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***INDIAN OCEAN – Earthquake and Tsunamis***

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<b>Indonesia</b>	117,021 dead <sup>·</sup> , 114,921 missing <sup>·</sup>	412,438 displaced
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	30,974 dead, 4,698 missing <sup>Ⓜ</sup>	553,287 displaced <sup>Ⓜ</sup>
<b>India</b>	10,776 dead, 5,640 missing <sup>§</sup>	112,558 displaced <sup>§</sup>
<b>Maldives</b>	82 dead, 26 missing <sup>³</sup>	12,698 displaced
<b>Thailand</b>	5,393 dead, 3,062 missing <sup>ᵛ</sup>	N/A
<b>Malaysia</b>	68 dead, 6 missing <sup>±</sup>	8,000 displaced <sup>±</sup>
<b>Somalia</b>	150 dead <sup>±</sup>	5,000 displaced <sup>±</sup> , 54,000 affected <sup>‡</sup>
<b>Seychelles</b>	3 dead <sup>±</sup>	40 households displaced

Source Legend:

· Government of Indonesia, 2/10/05

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- x According to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), the Indonesian Midwives Association reports that 30 percent of its 5,500 staff in Aceh are missing or dead. Many surviving midwives are affected by stress and trauma and are reportedly unable to work. During the week of February 11, USAID/DART members met with midwives currently working at the general hospital in Banda Aceh and IDP camps, and confirmed the current staff shortages.
- x WHO and the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA) estimate more than 7,300 births per month in Aceh Province, with approximately 820 births in Banda Aceh IDP camps. WHO reports that pregnancy-related complications could increase from baseline levels of 15 to 25 percent. The Government of Indonesia (GOI), with support from WHO and UNFPA, is re-establishing reproductive health services for women and girls in internally displaced person (IDP) camps and instituting programs for the prevention and management of sexual violence. WHO, in collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the area, has put systems in place to monitor pregnancies and deliveries in camps and to provide other reproductive health services. Since the tsunami, USAID/OFDA has provided \$254,023 to the Johns Hopkins Program for International Education and Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) to increase the capacity of midwives and facilitate their work in IDP camps.
- x The GOI Ministry of Health (MOH) is leading a multi-agency Nutrition Intervention Task Force with representatives from the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), WHO, U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and several NGOs to determine nutrition interventions in affected areas in Banda Aceh. According to WHO, a rapid nutrition assessment covering five sites, including IDP and host communities, will begin in Aceh on February 13, to assess the nutrition situation and to improve interventions targeting vulnerable groups.
- x WFP reports that its beneficiary coverage has increased by 20 percent since the end of January (from 339,000 to 425,000). With this latest figure, WFP has reached approximately 54 percent of its estimated 790,000 caseload.
- x The U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) reports that as foreign military support for the humanitarian effort is reduced, the transition to and concurrent up-scaling of civil relief operations is proceeding smoothly. In addition, UNJLC reports that the increased availability of passenger seats on commercial flights has eased the humanitarian community's need for military support and U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) passenger transport.

#### *Sri Lanka Update*

- x On February 4, the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) closed the Center for National Operations (CNO) citing the end of emergency relief operations. The GOSL had operated the CNO since December 29. The recently established Task Force for Relief, in partnership with the various government ministries, will now take over the relief operation and related functions of the CNO. On February 11, Sri Lanka's parliament extended a state of emergency in tsunami-hit areas for one month to give broad powers to security forces to carry out relief operations. GOSL forces have been deployed to clear the rubble and deal with relief distribution in remote areas.
- x On February 10, the UNJLC reported that international NGOs must again show passes at GOSL/Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) cross-territory check points. The UNJLC reports there is no shortage of transport or storage facilities for private companies, NGOs, and U.N. agencies. However, infrastructure is in serious need of rehabilitation.

#### *Maldives Update*

- x On February 11, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that although massive recovery and reconstruction work needs to be undertaken, the humanitarian situation in Maldives has stabilized with immediate humanitarian needs generally being met in all major sectors. The Government of the Republic of Maldives (GORM) has established a longer term framework to address the reconstruction and recovery period. The Disaster Relief Coordination Unit (DRCU) will be responsible for the construction of temporary shelters, repair of damaged homes, maintenance of new housing, repair of damaged social infrastructure and the provision of relief aid. The DRCU will also be responsible for the registration of displaced persons and their needs. The GORM is also planning economic and reconstruction activities within the National Development Framework.

#### *Thailand Update*

- x According to WHO, the Government of Thailand Health Department officials have identified 10,000 tsunami victims with symptoms of mental-health disorders in the six southern provinces of Phuket, Phang Nga, Satun, Ranong, Trang, and Krabi. WHO reports that victims report symptoms of stress, difficulty eating and falling asleep, and depression.

### **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 \$42.1 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.
- x On February 9, USAID/OFDA committed \$488,435 for Catholic Relief Services to revitalize rural public markets in Aceh Province through cash-for-work market reconstruction activities and support for market associations and vendors.

*Sri Lanka*

- x To date, the USG has provided nearly \$62.0 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. USAID/OFDA-funded cash-for-work and micro-finance programs are fully operational. The USAID/DART in Sri Lanka is now focusing on program monitoring and evaluation and ongoing situational assessments.

