

Tsunami Summary 2007

On 26 December 2004, South Asia, South East Asia and Somalia were hit by a series of tsunamis. Over 230,000 people lost their lives and millions saw their livelihoods and homes wiped out. The DEC launched an immediate appeal to respond to this devastating natural disaster across 7 countries.

Below

Balakrishnan, aged 56 (on the far right of the photo), is the leader of the Elders' Self-Help Group (ESHG) in Thalangua, India. The tsunami destroyed his boat, and with it the source of the family's income. Help the Aged provided Balakrishnan with a loan so that he could buy a new fishing boat. He now earns enough money from fishing to support his family. Not only can he feed and clothe them, but he can also cover their medical needs when necessary.



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Facts and figures

Figure 2: Allocation of DEC funds and expenditure by Member Agencies for years 2005, 2006 and 2007

Member Agencies	Total Allocation £'000	Expenditure 2005 £'000	Expenditure 2006 £'000	Expenditure 2007 £'000	Total Expenditure £'000
ActionAid	29,564	9,882	9,298	9,406	28,586
British Red Cross	64,625	12,898	18,236	27,552	58,686
Cafod	25,321	9,003	11,699	4,553	25,255
Care International UK	33,434	8,288	12,522	10,255	31,065
Christian Aid	37,444	14,029	16,080	7,285	37,394
Concern Worldwide	11,096	6,059	5,037	-	11,096
Help the Aged	9,232	2,296	2,646	3,802	8,744
Islamic Relief	2,200	-	-	1,014	1,014
Merlin	10,845	1,998	4,399	4,022	10,419
Oxfam	65,785	22,522	20,289	18,107	60,918
Save the Children	52,468	19,809	17,403	14,694	51,906
Tearfund	19,852	2,749	7,886	8,553	19,188
World Vision	20,210	5,808	7,850	6,204	19,862
Total	382,076	115,341	133,345	115,447	364,133

Expenditure for three years represents 95% of the allocation and the remainder of the allocation will be expended in 2008

Funding by country affected

Seven countries received support from DEC Member Agencies in accordance with the impact of the tsunami.

Figure 3: Expenditure of DEC funds by country, 2007: £'000 and percentage

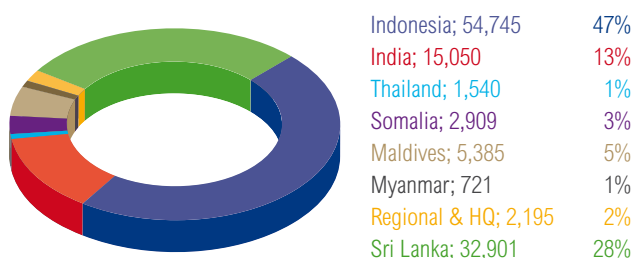
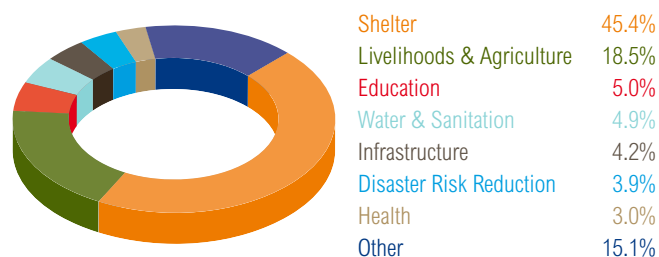


Figure 4: Use of funds by sector of activity, 2007



Major achievements in 2007

Shelter

10,659 houses built

570 houses repaired

34 community buildings constructed – 8 of which are for elderly people

1 community library

Water and Sanitation

33 large scale water systems implemented

56 bore holes drilled

2,924 wells built

3 spring sources created

8,265 latrines constructed or repaired

23 organic composts

Emergency Relief / Risk Reduction

38 risk assessments carried out in villages

Over 17,000 kits distributed containing tools & household goods

55 school tents and 3000 family tents

Numerous educational and training sessions

Livelihoods

747 boats distributed or repaired and 2,574 fishing nets distributed

2,365 micro finance projects started

20 demonstration farms developed & 172 agricultural tool kits provided

35,000 rubber seedlings distributed

276 animals provided such as goats, pigs, cows and buffaloes

23 artificial fishing reefs created

Numerous enterprises established such as grocery shops, bakeries, dress making, goat rearing

Health

236 health centres built

104 mobile health camps set up

30,068 people provided with dental treatment and 33,432 dental hygiene kits distributed

13,852 health kits provided

506 disability aids distributed

3,119 eye operations carried out

Numerous training sessions on HIV/Aids awareness and hygiene promotion

Education

30 schools constructed

15 educational centres established

250 children with disabilities enrolled in education

Thousands of teachers trained

Future Plans

In 2008 just under £14.5 million has been disbursed to DEC Member Agencies for use mainly in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Part of these funds will be used to complete projects already started with a further 1,214 houses to be built, along with many toilets and water supplies. Due to the continuing conflict in Sri Lanka some of the funding will be used to provide for those who are displaced from their homes. Around 35% of the available funding will be used for programmes to strengthen community capacity to deal with future disasters.

