

DEC BRIEFING NOTE

TSUNAMI - THREE YEARS ON

DECEMBER 2007

INTRODUCTION

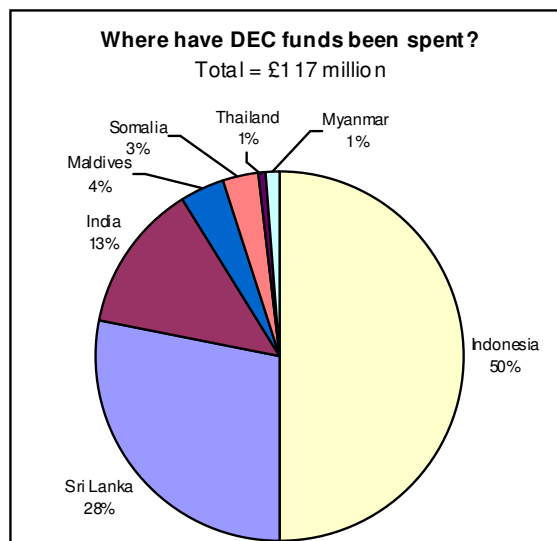
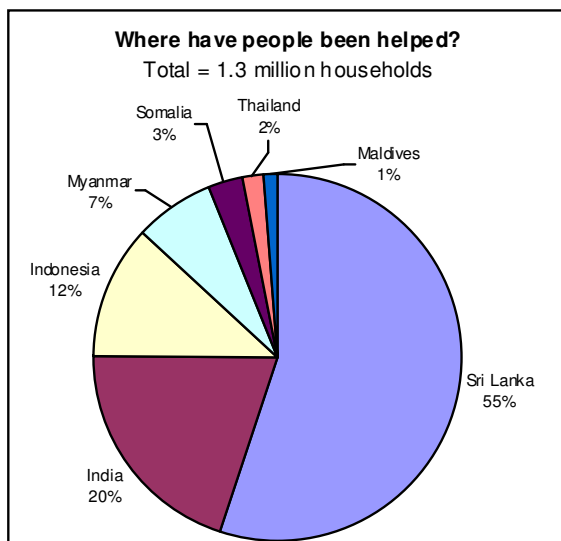
The Tsunami on 26 December 2004 prompted the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to launch a nationwide appeal for emergency funds to provide humanitarian relief across seven countries. The DEC, representing the UK's leading aid agencies, raised over £390m through this appeal.

The DEC Board agreed a three-year spending plan, under which £116m was spent in 2005, £133m was spent in 2006 and a further estimated £117m will be spent in 2007. This briefing note is a review of DEC member agencies' Disaster Response Programme reports for the third year of Tsunami spending.

SUMMARY

- DEC members have fulfilled their commitment to provide support to people over a three year timeframe.
- The DEC raised £390 million, almost all of which has been spent, with 94% of expenditure accounted for and the remaining money, around £22million, has been allocated to enable Member Agencies to complete their programmes in good order by mid 2008.
- Over 1.3 million households across seven countries have been helped during the course of the Members programmes during 2007.
- DEC members worked through and with numerous local NGOs and other organisations based in the affected areas.
- The country receiving the highest proportion of DEC funds in year three is Indonesia, with £59m (50%). Other expenditure went to Sri Lanka with £32m (28%), India with £15m (13%), Maldives with £4.5m (4%), Somalia with £4m (3%), Thailand with £1.5m (1%) and Myanmar with £1m (1%).
- Many of the people most in need have been helped to recover and build safer, stronger communities. Thousands of permanent homes have been rebuilt.

WHERE WAS THE MONEY SPENT IN 2007?



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WHAT WAS THE MONEY SPENT ON?

The DEC's members have provided assistance in numerous areas during 2007, from basic shelter and water supplies to restoring livelihoods and education support.

A breakdown of percentage expenditure by type of activity in 2007 in each of the seven countries is shown below:

%	Shelter	Relief	Health	Water	Education	Livelihood	Local Policy	Other
India	55	-	1	2	16	10	2	14
Sri Lanka	53	4	3	4	8	21	1	6
Thailand	5	-	-	12	7	45	3	28
Somalia	32	-	22	7	8	27	-	4
Maldives	81	-	-	8	1	5	-	5
Indonesia	72	-	3	4	2	13	2	4
Myanmar	-	-	74	26	-	-	-	0

WHO HAVE THEY HELPED?

In total, an estimated 1.3 million households have been positively affected by the work of 12 DEC member agencies during 2007. Members have worked collaboratively across countries to ensure "building back better" to support people in need. A breakdown of the assistance provided by member agencies to households in different countries is shown in the table below (figures given in thousands):

	India	Sri Lanka	Thailand	Somalia	Maldives	Indonesia	Myanmar	Total
Action Aid	30	19	11	1	1	-	-	62
British Red Cross	-	21	-	-	1	9	-	31
CAFOD	-	1	-	-	-	17	-	18
CARE Int'l UK	52	4	9	5	-	9	-	79
ChristianAid	12	28	-	-	-	6	-	46
Help The Aged	31	49	-	-	-	2	-	82
Islamic Relief	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11
Merlin	-	287	-	-	-	18	97	402
Oxfam	-	32	-	-	-	75	-	107
Save the Children	103	48	1	27	-	9	-	188
Tearfund	28	228	5	3	-	5	-	269
WorldVision	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	8
Total	256	723	26	36	2	163	97	1,303

THE FUTURE

Based on current expenditure the DEC has allocated approximately £22million, of the initial £390 million raised to enable Member Agencies to complete their programmes in good order by mid 2008.

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