

Tsunami Victims Need Your Help! by the Children's Hunger Fund

Children's Hunger Fund has been active in Indonesia since 1998. We assist tens of thousands of children, in 500 slums and villages, every month through a network of feeding centers, clothing distributions, and other relief programs. We have a unique partner in Indonesia, a Christian, humanitarian organization, called House of Love. House of Love (HOL) is one of only six charities (of 17,000) endorsed by the president of Indonesia, receiving his highest approval rating.

Shortly after the earthquake and tsunami of December 26th, HOL leader, Hana Ananda, asked CHF to help them respond to the victims of the devastation. Our pre-existing network of distribution centers, combined with HOL's heightened status with the Indonesian government left us strategically positioned to respond immediately.

Our first response was to provide satellite phones and communications equipment to facilitate coordination between three HOL distribution centers set up in Aceh, Medan, and northwestern Sumatra. Next, we funded an airlift of emergency relief aid from central Indonesia to the impacted areas. By God's grace, we had supplies already in Jakarta and Surabaya at the time of the disaster.

In the following days, we contacted our corporate partners, churches, and individuals, encouraging them to help. The generous outpouring of support has been remarkable! More than \$15 million in emergency relief aid has been donated in the past month. Some of the contributions include 110,000 MRE's (ready to eat meals), antibiotic treatments for 50,000 cases of Cholera, truckloads of assorted food, applesauce, powdered milk, shovels, tools, boots, clothes, and cleaning supplies.

Indonesia's Health Ministry says the number of people dead and missing has risen to 238,945. More than half the survivors are left homeless. Our operations target the Aceh province, the region hardest hit by the tsunami.

The region, known as "Serambi Mekah" (The Porch of Mecca) is the only province in Indonesia that has fully imposed Islamic Law. This presents an incredible opportunity for us to extend God's hand of compassion.

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to establish long-term distribution centers in the region. If successful, we will be able to provide more than \$25 million in humanitarian aid over the next six months. For every dollar donated, we will be able to distribute fifty dollars in aid!

If you would like to make a significant impact in the lives of the Indonesian children, please consider supporting Children's Hunger Fund's operations in Indonesia. Visit www.childrenhungerfund.org for more info and to set up automatic contributions through our secure server. *Send your donations to Children's Hunger Fund, P.O. Box 7085, Mission Hills, CA 91346-7085. To make a secure credit card donation, please visit our website at www.childrenhungerfund.org. All gifts are gratefully received and are tax deductible. To contact Children's Hunger Fund, please call (818) 899.5122 or (800) 708.7589.*