

Tsunami Relief and Reconstruction

Through the Eyes of the Children



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This report is dedicated to the millions of children whose lives were affected by the devastating Asian earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004.

It brings to donors, staff and friends of Save the Children across the world a summary of the achievements of Save the Children's relief and reconstruction efforts in the region, details of our five-year plan, and a financial accounting of money raised and spent in support of these programmes to the end of April 2005. This information is highlighted by stories and photos that capture our work through the eyes of children.

The tsunami drew the world's attention to the vulnerability of children in crises with many thousands lost and millions more left without the familiar structures they need to survive and thrive. But thanks to the unprecedented outpouring of support for the children affected by the tsunami, and the trust you gave us, Save the Children has the means to help ensure these children succeed today and tomorrow.

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From the Chair

To our contributors, colleagues and friends:

The devastating effects of the December 26 earthquake and tsunami were historic in magnitude, and our response is the largest in Save the Children's 85-year history. Families lost their homes and livelihoods. Whole communities were destroyed. The millions that survived, particularly children, were left vulnerable to disease, starvation and potential exploitation and abuse.

Save the Children, active in many of the worst-affected regions for 30 years or more, moved immediately to deliver life-saving relief to more than 625,000 individuals, including 250,000 children, providing shelter, food, clean water and access to medical care. This rapid response helped avert a second wave of death from malnutrition and disease that many experts anticipated would follow the disaster. Thousands of children's lives were saved.

A global leader in child protection, Save the Children moved quickly to register over 7,000 children who had been separated from their parents, reuniting scores of children with family members and protecting thousands of children from potential exploitation and abuse through creating safe places to play and live, and by helping them get back to school as quickly as possible.

Despite these achievements, Save the Children sees many challenges ahead as our focus shifts from relief to recovery and reconstruction. The process of rebuilding needs to move faster, and we need local and national authorities to accelerate their plans so that Save the Children and others active in this effort, including the local communities themselves, can help with on-the-ground expertise, human resources and financial support.

In the coming months and years, our work will continue in full force to protect and rebuild the lives of children and their families, and help them recover their physical and emotional health and well-being. This is no small task - many teachers, schools, parents, homes, health facilities, health professionals and jobs were lost in this disaster.

The generosity of the global public through the Save the Children family has been unprecedented, with contributions in excess of \$245 million to fund the emergency response and the comprehensive five-year plan for children highlighted in this report.

You can take pride in what has been accomplished for children in the first phase of this emergency, and draw inspiration from the continued expansion of our efforts, from our heroic staff and volunteers (many of whom lost loved ones themselves) and from the resilience of even the poorest children with whom we work. Some of their stories are captured in this report and on our member websites.

Through the work of Save the Children, thousands of children are enjoying better, more secure lives and opportunities for the future. We thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

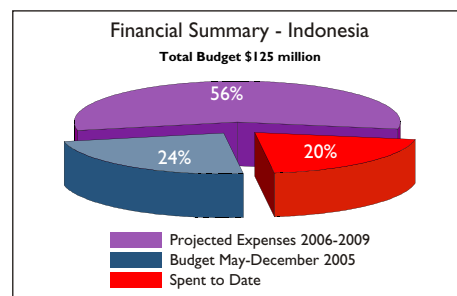
Barry Clarke
Chair
International Save the Children Alliance

Indonesia Overview

Fast Response

Aceh province in Indonesia was already suffering from 20 years of separatist fighting and two years of martial law when the earthquake and tsunami hit. In Aceh, more than 127,000 people died, 37,000 were missing, 500,000 displaced and millions more affected by injury, grief, trauma and loss of livelihood. Those who survived were vulnerable to disease and exploitation.

Save the Children had been working in Aceh for 30 years and was able within days to take the lead in assisting 289,000 children and their families with food, shelter, protection for children and health safeguards in the largest emergency response in our history.



Child Protection



Michael Bisceglie

Save the Children's first commitment is to children's survival and safety. We lead the field in child protection and registered 2,049 unaccompanied children, resulting in 139 reunifications between separated children and parents or relatives. We continue to coordinate 14 agencies to trace and verify family for unaccompanied children and are mounting a national public service campaign to increase awareness of child protection issues. We also focus on psychological well-being. In barracks and tent camps, we have established 59 "child-friendly" spaces serving 6,500 children. Through supervised games, art and songs, we help children establish a normal routine and rebuild trust and relationships.

