

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Raises \$18.6 Million In Tsunami Aid

Organization seeks federal matching funds

TORONTO / 29 March 2005 — DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has just approved 10 tsunami relief projects worth \$2.3 million (CDN) to help tidal wave survivors in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, traumatized children and young people, the homeless, and those who have lost their means of earning a living.

The funds are in addition to \$400,000 (CDN) in emergency aid that DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE sent to the region in the initial stages of the disaster.

In all, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE raised \$18.6 million (CDN) for tsunami relief and reconstruction, and is eligible for \$11.5 (CDN) million in matching funds from the federal government. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be asking Ottawa for matching funds for some of the tsunami emergency relief and reconstruction projects announced today.

The latest \$2.3 million (CDN) in aid will be provided as follows:

- \$1.2 million to help people return to work in Sri Lanka;
- \$680,000 in Indonesia to support trauma counselling, community kitchens, human rights projects and independent observers to monitor reconstruction work and increase accountability by local officials;
- \$370,000 in India for housing, clothing, household items, fishing boats and nets;
- \$100,000 in Thailand for medical aid, education, and helping people return to work.

Additional projects will be funded in the months and years ahead as part of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's multi-year tsunami reconstruction and rehabilitation program.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has set a ceiling of 8.5% on administrative charges for its Tsunami Emergency Campaign, 3.5% below the Canadian average of 12%.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is the official international development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. It works with people of all faiths to fight poverty, suffering and injustice in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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