communities.

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