Education



Bart Vrolijk

School is also a safe place and sets a normal routine for children. To ensure continued schooling, we delivered 1,016 kits of school supplies to 210 schools, benefiting 50,800 children. In collaboration with the "cash-for-work" program, we helped clean and repair 15 schools. For the long term, we are providing supplies as schools are rebuilt and will have trained up to 1,000 new teachers, which benefits up to 70,000 children. Save the Children is piloting with a school program of games and activities that address children's psychological adjustment and recovery. So far, 500 students in 17 schools have completed the program. We have also trained 50 teachers and conducted workshops for 63 schools to expand it.

Shelter and Water-Sanitation



Teri Pengilly/Kent News

The earthquake and tsunami destroyed 125,000 homes and caused severe damage to 150,000 more. Save the Children's research shows people want to return to their villages but that will take many months due to a shortage of construction materials, proposed regulations against building near the ocean, damaged water-sewer infrastructure and lack of jobs. Much depends on the government's rebuilding strategy and regulations but, meanwhile, Save the Children works in several communities to build 74 temporary homes, with nine completed and materials for an additional 100 on order. Water and sanitation projects have benefited more than 27,000 people through the provision of bore wells, tanks, latrines and washing facilities.

Livelihoods



Abigail Wilson

Health



Save the Children field staff

Food



Michael Bisceglie

Even greater than the loss of homes is the number of people who lost their source of income. Save the Children set up a "cash-for-work" program in 155 sites to provide short-term income through jobs for 17,817 people to clear rubble and construct temporary shelters for schools, kitchens, housing and child-friendly spaces. Alongside these efforts, we have begun vocational training to help people build boats to restart their jobs as fishermen and carpenters. Save the Children also is conducting workshops to help people strengthen or start their own businesses.

Save the Children distributed 2,000 medical kits and 100 midwife kits to clinics, benefiting more than 4,000 people, and supplemental food kits for 17,000 mothers and babies. Save the Children medical teams screened 4,515 patients and supported delivery of measles vaccine to 3,123 children. To meet immediate nutrition needs for displaced children, we established four community kitchens in barracks to provide one nutritious meal a day to more than 500 children and more are planned.

Save the Children's food distribution benefited 292,000 people in the first months of the emergency and will continue to serve 584 villages in four districts of Aceh throughout the next quarter. Save the Children has also distributed 27,000 household kits of basic supplies for cooking and shelter.

KEY CHALLENGES

- Small earthquakes continue and there is sporadic fighting between the Indonesian army and the "Free Aceh" movement (GAM). Either of those external challenges could disrupt recovery programmes or access to vulnerable communities.
- Working in Aceh are the Government of Indonesia, United Nations and 534 other aid agencies. Save the Children itself is working with more than 80 local partners. Rigorous programme monitoring and accounting systems are in place in order to use resources wisely and avoid duplication of effort.
- With more than 127,000 people dead and many livelihoods destroyed, Aceh province and Save the Children lost valuable institutional and traditional knowledge -- an effect that will be felt for a generation.
- Save the Children was one of the few international groups allowed to remain in Aceh during the almost two years of martial law. We enjoy good relationships with the government and its ministries and hope to be granted full implementation of our five-year programme.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE

Save the Children plans a \$125 million program that will benefit 300,000 children and family members over the next five years. Key components of the plan include:

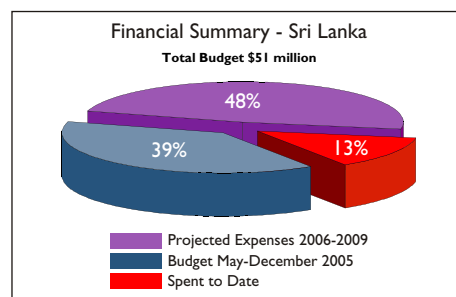
- Advocating for children, family protection and community-based care for unaccompanied children
- Providing training for government agencies on child protection and manuals on family tracing and reunification
- Constructing and renovating at least 75 schools; training 300 new primary and secondary school teachers
- Supporting early childhood programs through materials and training
- Overall, bringing benefits to about 200,000 students
- Rebuilding and equipping health facilities in 250 villages; and recreating training for 2,000 midwives
- Assisting the government to revitalize health centre management and health information systems and establish a malaria program
- Providing contractor agreements for building permanent homes
- Expanding water and sanitation programs through local partners
- Providing training on emergency preparedness at local, regional and provincial levels
- Restoring assets for fishermen and other small businesses in 120 villages through start-up capital and technical assistance for five rural banks
- Improving nutritional status for vulnerable women and children under the age of 5

Sri Lanka Overview

Looking at the Long Term

Six months after the single largest disaster in the history of Sri Lanka, where tens of thousands of people, including children died and left many more homeless, Save the Children continues to expand its efforts to assist children there.

