

LWR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE 2004 INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI

10-YEAR REPORT



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Destruction in the Kling Cot Arun area of Banda Aceh, Indonesia

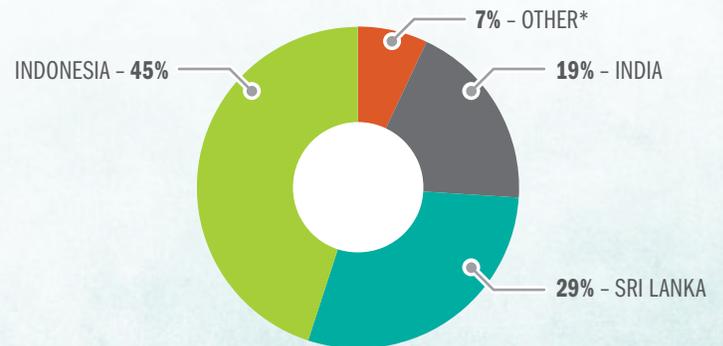
December 26, 2014 marks the 10-year anniversary of the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami that swept through Asia, forever changing the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. In total, 227,898 people were killed or were missing and presumed dead and about 1.7 million people were displaced in 14 countries in South Asia and East Africa. The tsunami caused more casualties than any other in recorded history (Source U.S. Geological Survey).

In the days and weeks following the catastrophe, there was an outpouring of support and commitment from Lutherans who put their faith into action by supporting the mission and ministry of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Individuals and congregations generously contributed more than **\$19 MILLION IN PRIVATE DONATIONS TO LWR**. This overwhelming generosity — unprecedented in LWR’s history — allowed us to provide life-saving aid to communities and commit to the long-term recovery of the region during the past decade. Your commitment enabled us to provide survivors with tools, knowledge, and resources to rebuild their lives and create more resilient communities.

We are pleased to report on the tremendous inroads made over the last 10 years, all thanks to your support. This work required significant engagement with local authorities and trusted local partners, as well as — and perhaps most importantly — communities devastated by the tsunami. On behalf of all of us at LWR and those we serve, thank you for your continued generosity.

OVERSEAS TSUNAMI RECOVERY PROGRAM EXPENSES BY COUNTRY



**Expenses include program management expense incurred in the Philippines, Thailand and Nepal by LWR field offices providing technical support to implementing partners and contributions to the ACT Alliance for multi-country relief activities, including \$100K for recovery efforts in Somalia.*

INDONESIA



With more than 230 million people, Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country. It is almost three times the size of Texas — 741,000 square miles spread out over 17,000 islands. Closest to the epicenter of the 9.0 magnitude earthquake that triggered the tsunami, Indonesia suffered the greatest losses. LWR began operations in Indonesia in early 2005 working with the ACT Alliance — a global coalition of churches and organizations working together to respond to needs around the world — and local partners to identify needs and gaps in the recovery efforts. From 2005 until 2014, LWR has operated from our base in Medan. LWR's projects were focused in the areas of shelter, livelihood recovery, disaster risk reduction, and food security. With funding for tsunami response projects ending in December 2014, LWR has committed to a long term strategy for Indonesia focusing on sustainable development programs in the most vulnerable communities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Strengthened the hard-hit coastal fishing communities by helping them access loans and credit to rebuild their lives and earn income
- Collaborated with Habitat for Humanity Indonesia in community-based reconstruction projects, helping thousands of families rebuild their homes and have access to clean water
- Trained farmers and small entrepreneurs by improving their management and marketing skills to increase their family's income
- Empowered communities by strengthening their disaster relief knowledge and practices
- Worked with development organizations regionally and in-country to prepare and share best practices for mitigating future disasters
- Helped women form cooperatives in order to improve their access to credit for growing existing businesses and establishing new forms of generating family income
- Trained young people in poor, rural communities on entrepreneurial and small business skills to become productive and increase family income

SRI LANKA



Patricia Lawrence for LWR

Two women tend to their land in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. LWR and a local partner reached 485 women with training so they could adopt new livelihoods that provide enough income to meet their household needs, thereby reducing their vulnerability to trafficking and other hardships in a post-conflict, post-tsunami environment.

Sri Lanka has a population of more than 19 million people in an area slightly larger than West Virginia. LWR opened an office in Sri Lanka in 2005 to provide support to vulnerable fishing communities. For the next eight years, we worked with fisher folk supporting more than 30 projects in the areas of shelter, psycho social support, community organizing, water and sanitation, and livelihood recovery.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided clean drinking water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of disease
- Supported fishing communities with boats, nets and hooks so they could continue to earn a living for their families
- Worked at the community level to assist families participating in rebuilding their own homes
- Helped train counselors to deal with the severe psychological impact on survivors in the short and long term
- Helped farmers improve their agricultural knowledge and crop management, increasing their ability to sell products at better prices
- Helped train and network communities to create small, eco-friendly agricultural businesses, linking them with new markets and expanding their management skills for the future
- Provided vocational training to disadvantaged youth

INDIA



The world's second most populous country, India has more than one billion people in an area roughly one-third the size of the United States. LWR began working in India in the 1950s by sending relief supplies to address the needs of those affected by famine and disease. Following the tsunami, LWR worked with the Lutheran Church and local partners and communities to reach more than 80,000 people with projects in early recovery and livelihood assistance.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped local fisher folk and Dalit families affected by the tsunami by providing boats and nets as well as start-up capital for small business development
- Provided education to communities, especially mothers with young children, on the dangers of water-borne diseases and maternal-child health
- Provided prenatal and immunization services
- Established non-formal education and day care centers so that more children could attend school
- Helped women establish a local savings systems while providing trainings on entrepreneurial skills
- Created access to business loans and credit for self-help groups through trainings in business and management skills