

NATION THAT FACE A CATASTROPHE

Colombo (Disaster Management & Information Programme): Tsunami effect in Sri Lanka shows that the tiny little Island in the Indian Ocean is not prepared enough to deal with disasters. At this stage the Sri Lankan Government needs support from all the civil society, political and religious groups to deal with this national catastrophe.



According to the Sri Lankan Prime Minister's Operation Room the death toll due to tsunami is 4,610.

The damage has not been counted yet. Civil society groups and media agencies are working with communities in other parts of the country to collect relief and dry food items to distribute among affected community members. There are more than 2,000 IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps around Sri Lanka at this stage.

The Disaster Management & Information Programme is implementing a long term disaster response for this situation and will co-ordinate with the government authorities, civil society agencies and community groups.

The Disaster Management & Information Programme of Green Movement of Sri Lanka is implementing the following damage assessment process:

1. Six teams of five people are in Trincomalee, Gampaha, Colombo, Puttalam, Ampara, Batticaloa, Galle, Kalutara, Hambantota and Matara. Jaffna and Mullativue are been covered by the Secretariat for Immediate Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Needs in the North and East (SIHRN).
2. Green Movement of Sri Lanka is working with 200 young men and women in affected districts to provide necessary support to community members in affected areas. The Green Movement of Sri Lanka is planning to increase this number of young men and women up to 1,000 bases on resources and facilities.
3. The Disaster Management & Information Programme is planning to produce an initial damage assessment report on the situation (covering social, economic, health, livelihood, infrastructure, cultural, environmental and other damages) with traumatic stress, human rights, child abuse, violence against women and discrimination issues by end of the week.

Disaster Management & Information Programme of Green Movement of Sri Lanka is closely networking and co-ordinating with the National Disaster management Centre, Prime Minister's Office and the President's Office through out this situation to share information and provide necessary support.