*India*

- x On January 31, the USAID/DART in India closed out more than four weeks of operations, after providing approximately \$4.1 million for shelter, water and sanitation, cleanup and rehabilitation, education, and cash for work activities for tsunami-affected residents. During the transition to the recovery phase, USAID/India will oversee USAID/OFDA-funded programs, and USAID/OFDA and USAID/India will share responsibility for monitoring.

*Maldives*

- x On January 28, the USAID/DART Field Officer posted to Male' closed out operations in Maldives. USAID staff and military personnel were stationed on the ground in Maldives since January 10, conducting assessments and coordinating and consulting with government officials. During that time, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1.3 million for health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and emergency relief supplies.

*Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance*

- x As of February 11, 1,070 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 24.5 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. All 639 military personnel currently on the ground are in Thailand. With 8 ships and 25 aircraft, the U.S. military has delivered a total of 9,487,681 pounds of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations.

**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, Kenya, and the Seychelles 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 REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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	\$1,407,081
WFP	Logistics, air support and coordination	Regionwide	\$5,000,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Regionwide	\$523,260
	Administrative		\$533,561
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION</b>			<b>\$11,660,533</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO REGION</b>			<b>\$11,660,533</b>

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
ACF/France	Water and sanitation and emergency household kits	Aceh Province	\$400,000
AirServ	Transport of relief supplies and light cargo	Aceh Province	\$200,131
CARE	Water purification	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,276

Catholic Relief Services	Cash-for-work	Aceh Province	\$488,435
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	Immediate relief and rehabilitation interventions through local and international NGOs	Aceh Province	\$5,000,000
	\$62,688 - Muhammadiyah for school clean-up and cash-for-work in Banda Aceh		
	\$15,000 - SATORLAK for disaster management training in Aceh Province		
	\$74,725 - Yayasan Rumpun Bambu for cash-for-work and rehabilitation in Aceh Province		
	\$750,000 - Mercy Corps for cash-for-work activities in Banda Aceh and Meulaboh		
	\$13,900 - LPPM for clean-up in Campus Darussalam Complex		
	\$237,000 - Project Concern International (PCI) for cash-for-work in West Aceh Province		
	\$132,000 - Panglima Laot for cash-for-work in Aceh Jaya		
	\$79,465 - BEM Sya Kuala for cash-for-work in Banda Aceh		
	\$47,802 - IOM for airport rehabilitation in Banda Aceh Airport		
IFRC/Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies	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, shelter, 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	\$500,432
IRD	Water and sanitation	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$285,428
IRD	Water and sanitation, micro-finance, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,499,769
Johns Hopkins/JHPIEGO	Maternal and child health	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$254,023
Mercy Corps	Emergency response activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$292,060
Mercy Corps	Community infrastructure rehabilitation (cash-for-work), micro-finance, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,321,771
PCI	Mobile health clinics	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$236,929
PCI	Health, water and sanitation, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,327,321
SC/US	Emergency health, sanitation, shelter, and protection		\$288,533
SC/US	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$901,239

USAID/Indonesia*	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, and shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$136,766
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
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$286,002
	Administrative		\$114,500
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$26,605,111</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	3,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$2,438,560
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$2,438,560</b>
<b>USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE</b>			
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 <sup>±</sup>	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$2,087,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$5,372,944</b>
<b>USDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	9,417 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$7,533,600
<b>TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$7,533,600</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
IOM	Anti-Trafficking Initiatives	Aceh and Medan	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA</b>			<b>\$42,150,215</b>

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

<sup>±</sup> 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>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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, Hambantota, Trincomalee, Galle	\$2,310,294
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
USAID/OTI	Relief and recovery projects through existing 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, shelter, 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	\$95,449
US Navy	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$5,225
WVI	Emergency relief supplies and shelter	Trincomalee, Ampara	\$499,849
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Affected areas	\$657,553
	Administrative		\$82,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA</b>			<b>\$37,495,477</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	18,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Affected areas	\$20,028,340
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA</b>			<b>\$20,028,340</b>
<b>USDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	5,583 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Countrywide	\$4,466,400

<b>TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA</b>	<b>\$4,466,400</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA</b>	<b>\$61,990,217</b>

\* 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>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDIA</b>			<b>\$4,133,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDIA</b>			<b>\$4,133,000</b>

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES</b>			<b>\$1,363,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES</b>			<b>\$1,363,000</b>

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
	Administrative		\$215,371
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND</b>			<b>\$315,371</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND</b>			<b>\$315,371</b>

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			

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

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
Seychelles Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA</b>			<b>\$1,034,331</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA</b>			<b>\$1,034,331</b>

<sup>2</sup>All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of February 11, 2005.

**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](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](http://www.usaid.gov) or [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov), Keyword: Donations
  - o The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org)
  - o InterAction: “Guide to Appropriate Giving” at [www.interaction.org](http://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](http://www.give.org)
  - o GuideStar (A National Database of Nonprofit Organizations): [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)
  - o The American Institute of Philanthropy: [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org)
  - o Charity Navigator: [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)
- x Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).