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INDIAN OCEAN – Earthquake and Tsunamis

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January 28, 2005

Indonesia	98,064 dead [·] , 132,197 missing [·]	441,041 displaced
Sri Lanka	30,959 dead, 5,644 missing [±]	500,668 displaced [±]
India	10,749 dead, 5,640 missing [§]	112,558 displaced [§]
Maldives	82 dead, 26 missing ^³	12,698 displaced
Thailand	5,388 dead, 3,120 missing ^ν	N/A
Malaysia	68 dead, 6 missing [±]	8,000 displaced [±]
Somalia	150 dead [±]	5,000 displaced [±] , 102,000 affected [‡]
Seychelles	3 dead [±]	40 households displaced

Source Legend:

- Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Health, 1/27/05
- Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Social Affairs, 1/27/05
- ± Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 1/27/05
- § Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, 1/18/05
- ³ Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05
- ± Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05
- ± U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 1/18/05
- ν Government of Thailand, 1/25/05
- ‡ USAID's Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), 1/12/05
- ± U.N./Seychelles and USAID, 1/12/05

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$79,031,488
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed¹	\$119,129,294

CURRENT SITUATION

Indonesia Update

- x At the January 28 humanitarian coordination meeting in Jakarta, OCHA reported that the U.N. for the most part is no longer relying on military air assets to support humanitarian operations, except for a few specialized tasks. The number of U.N. air assets is growing and covering more responsibilities, and the U.N. plans to assume coordination of flight operations, as well as establish a Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). During the next few weeks, U.S. military air assets will phase out, but the U.S. military will keep enough helicopters in reserve for a limited time to address any gaps.
- x Despite increasing rumors of a cholera outbreak in northern Sumatra, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) stated during the January 25 humanitarian coordination meeting that there have been no confirmed outbreaks. The public laboratory capacity is being augmented in Banda Aceh and Meulaboh to include testing for cholera, and WHO is strengthening the Disease Early Warning System (EWS). In addition, WHO is encouraging cooperation among health sector organizations to distribute public health guidelines to areas vulnerable to disease.
- x According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), the Government of Indonesia has planned two phases of road repair in Aceh Province. The first phase will last six to eight weeks and will link Banda Aceh to Lamno. The second phase will repair access from Meulaboh to Teunom; this phase is expected to take more time because the repairs require heavy equipment and the replacement of several bridges.
- x USAID/OFDA implementing partner Mercy Corps is exploring options to restore the livelihoods of the local fishing community, such as repairing boats, distributing tools, producing new fishing nets, and providi

- from 600 to 1,000. The workers are clearing debris on private and public lands. In addition, the Road Development Authority is performing continual road clearing both north and south of Galle city.
- x According to the Government of Sri Lanka's Center for National Operations (CNO), adequate stocks of food are available at the district level. The Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconciliation and Ministry of Social Welfare continue to transport basic commodities to affected districts. The USAID/DART reported that the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is fully resourced to supply food to 750,000 beneficiaries until June 30. WFP, in conjunction with UNICEF, is also carrying out a rapid nutritional status assessment of children. Starting January 25, WFP is initiating a supplementary feeding program for expectant and nursing mothers and children under 10 years of age.
 - x USAID/OFDA implementing partner Community, Habitat and Finance International (CHF) plans to construct 3,500 transitional shelters in three divisions of Galle and Matara districts over the coming six months. With a local NGO partner, the Arthacharya Foundation, CHF will also implement quick-impact projects in tandem with shelter construction to improve the physical and social infrastructure of communities in tsunami-affected areas. Projects will include activities such as latrine construction, provision of water pumps, construction of children's play areas, clean-up, and solid waste management.
 - x According to CHF, more than 55 families displaced by the December earthquake and tsunamis have been residing in close quarters for over one month at the Kurup Kanda Temple in Hikkaduwa. CHF plans to provide residents of this site and other sites in Galle and Matara districts with sturdy, transitional housing units, in an effort to restore some sense of normalcy to affected people's lives. In mid-January, CHF built the first transitional shelter prototype at Kurup Kanda Temple. In existence for less than a week, the prototype is already serving as a multi-purpose center for mobile health clinics, as a distribution site for food and emergency relief supplies, and as a staging site for incoming donations to the Kurup Kanda Temple camp.

