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East-West Center Tsunami Relief Fund Update

HONOLULU (DEC. 23) – A total of US \$506,978 has been contributed to the East-West Center Tsunami Relief Fund. The contributions have come from donations from the generous public and EWC alumni, through fund-raising activities conducted by the EWC and University of Hawaii students and staff, and school children in Hawaii and on the U.S. mainland. To date, 83 percent of the funds has been distributed. The remaining 17 percent is in the process of being dispersed to specified projects.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

WALHI (Indonesian Forum for Environment): Approximately 200 volunteers in Aceh providing emergency medical supplies, sanitation, food and water. www.eng.walhi.or.id

Uplift International: Medicine and medical supplies to victims in North Sumatra, Indonesia. www.upliftinternational.org

Sarvodaya: Food, tents and medical supplies to tsunami affected areas in Sri Lanka. Rebuilding villages and communities through 'Village to Village, Heart to Heart' program. www.sarvodaya.org

Operation U.S.A.: Medical and shelter supplies to tsunami victims in Indonesia; food, water, medical supplies and water purification equipment in Sri Lanka. www.opusa.org

Mercy Malaysia: Humanitarian services to tsunami survivors in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. www.mercy.org
(The EWC Tsunami Relief Fund matched money raised by local alumni chapters for this project.)

Vivekanand Medical Foundation and Research Centre: Aiding the poorest and most vulnerable people affected by the tsunami in India. www.vivekanand.org

Rajaprajanugroh Foundation: Working primarily with children orphaned by the tsunami in Thailand. www.dlfeschool.in.th/home/mainframe.htm

LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION

A. Education: (To assist in institutional rebuilding as many schools and universities not only suffered physical devastation but lost faculty and students to the disaster)

State Institute for Islamic Studies (IAIN Ar-Raniry), Indonesia

- Scholarships to 472 students and faculty
- Three-month intensive English language training program for forty junior academic staff to undergo language training as preparation for Masters / PhD programs at universities abroad
- Purchase a used vehicle for academic and community service programs

Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia

Six-month English language program for 50 academic staff in preparation for further education abroad

University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

Scholarships to 18 undergraduate students with financial needs who had lost a parent or guardian in the tsunami

Schools-Helping-Schools Project – The EWC’s AsiaPacificEd Program raised funds through U.S. schools under its Schools-Helping-Schools Project to help schools affected by the tsunami.

- **Wat Komneeyakheth School, Thailand**
 - Office equipment and 62 bicycles to enable students to cycle to school=
- **Ban Pak Weep School, Thailand**
 - Bus service for a year to enable 60 students to attend school
- **St-Ignatius School, Sri Lanka**
 - Computers, printers and photocopy machine
- **Navalady School, Sri Lanka**
 - Filing cabinets, bookshelves and cupboards
- **Kallady Vipulananda, Sri Lanka**
 - Computer; internet connection, and musical instruments

B. Health and Psychological/Social Support:

Operation U.S.A: Health development activities in Indonesia and Sri Lanka

- Rebuilding the Zaibidin Noel General Hospital in Banda Aceh, Indonesia
- Medical vehicle combination ambulance and mobile clinic based in the Kallady Village, Sri Lanka and serves several villages in the Trincomalee district.

Sunera Foundation: Support Foundation's Tsunami Theater Outreach Project utilizing music, dance, and drama to assist rehabilitation in Sri Lanka. www.sunerafoundation.org.

C. Rebuilding Homes and Livelihoods:

Samaritan Home Relief: Rebuilding the Samaritan Children's Home, an orphanage washed away by the tsunami on Sri Lanka's eastern peninsula. Also purchased bicycles, fishing nets, and Petromax lanterns for fishermen. Funds distributed through the alumni organization. www.samaritanchildrenshome.org (The EWC Tsunami Relief Fund matched money raised by local alumni chapters for this project.)

Habitat for Humanity: Contributed towards building supplies in Sri Lanka to support the work of self-financed EWC Asia-Pacific Leadership Program student volunteers. Three brick homes built in Anuradhapura. http://www.habitat.org/disaster/2004/asia_tsunami/default.aspx

ROSA (Rural Organization for Social Action): Assist villages in India to regain livelihood; supplied fishing nets and accessories, and repaired fishing boats, and sewing machines.

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