

Matara District

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Education	School Buildings, Furniture, Sanitary Facilities, Electricity, Water etc. damaged.	65
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- Progress review meetings were held daily.
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- Estimates on damages were prepared and temporary houses for displaced people provided.
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- 2,670 transitional houses were provided.
- Construction of 722 houses were completed.
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Confronted Problems and Issues

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- Poor knowledge and experience of the staff in handling disaster management.
- Scarcity of public lands nearby the affected areas.
- Scarcity of skilled labour.
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Challenges Ahead

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Post Tsunami Recovery Process District Experience and the Challenges Ahead

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Introduction

Tsunami disaster on 26th December 2004 has caused a vast damage to the coastal belt in Matara district when compared with coastal lines of other areas in the Island. Table No. 1 shows such damages caused to 4 Divisional Secretariat divisions in Matara district.

Tsunami damages

Divisional Secretariat	No of Families Affected	No of Persons Displaced			No of Deaths	No of Injured	No of Missing
		In Camps	With Relatives	Total			
Matara	5493	1269	1254	2523	430	2850	102
Weligama	6589	1314	1818	3132	469	1850	28
Devinuwara	3984	233	827	1060	57	752	06
Dickwella	3678	286	2507	2793	185	1200	21
Other					80		443
Total	19744	3102	6406	9508	1221	6652	600

There were 23480 persons in 69 camps up to 31.12.2004 by 07.04.05 that number reduced to 22 camps and 3102 persons.

Details on welfare camps

Divisional Secretariat Division	No. of Camps	No. of Families Displaced	No. of Persons Displaced
Matara	06	353	1269
Weligama	10	365	1214
Dickwella	03	81	286
Devinuwara	03	44	233
Total	22	846	3102

The following tables indicate the estimated value of the damage caused to Government organizations.

Summery of Estimates for Damages - Matara District
(As at 03rd of February 2005)

Sector	Estimated Cost Rs.	
	Sub Total	Total
Roads		
a) R D A Roads	51,250,000.00	
b) Provincial Council Roads	12,700,000.00	
Total		63,950,000.00
Local Authorities		
Municipal Council – Matara	24,100,000.00	
Urban Council – Weligama	5,800,000.00	
Pradheshiya Sabawa - Weligama	23,300,000.00	
Pradheshiya Sabawa – Dickwella	20,300,000.00	
Pradheshiya Sabawa – Devinuwara	6,000,000.00	
Total		79,500,000.00
Electricity	62,004,000.00	62,004,000.00
Telecommunication	170,000,000.00	170,000,000.00
Agriculture		
a) Agrarian Services	7,000,000.00	
b) Agriculture Department	1,079,375.00	
Total		8,079,375.00
Co-operative societies	29,950,000.00	29,950,000.00
Transport – Ruhuna Bus Company	6,937,000.00	6,937,000.00
Water Supply & Drainage Board	55,217,257.00	55,217,257.00
Health Services	11,840,000.00	11,840,000.00
Fisheries Industry & Aquatic	439,170,000.00	439,170,000.00
Education	65,513,500.00	65,513,500.00
Banks		
a) Ruhunu Development Bank	97,491,600.00	

b) National Savings Bank	3,254,067.00	
c) Peoples' Bank	3,851,500.00	
d) Samurdhi Bank Societies	10,108,300.00	
Total	114,705,467.00	114,705,467.00
Housing Damages		
Fully Damages (Per Unit = 2362 X Rs.350, 000)	826,700,000.00	
Partly Damages (Per Unit = 5659 X Rs.75, 000)	424,425,000.00	1,251,125,000.00
Other Government Institutions	217,651,665.00	217,651,665.00
Grand Total		2,570,243,264.00

Summary of Estimates for Damages
Other Government Institutions

Institution	Estimated Cost Rs.
Post Office	15,560,000.00
Religious Places	63,024,900.00
Labour Office	1,294,805.00
Southern Province Irrigation Department	1,550,000.00
Urban Development Authority	23,000,000.00
Police Station	72,000,000.00
Vocational Training Authority	6,233,000.00
District Secretariat Matara	7,000,000.00
Divisional Secretariat Welligama	4,050,000.00
Divisional Secretariat Dickwella	2,211,460.00
Judicial Services	16,375,000.00
S.P. Ministry of Land & Land Development	4,802,500.00
Coconut Cultivation Board	4,802,500.00
TOTAL	217,651,665.00

Activities

Quick relief service measures were taken for displaced people in these camps are as follows:

- Supply of cooked food for the displaced.
- Supply of first aid and health facilities
- Supply of water and sanitation
- Supply of electricity and other necessities
- Holding daily progress review meetings.

The cooperation of political authority, Government Organisations as well as NGO and general public was received to make this work success.

Mid Term

In the aftermath of above mentioned quick measures following measures were taken for the displaced.

- Preparation of estimates of damages in the district.
- Supply of temporary houses for displaced people who reside in schools and resumption of such schools.
- Affiliation of students and teachers of damaged schools into other suitable schools.
- Implementation of transitional housing scheme.

Progress of the Transitional Housing Scheme

	Matara	Weligama	Dickwella	Devinuwara	Total
No. of transitional houses needed	571	1243	771	185	2670
No. of houses completed	157	712	149	58	722
No. of houses in construction	65		20	48	133

Compensations for fully damaged and partially damaged houses

D.S. Division	100,000 Rs		250,000 Rs		Total Amount (Rs)
	No	Amount	No	Amount Rs.(000)	
Matara	426	42,600	96	2,400,000	2,442,600
Weligama	825	82,500	213	5,325,000	5,407,500
Devinuwara	50	5,000	34	850,000	855,000

Dickwella	133	13,300	32	800,00	813300
Total	1434	143,400	375	9,375,000	9,518,400

Long Term

- Measures of identifying and acquisition of suitable lands for the construction of permanent houses.
- Payment of compensation for partially and totally damaged houses.
- Identifying lands for setting up Govt. buildings and schools which are to be relocated.
- Initial measures necessary for the Matara modern city development plan.

Constraints

Financial

Non availability of needy funds in other Govt. organizations unfulfilling these necessities. We had to supply required provisions for all these activities such as fuel to Army forces.

Administration

Lack of understanding of certain organizations towards their duties and responsibilities in such disastrous situation.

Skilled Labour

Scarcity of skilled labour as most skilled labourers are displaced due to disaster.

Buildings

Difficulty in finding suitable buildings for the resumption of Govt. institutions damaged due to Tsunami as well as difficulty in finding suitable buildings in resettling the displaced.

How to overcome difficulties

- Obtaining monetary assistance from NGOs
- Preparation of proper mechanism in order to distribute financial and other resources to areas damaged due to disaster.
- Obtaining skilled labour from other areas.
- Leasing private lands

Recommendations

- Proper management mechanism on disaster management at National, District and Divisional level has to be formed.
- Setting up of a early system
- Seek local and foreign training opportunities for relevant officials
- Maintaining a monitoring programme at National level on NGO/INGO.
- Setting up a proper and effective mechanism on decision making process from national level to divisional level.
- Making officials aware of the importance of collecting relevant data in such disastrous situation.
- Inculcating necessary technical knowledge in officials in order to maintain a data base update.