The focus for the first few months was on distributing emergency supplies. Save the Children provided food and other items to 42,000 families. In addition, Save the Children was at the forefront of efforts to trace the relatives of children separated from their families in the tsunami and its aftermath. Now our attention has turned to the longer-term assistance, particularly in the areas of education, livelihoods and ensuring that children are protected.



Child Protection



Teri Pengilly/Kent News

Ensuring the protection of children in the aftermath of the tsunami is our biggest priority. Given our existing expertise in child-protection work, we were quickly able to offer to help register in temporary camps the children who have been orphaned or separated. Save the Children has helped to register 5,217 separated and orphaned children. We are following up and working closely with the Department of Probation and Childcare to find people in whose care children can be placed. In addition, there are 22 child-friendly spaces that have been set up in welfare centers to provide opportunities for children to play and to engage in aesthetic and life skills activities.

Education



David Crump/Daily Mail

Save the Children is helping children affected by the tsunami get back to school and into a routine of play and learning as quickly as possible. Save the Children has already begun establishing and rebuilding pre-schools for 2-5 year-olds. We have identified 311 pre-schools across affected areas which need support. Some need rebuilding while others need to be renovated and receive materials. We have issued 20,000 Back-to-School kits containing books and stationery, and 10,000 play kits containing toys. We are giving pre-school teachers psycho-social training to enhance their ability to deal with traumatised children. The project will reach a total of 10,307 children and 370 pre-school teachers. We have provided 6 large tents as temporary classrooms.

Shelter and Water-Sanitation



Karin Beate Nosterud

Save the Children is also engaged in providing temporary shelter for internally displaced people. To date about 200 shelters have been completed in the Northern and Eastern provinces. 300 more are under construction. Tablets were distributed across affected areas to purify 3 million litres of water. At present, we are engaged in cleaning 400 wells.



Karin Beate Nosterud

PROTECTING THE FUTURE

Over the next five years Save the Children will work to protect and educate children, provide shelter and restore the livelihoods of families and increase overall resilience to disasters for vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka. In 2005 Save the Children will target 20,000 families with activities such as:

- Restoring the livelihoods of 7,200 small-scale fishing families and 500 further craftsmen and traders through buying and repairing of 1,000 boats and accompanying equipment
- Supporting income-generation strategies of 1,000 female-headed and other vulnerable households
- Distributing toys and education kits to schools
- Creating 30 safe play environments in displacement centres/camps
- Training teachers and providing a supplementary curriculum covering psychosocial assistance for children
- Protecting children affected by the tsunami, including registering and identifying separated and unaccompanied children and monitoring their welfare through community care, long-term follow up and psychosocial support

Livelihoods



Michael Bisceglie

Save the Children is working to get parents back into work so they can support their children, ensuring that they return to school and a normal routine. We are working to restore the livelihoods of 7,200 small-scale fishing families and 500 further craftsmen and traders through buying and repairing 1,000 boats and equipment. Cash has been made available for men and women to help clear up public buildings, schools, communities and beach areas.

Save the Children has many programmes under way in partnership with local organisations, including 550 women being provided with sewing machines to help them regain their incomes.

KEY CHALLENGES

- There are huge resources available for only a limited number of people who qualify to receive help under the strict definition of those affected by the tsunami. The definition needs to be broadened so as to reach other people less directly affected in other parts of the country.
- There is also much overlapping of relief work because of the large number of organizations working in a limited geographical area with ineffective coordination at different levels. There is also a gap between what people need and what the government wants to implement with regard to resettling in the coastal areas. Lack of clarity regarding a “buffer zone” is delaying the recovery and rebuilding of communities.
- Because of the influx of humanitarian support from overseas, the amount of community participation in rebuilding is linked to certain levels of expectation that the support has generated.
- Save the Children needs to adapt to these situations while striving for a holistic approach in our work.

Through the Eyes of Children

Stories abound of children's resilience, their optimism and their drive to return to some form of normality after the tragedy of the December 26 tsunami. Working in partnership with families and community organizations, Save the Children is helping rebuild children's futures, and overcome fear, heartbreak and shattered and lost lives. Our integrated approach to community programmes works to create positive, lasting change for children and their families. We are proud to tell the stories of children who are pushing hard to make a fresh start. There are many such stories that can be told -- these are but a tiny sample.

Reuniting Families



Five-year-old Rina was found alone and suffering from a fever by a family in Indonesia's Banda Aceh following the tsunami. Mutya, the woman who became Rina's temporary foster mother, provided her with a loving, caring environment and was eager to help her find her family.

