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**INDIAN OCEAN – Earthquake and Tsunamis**

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<b>Indonesia</b>	118,767 dead <sup>1</sup> , 114,921 missing <sup>1</sup>	412,438 displaced <sup>1</sup>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	30,974 dead, 4,698 missing <sup>2</sup>	553,287 displaced <sup>2</sup>
<b>India</b>	10,776 dead, 5,640 missing <sup>3</sup>	112,558 displaced <sup>3</sup>
<b>Maldives</b>	82 dead, 26 missing <sup>3</sup>	12,698 displaced <sup>3</sup>
<b>Thailand</b>	5,395 dead, 3,062 missing <sup>4</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 <sup>ˆ</sup>

Source Legend:

<sup>1</sup> Government of Indonesia, 2/13/05

<sup>2</sup> Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 2/1/05

<sup>3</sup> Government of India, 2/08/05

<sup>3</sup> Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05

<sup>±</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 1/18/05

<sup>4</sup> Government of Thailand, 2/09/05

<sup>‡</sup> U.N. Consolidated Appeal, 1/06/05

<sup>ˆ</sup> U.N./Seychelles and USAID, 1/12/05

<b>Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>\$350,000,000</b>
<b>Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed</b> .....	<b>\$82,706,823</b>
<b>Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed</b> .....	<b>\$22,466,900</b>
<b>Total USAID/ANE Humanitarian Assistance Committed</b> .....	<b>\$5,372,944</b>
<b>Total USDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed</b> .....	<b>\$12,000,000</b>
<b>Total State/PRM Humanitarian Assistance Committed</b> .....	

controlled by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). According to the assessment team, inter-agency coordination mechanisms were already in place at the time of the tsunami in order to respond to the ongoing civil conflict. Prior to the tsunami, 23 NGOs worked in the district on conflict-related issues and approximately 30 are currently responding to the tsunami. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the designated lead agency for the tsunami response, and each sector has an NGO or U.N. agency as the lead coordinator.

- x At a recent shelter coordination meeting in Hambantota District, attendees discussed appropriate designs for permanent housing. Organizations have emphasized the need to consider housing solutions more comprehensively with particular attention to livelihoods and social structures that could be disrupted due to relocations. A local government official emphasized that residents would not be permitted to rebuild within 100 meters of the coast and that a 300-meter buffer zone would be enforced in some areas.

#### *India Update*

- x USAID/India reports that relief and recovery operations are continuing in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In the shelter sector, the government plans to have temporary shelters ready by April to house displaced persons currently residing in relief camps. The water supply has been fully restored in Nancowry and Kamrota Islands, and has been restored 90 percent in Port Blair, 50 percent at Campbell Bay, and 40 percent in Teresa Island. On Car Nicobar, nine wells have been activated, and 80 percent of the water supply restored through spring and wells. In addition, the Department of Drinking Water Supply and the Ministry of Water Resources are jointly conducting damage assessments and developing restoration plan for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

#### *Maldives Update*

- x On February 14, the World Bank reported that total damages in the Maldives are estimated at \$470 million or 62 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), based on a recent assessment. The World Bank noted that the total damage estimate excludes the cost of environmental damage and substantial soil erosion on affected islands that rely on agriculture and home-based market gardening. According to the World Bank, the tsunami response has reinforced the official policy of encouraging voluntary relocation to less vulnerable islands aimed at mitigating the risks of future tsunamis and rising sea levels; developing economies of scale in the provision of public and private services; strengthening service quality; improving welfare; and retaining the population in the atolls.

### **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.

#### *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 14, 683 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 24.5 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. All 411 military personnel currently on the ground are in Thailand. 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 Colin Powell and USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios, on December 31, President George W. 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.
- x On February 9, President Bush announced that he is seeking \$950 million as part of the supplemental appropriations request to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of areas devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami and to cover the costs of relief efforts to date. This amount includes an additional \$600 million above the President's initial commitment of \$350 million.

#### 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	Trincomalee, Batticaloa, 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>1</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 MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</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>1</sup></b>			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
	Regional administrative support		\$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>1</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>1</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>1</sup></b>			
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$50,000
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$250,000
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$141,369
World Concern	Emergency Relief Activities	Lower Juba	\$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 represents committed and/or obligated amounts as of February 15, 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).