India Update

- x On January 25, the USAID/DART visited a site in Nagapattinam City, where USAID partner WVI is currently constructing 600 temporary shelters. WVI is using a cement-particle board combination for the walls and a more durable roofing material than seen in other sites. These materials will keep the interiors of shelters cool in the tropical heat and the walls can be used later in the construction of permanent shelters. The shelters are scheduled for completion on January 29.
- x The USAID/DART is continuing to promote cooperation and coordination between USAID partners involved in the tsunami response. The USAID/DART has provided contact information for each of its partners and informed them of each other's activities. As an example of the cooperation between relief agencies encouraged through this initiative, USAID implementing partners GOAL and Project Concern International (PCI) are examining possible linkages with the local NGO EXNORA for waste management in their shelter sites.
- x During an assessment of tsunami-affected areas in Tamil Nadu State, the USAID/DART assisted in finalizing arrangements for water supply and sanitation facilities at temporary shelter sites in the Villapuram, Cuddalore, and Nagapattinam districts. The USAID/DART had discussions with the Nagapattinam Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD) regarding the provision of technical assistance and manpower to systematically disinfect and test water supplies for residual chlorine in all 41 temporary shelter sites in Nagapattinam District.
- x Temporary shelter construction is moving rapidly in the Villapuram District. TWAD is providing water supply facilities through extension of water supply lines from existing community water systems to the temporary village sites. In addition, TWAD is establishing new water sources where necessary. In general, temporary shelter sites are being located relatively close to the tsunami-affected village sites, facilitating in most cases the use of existing water supply facilities. The Government of India is handling nearly all of the water supply needs, with improvements scheduled for completion by January 31.

Maldives Update

- x On January 25, the USAID/DART attended a briefing in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on the humanitarian situation in Maldives. The U.N. Resident Coordinator (UN RC) in Male stated that the earthquake and tsunamis affected all 190 islands in Maldives, 87 resorts, and approximately 30 percent of the population; an estimated 7 percent of the islands were totally destroyed. The UN RC also reported that since 90 percent of the islands have a population of 500 people or fewer, the cost of replacing infrastructure is prohibitive. The Government of the Republic of Maldives (GORM) is considering consolidating the population on fewer islands.
- x According to the USAID/DART in Maldives, U.S. Military ships arrived in Laamu Atoll on January 21, are scheduled to complete operations on January 29, and will depart Male on February 2. On January 25, the USAID/DART accompanied the U.S. Military to Maabaidhoo, Mundoo, and Dhabidhoo islands in the Laamu Atoll to observe water production and distribution activities. The U.S. Military is prioritizing final operations before departing from Maldives.

USG ASSISTANCE

USAID Regional Response

- x The USAID/DART and the U.S. military continue to conduct needs assessments and provide supplies and essential logistic support for the relief efforts in affected countries.

Indonesia

- x To date, the USG has provided more than \$37.1 million in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods recovery, psychological and social support, logistics and coordination, and rehabilitation activities for affected communities in Indonesia. On January 28, USAID/OFDA provided \$400,000 to Action Contre la Faim/France (ACF/F) for water and sanitation and emergency household kits in Aceh Province.

Sri Lanka

- x To date, the USG has provided more than \$62.4 million in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods recovery, psychological and social support, protection and anti-trafficking, logistics and coordination, and cleanup and rehabilitation activities for affected communities in Sri Lanka.
- x On January 28, through funds allocated to USAID/Sri Lanka, USAID/OFDA provided an addition \$6 million to Nathan Associates for community rehabilitation, livelihoods, and microfinance projects, raising USAID/OFDA’s total contribution to Nathan Associates to \$10 million.

India

- x To date, USAID has provided approximately \$4.1 million for shelter, water and sanitation, cleanup and rehabilitation, education, and cash for work activities for tsunami-affected residents.
- x On January 28, through funds allocated to USAID/India, USAID/OFDA awarded an additional \$56,325 to CARE for livelihood activities targeting youth, increasing its contribution to CARE to more than \$700,000. CRS received an additional \$300,000 for psychological and social support in Tamil Nadu State, for a total USAID/OFDA contribution of more than \$1 million.

Somalia

- x To date, USAID has provided more than \$1 million for health, coordination, shelter, and disaster support. On January 28, USAID/OFDA contributed \$250,000 to UNICEF for health activities. World Concern Development Organization received nearly \$400,000 for emergency relief activities.

Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance

- x As of January 28, nearly 11,100 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 21.6 million lbs of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. Of the 2,576 military personnel currently on the ground, 1,652 are in Thailand, 645 in Sri Lanka, 53 in Indonesia, 30 in Malaysia, and 12 in Maldives. With 15 ships and 59 aircraft, the U.S. military has delivered a total of 7,805,733 lbs of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations, including 46,421 gallons of water; 67,585 lbs of food; and 68,190 lbs of relief supplies in the last 24 hours.