Rina says that when the earthquake happened it was impossible to stand up as the ground was shaking with such force. Rina and her mother escaped the rushing water by climbing onto a roof when the first wave came. Unfortunately, when her mother climbed down to get help, she was swept away by the second wave.

Almost one month after the tsunami, Save the Children published a list of children and broadcast information about it on local radio and TV stations in Aceh. Rina's uncle spotted her name on the list and told Save the Children that Rina's father, Mustafa, was alive. Rina and her father are now living in a temporary camp in Banda Aceh. He is still clearly revelling in the joy of being reunited with Rina: "It is wonderful to have her back. I never thought we would be reunited," he says.

Painting Away his Fears



Bel, or Thawatchai, an 11-year-old boy who lived at Ban Nam Khem, Khao Lak district, Phangnga province, is living with his parents and his younger brother, Boom, in a temporary house at Bang Muang Camp, a few kilometres east of his original beach front house in Ban Nam Khem village. Instead of getting bored in the camp during the long summer vacation, they prefer to join a batik painting workshop organised by a local partner of Save the Children.

"My favourite part of batik painting is drawing the picture design and painting colours on the piece of cloth. The most difficult part is not to spill the wax on the cloth when holding the tjanting (candle)", says Bel to one of the Save the Children staff.

Save the Children's Child Psychosocial Support and Protection Officer, Chaiwat Moonuan, explains how art therapy can help children like Bel: "Since children still have difficulty in expressing their stress and fears verbally, art work is the alternative way for them to illustrate their preoccupation into concreteness. Art work is also the beginning point at which art therapists can start discussing with children what is in their minds," he says.

Bel did not lose anyone in his family, but he still feels uncomfortable about going back to swim in the sea. Sometimes he still dreams about the tsunami coming close to his house. "I will take one of the paintings back to display at my new house," he says. "In the future, I want to continue painting batik if there is a workshop near my new house. I think of painting batik on cotton bags and t-shirts and learning how to do heat-brush painting on wooden boards. I want to grow up as an artist in the future."

A Stitch in Time



Maleec Calyanaratne

Koshala sleepwalks and is worried about whether another tsunami might come to Sri Lanka. Her hearing in one ear is impaired and she has a problem with her vision. But, with the support of her teachers, 10-year-old Koshala is managing to do well in school.

Her mother, Manjula Niroshini, has a remarkable story to tell. “I was at church with my daughter when someone said that a tidal wave was coming. We were wondering whether to run when I felt something carrying me as high as the ceiling of the church. I held my daughter by the hand but I lost my grip after a while. The roof of the church came crashing down on me. When the receding wave took me down I saw part of my daughter’s dress and I grabbed it. Then I lost her again. We were washed onto the road through the church wall, which was broken completely. After a lot of struggling in the water, someone saved my daughter. The same person saved me.”

When Manjula returned home to find her 9-year-old son Dilshan, he was not there but a neighbour said he was on the roof. It was his softball which saved him: When he was playing, the ball had gone onto the road. While fetching it, Dilshan saw the tidal wave and alerted everyone nearby before going up to the roof. The family was soon reunited. But mud which came with the second wave ruined their household items, including her precious sewing machine.

Salvation was at hand. In conjunction with the Women’s Chamber of Commerce, Save the Children in Matara has been providing 150 sewing machines to enable women to make a living again in their own homes. Manjula was subcontracted to stitch small teddy bears for the local market.

Eyes on the Future



Rachel Atkinson

Fourteen-year-old Prabhu is both pragmatic and optimistic. In the Indian village of MGR Nagar, Prabhu has been helping his father in the evenings since he was 12. Children in his village generally leave school at 13, but work in the salt pans even before then, helping transport the salt from the pans to the sides for collection.

Prabhu enjoys being useful working with his father but wants other opportunities for himself and his family: “I want to stay in school. I want my little brother to stay in school, too,” he says. “It’s a new beginning.”

Save the Children has helped to rehabilitate the salt pans and is aiding the local fishing industry, too. Khaliya helps to support her children and grandchildren by collecting shrimp and crabs. All her fishing gear was washed away, and now she collects the crustaceans by hand. “Look at my hands,” she says, pointing at cuts. Then she pointed at netting waiting to be distributed. “Now we will make nets and my work will be easier. I will catch more.”

She’s a beneficiary of practical aid aimed at getting people back to productive work. Save the Children’s “cash-for-work” programmes have rehabilitated the salt pans where Prabha and his family work, and they are now producing salt again to support local villagers. Tools have been distributed to 225 boat carpenters in Nagapattinam. With Bharati Trust, a local NGO partner, Save the Children programmes are also targeting 668 households (more than 3,000 people) in six Irula tribal villages in Cuddalore district.

