

## Recovery Progress by Mid April, 2005

Immediately after tsunami disaster, the government has initiated a relief and recovery process. Various government institutions with donor community and non governmental organizations have been implementing projects and programmes during the last three months. Achievements of the sector-wise recovery process according to TAFREN are as follows:

### Housing and Urban Development

#### *Impact*

- 35,100 houses fully damaged.
- 47,500 houses partially damaged.

#### *Progress*

- Temporary shelters provided for 95,937 persons in 263 camps.
- Transitional housing provided for 15,470 families.
- 3,700 households given Rs.50,000 first installment to rebuild houses.
- Land required for new settlements identified.
- 159 MoUs signed with 71 donors for 34,000 houses.
- Construction work started on 2,325 permanent houses.

### Livelihood

#### *Impact*

- Loss of employment estimated at 275,000.

#### *Progress*

- 234,000 households are getting Rs.5,000 per household per month temporary relief.
- 881,000 persons are getting Rs.375 per week temporary relief.  
(Rs.200 in cash + Rs.175 in rations).
- Rs.5 billion Susahana loan scheme for micro, small & medium industries:
  - Rs.915 million disbursed to 2,060 applicants.
- Rs.700 million loan scheme for micro industries via NGOs registered with National Development Trust Fund:
  - Agreements for Rs.318 million executed via partner organizations.
  - Rs.103 million disbursed to partner organizations.

### Water Supply and Sanitation

#### *Impact*

- 550,000 displaced persons affected.
- 10 pipe borne water schemes damaged.
- 50,000 house connections damaged.
- Dug wells contaminated with sea water.
- Rs.20 billion needed for rehabilitation & reconstruction.

### Health

#### *Impact*

- 72 hospitals damaged.
- 363 facilities damaged (clinics, dispensaries, offices, etc.)
- Rs.10 billion needed for reconstruction.

#### *Progress*

- Donor pledges cover almost 100% of the damage.
- 22 MoUs signed by Ministry of Health for Rs.6.9 billion.
- Kinniya Hospital reconstruction started.

- No disease outbreaks.
- No deaths due to lack of medical care.

## **Education**

### ***Impact***

- 182 schools damaged.
- 98 schools need to be relocated.
- 282 schools used as IDP (internally displaced person) camps damaged.
- 4 universities partially damaged.
- 3 advanced technical training institutes damaged and need to be relocated.
- 13 vocational training institutes damaged; 10 need to be relocated.
- Rs.17 billion needed for reconstruction (excluding land acquisitions).

### ***Progress***

- Donor pledges to reconstruct 177 schools.
- MoUs signed to reconstruct 163 schools.
- Reconstruction started on 2 schools.
- Donor pledges to reconstruct 155 schools used as IDP camps.
- MoUs signed for 59 schools used as IDP camps.
- MoU signed for 1 vocational training institute.
- Repair work on 4 universities started.

## **Fisheries**

### ***Impact***

- 15,300 boats and 1 million nets destroyed or damaged.
- Rs.20 billion needed for rehabilitation & reconstruction.

### ***Progress***

- Pledges for Rs.12.5 billion received from donors.
- 12,900 boats pledged by donors.
- Boat & engine repair centres set up.
- 7,300 boats repaired free of charge.
- New nets being issued by the Government and NGOs.
- Foreign Donor projects also cover:
  - Coast conservation.
  - Boat manufacturing yards.
  - 10 fisheries enterprises with boats, cold storage, etc.
  - 13 fishing harbours.

## **Roads and Bridges**

### ***Impact***

- 1,615 km of roads damaged:
  - 135 km of national roads.
  - 300 km of provincial roads.
  - 1,180 km of local authority roads.
- 23 bridges damaged:
  - 2 in Northern Province.
  - 15 in Eastern Province.
  - 6 in Southern Province.

### ***Progress***

- All damaged roads temporarily repaired and made motorable within 2 weeks.
- All damaged bridges bypassed with temporary Bailey Bridges and made functional.
- Rs.31 billion in donor pledges to repair & modernize coastal roads from Panadura to Jaffna.
- Rs.3.5 billion in donor pledges to repair & modernize provincial & rural roads in affected areas.

## **Power**

### ***Impact***

- 222,660 households lost access to electricity.
- 6,500 km service lines, 600 km low voltage lines & 50 km medium voltage lines destroyed.
- Rs.6.7 billion needed to rebuild electricity supplies.
- Rs.4.8 billion more needed for additional transmission & power generation.

### ***Progress***

- 47 substations repaired.
- 32.8 km high voltage lines repaired.
- 136.5 km low voltage lines repaired.
- 8,580 houses given service connections.

## **Railways**

### ***Impact***

- Damages to the railway network:
  - 160 km of rail tracks.
  - 11 engines and 20 carriages.
  - 10 railway bridges.
  - 35 railway station & 34 substations.
  - 176 km of signaling & communication network.

### ***Progress***

- Emergency repairs to damaged railway tracks completed within 1 month.
- Foreign donor pledges for Rs.38 billion in grants & soft loans cover:
  - Rehabilitation of tracks to increase maximum speed to 100 km.ph.
  - Replacement of damaged infrastructure.
- New line constructions for double rail tracks from Negombo to Matara.

## **Telecommunication**

### ***Impact***

- Services partially or totally affected in the coastal belt from Jaffna to Matara.
- Many towers & exchanges along the coastline severely damaged.
- Cable network along the coastline also damaged

### ***Progress***

- Most of the damage repaired by the telecom operating companies.
- Rs.1.8 billion project planned to build 300 towers island wide for wireless CDMA.

## **Tourism**

### ***Impact***

- Rs.25 billion estimated damage to the tourism industry.
- Out of 242 hotels in operation (14,100 rooms), 84 hotels damaged (3,553 rooms).
- Over 70% drop in tourist arrivals, in the first 2 months.
- Room capacity insufficient when arrivals start increasing from October 2005 as expected.

### ***Progress***

- Incentives to hoteliers & tourism related enterprises include:
  - Import duty waiver for hotel refurbishment.
  - Susahana loans up to Rs. 10 million with no repayment in the first year.
  - Tourism vehicle replacement.
- Tourism Resort Zoning plan to rehabilitate & reconstruct 15 towns, including housing & infrastructure.
- MoU signed to build 125 community based houses.
- Tourism Marketing Recovery Programme initiated with a US\$ 5.3 million budget.