BACKGROUND

- x A magnitude 9.0 earthquake on December 26, off the west coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia, triggered massive tsunamis that affected several countries throughout South and Southeast Asia, as well as Somalia, Tanzania, and Kenya in East Africa. Aftershocks from the December 26 earthquake continue to occur in the region.
- x Based on initial findings of USG assessment teams and on the recommendation of Secretary of State Powell and USAID Administrator Natsios, on December 31, President Bush committed \$350 million toward earthquake and tsunami relief and recovery efforts. Dollar amounts in this Fact Sheet are part of the total pledge of \$350 million and refer to specific funding actions that have been committed and programmed. USAID/OFDA welcomes proposals from qualified humanitarian assistance organizations prepared to implement relief activities in response to the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami disaster. Details can be found at www.usaid.gov.

USAID REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
IFRC	Response to emergency appeal	Regionwide	\$4,000,000
U.S. Embassy/JTF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Regionwide	\$196,631
AirServ	Aerial assessment, transport of relief personnel and light cargo	Regionwide	\$2,436,681
WFP	Logistics, air support and coordination	Regionwide	\$5,000,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Regionwide	\$523,260
	Administrative		\$468,160
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$12,624,732
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$12,624,732

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACF/France	Water and sanitation and emergency household kits	Aceh Province	\$400,000
CARE	Water purification	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,000
Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	Child protection and psychological and social support	Aceh Province	\$396,728
Church World Service	Psychological and social support for children	Aceh Province	\$221,375
DAI ^a	Immediate relief and rehabilitation interventions	Aceh Province	\$4,847,587
IFRC/Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,200,000
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$99,050
IMC	Health	Banda Aceh	\$292,129
IMC	Mobile health units, rehabilitation of local health clinics, malaria control, and psychological and social activities	Aceh and North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$1,000,000
IRC	Water and sanitation, mobile health clinics, support for public health networks, and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$2,564,729
IRC/IOM	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$375,600
IRD	Water and sanitation	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$285,428
Johns Hopkins	Maternal and child health	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$254,023
Mercy Corps	Emergency response activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$292,060
Muhammadiyah	School clean-up and cash-for-work program	Banda Aceh	\$62,688
Project Concern International (PCI)	Mobile health clinics	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$236,929
SATKORLAK	Disaster management training	Aceh Province	\$15,000
SC/US	Emergency health, sanitation, shelter, and protection		\$288,533
SC/US	Emergency response activities	Aceh Province	\$901,239
USAID/Indonesia*	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, and shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$137,042
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$1,500,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
WHO	Health surveillance	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$291,500
WVI	Shelter and household kits	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$249,985
Yayasan Rumpun Bambu	Cash-for-work and rehabilitation	Aceh Province	\$74,725

Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,002
	Administrative		\$114,500
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$21,612,852
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	3,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$2,438,560
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$2,438,560
USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE			
CARDI	Emergency response teams	Aceh Province	\$99,960
CARE	Water and sanitation	Aceh Province	\$98,889
ICMC	Targeting/monitoring of emergency relief supplies	Aceh Province	\$100,000
IOM	Logistics	Aceh Province	\$208,452
IOM	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$1,650,000
IRD	Emergency food assistance	Aceh Province	\$99,974
Mercy Corps	Shelter, health, water, and trauma counseling	Aceh Province	\$250,000
Naval Medical Research Unit	Procurement and staffing of reference laboratory	Banda Aceh	\$579,000
Nurani Dunia	Emergency relief supplies	Aceh Province	\$99,669
SC/US	Emergency relief supplies and health	Aceh Province	\$100,000
Multiple [±]	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$2,087,000
TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$5,372,944
USDA ASSISTANCE			
WFP	9,417 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$7,533,600
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$7,533,600
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
IOM	Anti-Trafficking Initiatives	Aceh and Medan	\$200,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$200,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$37,157,956

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[±] USAID/Indonesia is using existing funds earmarked for activities in Aceh Province to support grants in response to the earthquake and tsunami.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACF/France	Emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation	Trincomalee, Mulaitiva, Jaffna	\$403,763
American Center for International Labor	Psychological and social support including anti-trafficking	All Affected Districts	\$350,000
The Asia Foundation	Child protection and psychological and social activities	All Affected Districts	\$199,408
CARE	Emergency relief supplies, water system rehabilitation	Ampara	\$1,941,787
CCF	Cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Ampara, Matara, Hambantola	\$1,512,051
CHF International	Cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of schools and public buildings, latrine construction, and water and sanitation	Kalutara, Galle, Matara	\$3,000,000