India Overview

From Relief to Reconstruction

Save the Children is working through partners in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to protect the rights of children who have been affected by the tsunami, their families and their communities, to support their recovery and rehabilitation and to reduce the vulnerability of communities in the area to future disasters.

KEY CHALLENGES

- Although only a thin coastal fringe has been affected by the tsunami, it is more than 2,000 kilometres long. This spread requires a great deal of staff travel time and cost. Our approach of working through a network of partners allows the operation to be more suited to local needs.
- Save the Children is committed to working through local partners. These will require capacity building, support, monitoring and evaluation to cope with the scale of the rehabilitation plan. Save the Children has systems in place to assess, provide training and monitor all partner organisations and will review its strategies accordingly.
- Given the involvement of a wide range of actors (currently, Government and UN agencies and around 400 national and international NGOs are responding to the emergency needs and the rehabilitation of tsunami-affected communities), coordination needs to be strengthened to ensure adequate attention to all areas (sectoral as well as geographical) and to avoid duplication of efforts. There is also a need for knowledge networking and partnership building to support policymaking and recovery planning. Access to knowledge resources and updated information is crucial for long-term planning and implementation.

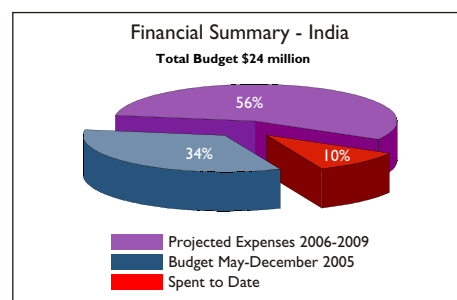
Integrating Assistance

Immediately following the tsunami, Save the Children staff responded quickly to assist thousands of children and their families. We delivered relief provisions to 3,000 households in Andhra Pradesh, to 4,700 families in Tamil Nadu and to a further 1,500 families in Pondicherry. We distributed food, cooking equipment, sleeping mats, clothes, medical and hygiene kits and materials for children including paper, pens and toys to give them a chance to play and express themselves.

We have shifted our focus to long-term recovery efforts and initiated a large rehabilitation plan for the next five years. We are working with local partners to help rebuild Integrated Childhood Development Centres and some homes, protect children, improve educational opportunities for children and provide “Cash-for-work” and micro-enterprise programmes to create new livelihoods for tsunami-affected communities.



Reuters/Adrees Latif



PROTECTING THE FUTURE

As we move from the emergency to the recovery phase, over the next five years Save the Children will continue to work to protect and educate children, provide shelter, restore the livelihoods of affected families and increase overall resilience to disasters for vulnerable communities in India, including:

- Providing temporary shelters for 205 displaced families (with provision made for an additional 500 families) and rebuilding a permanent child-friendly settlement for 200 households
- Rebuilding and re-equipping 153 integrated child centres in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, and rebuilding 20 temporary such centres in relief camps and 50 permanent centres in the Andaman and Nicobar islands
- Providing psychosocial support, nutritional support and health promotion
- * Providing a community-based child protection monitoring system and support the setting up of child resource centres
- Providing school materials and uniforms to help children back to school
- Restoring lost livelihoods to the tsunami-hit areas, including the fishing and salt-panning industries, and ensuring that local industries are better able to withstand economic shocks

Thailand Overview

Helping Hands

In total, 100,000 people in Thailand were affected by the tsunami and there are 1,080 children who have lost one or both parents. Save the Children was one of the first international NGOs to provide emergency support. Child protection (including children's centres, psychosocial support and protection, and support to migrant children); livelihood support; and HIV/AIDS awareness and protection were implemented.

Save the Children has been supporting local NGO partners. Through them we have provided 10 tons of rice to 500

families and new water supplies to five villages. We have delivered livelihood support to approximately 2,000 families in 25 communities; organised 1,200 children and youth in children's centres and camps; and put on puppet shows in 22 schools affected (reaching 4,575 children).

Through our partners in Thailand, Save the Children has established children's centres; provided safe play areas, youth groups and life skills training for adolescents, and group counselling. We are also assisting fishing communities in the poorest areas.

