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REPORT ON TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

Update as at 15th February 2005

Five weeks after the cataclysmic tsunami struck, devastating over ¾ of Sri Lanka's coast, costing 40,000 lives, and displacing over 2,000,000 people, Sri Lanka has begun – slowly but surely – to recover from the cruel blow dealt by nature. The massive damage to infrastructure, housing, business and livelihood prompted an immediate response from national and international sources to rebuild the nation.

OUR RESPONSE

The National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka (NCEASL), and our Relief and Development Commission, Alliance Development Trust (ADT) responded immediately to the needs in the affected areas in partnership with our member churches and organizations.

Emergency Relief Supplies

The first response was a massive relief effort; dispatching essential **food, water, clothing and medical care** to those affected. The first relief trucks were sent out on the 26th evening itself, reaching their destinations within 24 hours of the tragedy.

Over **85 trucks** (lorry loads) of emergency relief supplies have reached the Tsunami affected people in 7 Districts – **Galle, Mataran, Amparai, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Mullaitivu and Jaffna.**

Item	Quantity
Family Packs *	20,000
Children's Nutrition Packs**	10,000
Re-entry packs ***	5,000 packs (15,000 to be dispatched)
Infant Formula	18,731 packs
Water	45,000 Litres
Ladies Undergarments	20,000
Sarongs	1,000
Rubber Slippers	2,000
Kitchen Utensils	5,000 sets
Tents	1,000
Medicines	Large quantities

* Each **Family Pack** contains

1. Rice - 7 kg
2. Dhal - 2 kg
3. Sugar - 1 kg
4. Milk Powder - 1 packet
5. Tea - 500 gms
6. Canned fish
7. Candles / box of matches

** Each **Children's Nutrition Pack** contains

1. Milk Powder
2. Cerelac (Cereal)
3. Biscuits
4. Jam / Sweets
5. Pot for boiling water

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*** Each **Re-Entry pack** contains –

1. Kerosene stove
2. Hurricane lantern
3. Cooking pots/pans – 3 pieces
4. Plates, cups, saucers
5. Spoons – 2
6. Kitchen knife – 1
7. Towels – 2
8. Bed sheets – 2
9. Sleeping mats - 2

The **Family Pack** was designed to provide basic dry rations for a family of four, for one week. Number of families impacted – 20,000.

The **Children’s Nutrition Pack** was especially put together to address the nutritional needs of young children under the age of 5 years; after discovering that food (particularly breakfast) provided in camps was too spicy for young children. Number of children impacted – 6,000.

The **Re-Entry pack** contained basic essentials that will help families living in camps to re-establish some semblance of normal life. We plan to impact 20,000 families with Re-Entry packs. 5,000 packs have already been distributed.

Total cost of relief aid distributed to–date is Rs. 89 million (approx. US\$89,000).

Volunteers

During the early crucial weeks, our staff and volunteers put in thousands of volunteer hours, working in shifts, round the clock in the packing center in Colombo and in regional centers ensuring that relief supplies reached those in need.

Teams of volunteers along with our staff served in some of the worst affected areas in Batticaloa, helping to recover and bury the dead.

Medical Teams

5 volunteer medical teams served in Vakarai in Batticaloa, Galle/Matara, Kalmunai in Amparai, Thalaiadi & Point Pedro in Jaffna.

Medical Supplies

We responded to urgent requests for medicines from hospitals & medical clinics in Kallar, Thalaiadi, Valachchenai and Mulaitivu.

Trauma Counseling

Recognizing the great need for dealing with psycho-social needs of survivors; training of local counselors in trauma counseling was undertaken. **15 training seminars** and a **National Trauma Counseling Training Program** were conducted in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Gampaha, Hambanthota, Vavuniya, Batticaloa and Jaffna. Some of the Training

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Programs were organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. Counselors trained at our training seminars are serving in Galle, Matara, Kallar, Batticaloa and Mullaitivu.

Water & Sanitation

Water Purification systems have been installed in Kallar (Batticaloa) and Mullaitivu. The plant in Kallar provides clean water to the hospital. The purifying unit capacity is 1,000 liters per day. We have identified 20 more locations which require water purification systems.

Over **750 wells** have been desalinated, cleaned and treated in Thiriyai (Trincomalee District).

2nd & 3rd Stage interventions

Specific needs of children; integrating them in to schools with school supplies, children's recreation play packs and the starting of children's clubs.

School Packs – 50,000 packs

Each pack will contain a specially made school bag and school supplies including exercise books, pens, pencils, and eraser.

We, produced a specially designed exercise book with a message of hope and a story of hope, depicted in colour cartoon on the back cover.

Temporary Shelters

Transitional shelters are being constructed to resettle displaced families. 3,000 are being constructed, and we projecting to impact 5,000 families.

Amparai 1,000
Kallar 500
Jaffna 200
Mullaitivu 400
Galle / Matara 600

Livelihood

We are planning to **impact 5,000 families** who have lost their capacity to make a living. 250 fiber glass boats will be provided to families in Point Pedro, and another 500 families will be assisted in livelihood projects ie/ boats, fishing nets, farming, poultry, bicycles for vendors etc..

Job training & employment - A further number of young men will be provided with employment in a boat building plant also in Point Pedro.

We will also train young men in block making (for building houses), with 6 block machines.

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We are looking in to the possibility of setting up an ice factory in Mulaitivu, and a vocational training center in Batticaloa, which will include a resource center.

Permanent Housing

We plan to build permanent houses in the following areas –

Amparai	1,000
Batticaloa	500
Mulaitivu	1,000
Jaffna/Thaliadi	500
Hambanthota / Galle	1,000

This number may increase according to the need. We hope to impact approx. 15,000 families.