CRS	Transitional shelter, home repair, latrine construction	Batticaloa, Ampara	\$3,048,000
DAI	Relief and recovery projects through DAI contract with USAID/OTI	Affected areas	\$2,500,000
GOAL	Shelter, water and sanitation, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	\$3,280,423
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$750,699
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Northern, Eastern, and Southern coastal areas	\$500,000
Mercy Corps	Cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Trincamolee, Batticaloe, Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	\$1,509,447
Nathan Associates	Community rehabilitation, livelihoods, and microfinance projects	Affected areas	\$10,000,000
SARVODAYA	Cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of buildings, and water and sanitation	Galle, Hambantota, Ampara	\$1,748,120
SC/UK	Shelter, water and sanitation, and emergency relief supplies	Trincomalee, Matara, Galle	\$630,620
Shelter for Life	Transitional shelter and latrine construction	Trincomalee	\$1,026,185
Sri Lanka Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies, health, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Mulaitiva	\$356,655
UNICEF	Water and sanitation and emergency school kits	All Affected Districts	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Affected areas	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Affected areas	\$1,000,000
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$100,000
USAID/Sri Lanka *	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$893,692
US Navy	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$5,225
WVI	Emergency relief supplies and shelter	Trincomalee, Ampara	\$499,849
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$267,725
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Affected areas	\$657,553
	Administrative		\$167,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$37,848,202
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	18,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Affected areas	\$20,028,340
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$20,028,340
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
NGO Consortium	Clean-up of debris	Countrywide	\$57,962
TOTAL USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$57,962
USDA ASSISTANCE			
WFP	5,583 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Countrywide	\$4,466,400
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$4,466,400
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$62,400,904

* USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/Sri Lanka, is being allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
IFRC/ Implemented by Indian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
ACTED	Livelihoods	Tamil Nadu	\$297,934
CARE	Water and sanitation, cash-for-work, and livelihoods	Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh	\$686,759
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychological and social support	Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh	\$1,069,566
EXNORA	Cash-for-work and water and sanitation	Tamil Nadu	\$115,195
FHI	Livelihoods and debris removal	Tamil Nadu	\$280,147
GOAL	Cash-for-work and rehabilitation of agricultural land	Tamil Nadu	\$250,112
PCI	Shelter, livelihoods, and training	Tamil Nadu	\$440,295
WVI	Shelter and cash-for-work	Tamil Nadu	\$859,992
	Administrative		\$33,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$4,133,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$4,133,000

* USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/India, will be allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$94,600
UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Countrywide	\$68,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES			\$1,363,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES			\$1,363,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
	Administrative		\$215,371
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$315,371
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$315,371

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Malaysia Red Crescent National Disaster Management and Relief Committee	Procurement/distribution of relief items and shelter materials	Northwest Malaysia	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA			\$50,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA			\$50,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Seychelles Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES			\$50,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES			\$50,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$50,000
UNICEF	Health	?	\$250,000
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$141,369
World Concern	Emergency Relief Activities	?	\$392,962
UNHCR	Shelter	Puntland	\$200,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331

¹All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of January 28, 2005.

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Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed..... \$79,031,488
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed² \$119,129,294

FURTHER INFORMATION ON USG RESPONSE

More detailed information on USG assistance already provided, including DOD resources, in response to the disaster may be found in previous USAID/OFDA Fact Sheets:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/countries/indian_ocean/et_index.html

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

Making a Donation to Relief Efforts

- x The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations.
- x For a list of humanitarian organizations accepting donations for South Asia relief operations, please see “Tsunami Relief” at www.usaid.gov or www.usafreedomcorps.gov. Or call the Center for International Disaster Information at (703) 276-1914.
- x USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.

Additional Information

- x Information on making effective donations can be found on the following websites:
 - o USAID: www.usaid.gov, Keyword: Donations
 - o The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org
 - o InterAction: “Guide to Appropriate Giving” at www.interaction.org
- x Information on choosing a charity to support can be found on the following websites:
 - o Better Business Bureau: www.give.org
 - o GuideStar (A National Database of Nonprofit Organizations): www.guidestar.org
 - o The American Institute of Philanthropy: www.charitywatch.org
 - o Charity Navigator: www.charitynavigator.org
- x Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

² This figure includes assistance from USAID (including USAID/OFDA), the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The value of assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Defense is not included in total USG assistance committed.