KEY CHALLENGES

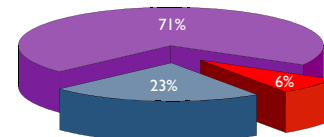
- Despite tremendous support from the international community and the Thai people, assistance is not always reaching the most vulnerable families and communities. Save the Children is working closely with communities to make sure that the most needy receive the necessary assistance.
- With many families still living in make-shift camps, the pressures and stress of the loss of loved ones, livelihoods and homes are still very much present. Save the Children is supporting families and children to deal with their trauma and to try to give them hope for the future.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE

- Continue supporting children's centres and other child-focused activities
- Follow up on child protection concerns and support local partners and local government in setting up a Community Child Protection Network
- Support our partners in setting up informal schools for children of migrant workers
- Monitor partners providing livelihood support to fishing communities and ensure that particularly vulnerable groups have access to support
- Finish supporting the construction of new boats and buy boat engines and fishing tools in five communities

Financial Summary - Thailand, Somalia and other Regional Activities

Total Budget \$9 million



Projected Expenses 2006-2009
Budget May-December 2005
Spent to Date

Somalia Overview

Practical Assistance

The impact of the tsunami was also felt on the Indian Ocean coast of the Horn of Africa region of Somalia. Though the intensity of the deadly waves was not as great as in South and Southeast Asia, Somalia's coast suffered extensive damage to property, services and livelihoods.

Save the Children is working in the Eyl, Bender Beyle and Hafun districts to help local communities. We are working to rebuild destroyed houses on higher ground in Bender Beyle town; improve access routes; rebuild boat repair workshops; collect garbage and establish disposal; construct new wells and latrines and upgrade water-supply systems.

We are also providing training for traditional birth attendants and community health workers and reconstructing schools.

KEY CHALLENGES

- Sporadic inter-clan fighting and banditry hinders implementation of the programme.
- The rainy season has compounded the problem of transport as roads become inaccessible.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE

- Continue supporting the local Ministry of Health with provision of medical supplies, and training of Community Health workers and Traditional Birth Attendants.
- Continue supporting the Ministry of Education with teacher training, educational materials and strengthening of community education committees.
- Continue supporting local authorities and communities to help regenerate livelihoods and improve food security for people affected by the tsunami.

Our Donor Commitment

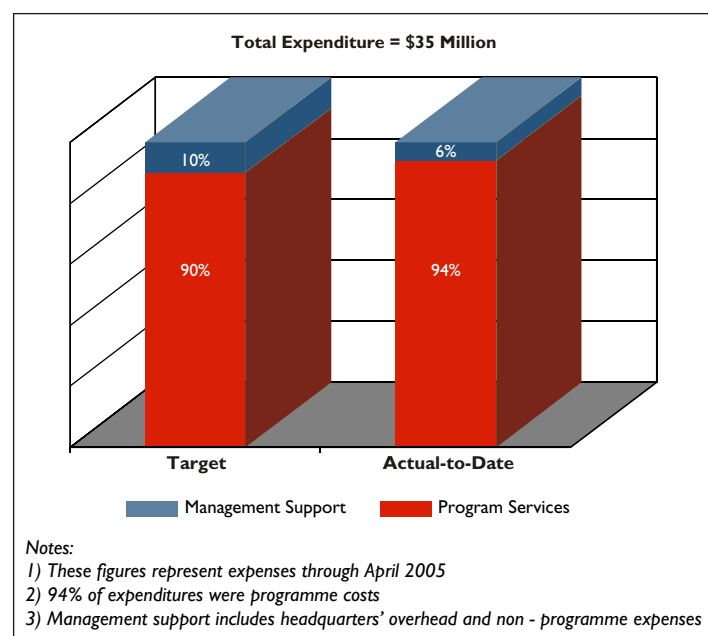
Save the Children is committed to all donors to manage the funds entrusted to it in a fully accountable and transparent manner. Of greatest importance is the obligation to use the funds responsibly to ensure lasting positive impacts for the children, families and communities affected by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami or any future calamity.

First and foremost, how does Save the Children create and implement meaningful programmes? Save the Children has a long history of successful programme activity built upon the professional expertise of skilled programme staff, strong leadership, practical experience, collaborative activities and proven results.

Quality programming starts with a comprehensive planning process that includes a baseline survey to help identify needs and serve as the basis to measure subsequent impact. During implementation, we continuously monitor programmes to assess progress toward objectives and perform periodic evaluations to determine how well programmes have been implemented.

Financially, Save the Children conducts audits and financial reviews to ensure financial accountability and the integrity of all activities and transactions. Internal auditors check the accounts regularly and all Save the Children national members conduct an annual independent audit of their financial statements.

How We Use Our Funds

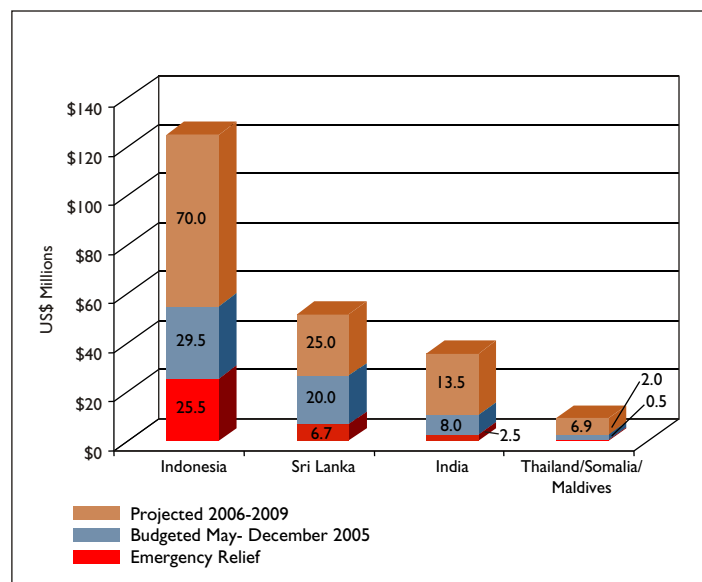


All figures and charts presented here and elsewhere in this report are to end-April 2005 and are unaudited.

Financial Report

The generosity of people, organisations and institutions throughout the world has been unprecedented with actual contributions or pledges received to date from all sources in excess of \$245 million. Of that amount almost \$210 million is currently budgeted for activities in the affected countries with the remaining more than \$34 million not yet allocated to a specific country, pending further detailed planning or actual receipt of the funding from donors.

Distribution of Funds

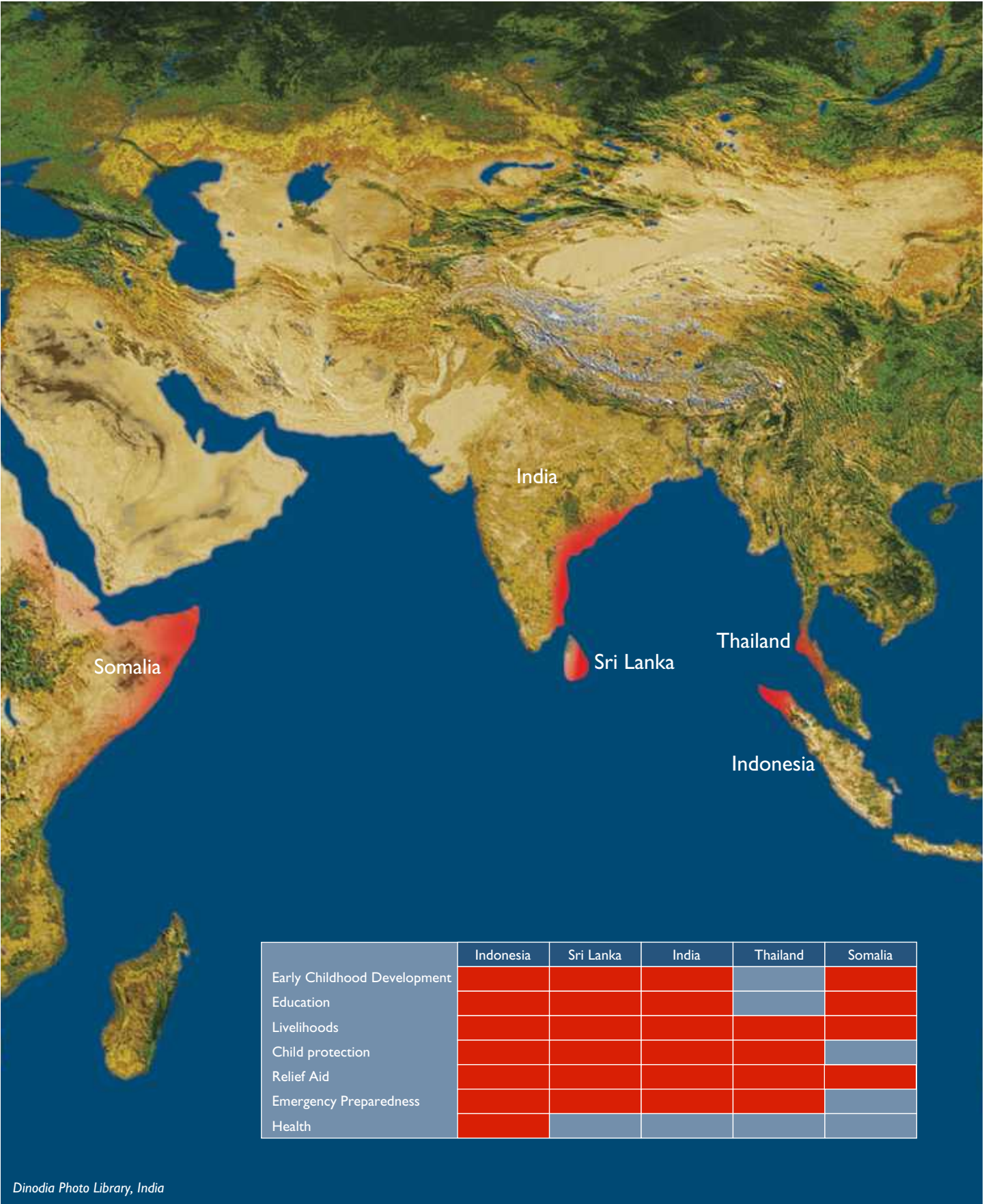


Our focus is to ensure that programme delivery is the primary use of Save the Children's resources. Some 94 percent of the total funds spent to date have been expended on programmes with the remaining 6 percent for management support. Typically, however, management support costs are relatively lower during the initial stages of emergency operations, so we expect those expenses to rise in the next few months and then stabilise as the continuing long-term programme is implemented. Nevertheless, our goal is to ensure that at least 90 cents of every dollar spent is for programme activity dedicated to children, their families and communities.

Financial Summary

Total Spent (December-April 2005)	\$35,266,556
Total Budgeted (May-December 2005)	\$59,605,894
Total Projected 2006-2009	\$115,391,468
Total Budgeted for Programme Activities	\$210,263,918
Strategic Reserve (not yet allocated)	\$34,916,488
Grand Total of Tsunami Funding	\$245,180,406

Save the Children on the Ground



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Save the Children's Work Around the World

Save the Children helps children to survive and thrive by improving their health, education and economic opportunities and, in times of acute crisis, mobilising rapid life-saving assistance to help children recover from the effects of war, conflict and natural disasters. In parallel with this, Save the Children works with individuals, other not-for-profit organisations, governments and the international community to raise awareness of threats to children's well-being and promote programme and policy changes that benefit children worldwide.

Education

Save the Children works to ensure that all children have access to quality education by helping establish relevant education programs that communities can run on their own, including: training teachers, developing education policies and curricula, supporting flexible or alternative learning models, preparing young children to succeed in school, and providing schooling for children caught up in natural disasters and other emergencies.

Health

Save the Children works to save lives by expanding access to essential care for newborns, children and mothers, providing immunizations, promoting better nutrition and improving sanitation facilities. Through our global network, we work in partnership with ministries of health and local and international organisations to promote innovative techniques that improve the quality, availability and use of effective health practices and services.

Economic Opportunities

The majority of poor people in the world are children. Save the Children helps children and their families find practical ways to lift themselves out of poverty. We provide job-skill training for youth, invest in women entrepreneurs and provide emergency employment opportunities in times of crisis.

Hunger and Malnutrition

Every child needs access to food on a sustainable basis - enough nourishing food to prevent malnutrition or stunting, uninterrupted by disaster or crisis. Save the Children provides emergency food during times of crisis, but just as important, we work with impoverished communities to address the underlying causes of hunger by increasing agricultural productivity, diversifying diets and helping mothers to care for their children better.

HIV/AIDS

Worldwide, 15 million children have been orphaned by AIDS. Children are also affected by the disease through the social stigma and poverty it brings. Save the Children provides care and support to children and parents affected by AIDS. We work to ensure families remain together for as long as possible, and to enable children to stay with their extended families or communities following the death of their parents.

Emergencies

Save the Children saves and transforms lives in emergencies. In addition to providing essential humanitarian aid, we also set up medical centres, rehabilitate schools, reunite separated children with their families and protect children from exploitation and abuse. We respond to children's immediate needs while prioritising long-term recovery and development. We place a high priority on preventing disasters where possible and finding sustainable solutions to recurring challenges.

New Global Challenge: Educating Children in Emergencies

The International Save the Children Alliance has launched a new global initiative to provide quality education for millions of girls and boys whose schooling has been interrupted by war and conflict.

Initially, we are focusing on eight countries that have experienced recent disasters or conflicts and seek to enable access to education for 3 million children currently out of school, improve the quality of education for a further 5 million and increase international resources in areas affected by armed conflict. The countries are Afghanistan, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda.

Child Protection

Save the Children works to protect children from sexual abuse, trafficking, child labour and emotional and physical harm. In situations such as armed conflict, where children's emotional and physical well-being is threatened, we seek to prevent the worst forms of abuse as well as take steps to help children recover when violence has already marked their lives.

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