

IOM Emergency Relief Assistance to the Asia Emergency INFORMATION UPDATE - 19 January 2005



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Transportation of Aid

IOM has responded to a request from the Government of Sri Lanka to assist in the provision of transport and logistical support of relief items and personnel arriving at Bandaranaike International Airport. Since the beginning of operations on 6 January, IOM has provided free transport assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka, embassies, international organizations, NGOs and other donors. In total IOM has dispatched:

- 145 trucks, each with the capacity to transport 10MT of cargo,
- 13 buses with a total of 315 passengers/relief workers.

IOM now has a fleet of 35 trucks of 10 metric ton capacity. Specialized trucks for container shipment and passenger buses are also available.



Chronological summary table of IOM Transport Assistance

Date	Vehicles	Contents	Destination	Consignees
06/01/05	5x 10MT trucks	Water sanitation equipment	Galle	Austria
	1x 40-seat bus	38 Austrian sanitation experts/officers	Galle	Austria
07/01/05	1x 40-seat bus	Spanish relief team	Trincomalee	Spain
	14x 10MT	Water sanitation equipment	Galle	Austria
08/01/05	1x 40-seat bus	Turkish medical team	Kilinochchi	Turkey
	1x 10MT truck	Medical equipment	Kilinochchi	Turkey
	2x 20 seat buses	Hungarian medical teams	Colombo-BIA-Colombo	Hungary
	1x small truck	Luggage	From Colombo to BIA	Hungary
	1x 10MT truck	Medical equipment, luggage	From BIA to Colombo	Hungary
09/01/05	4x 10MT trucks	Water sanitation equipment	Galle	Austria
10/01/05	3x 10MT trucks	Medical equipment, medicines	From BIA to Colombo	Sri Lankan Ministry of Health
	1x 10MT truck	Water purification equipment, medicine	Galle	Consulate of Hungary
	2x 10MT trucks	Disaster relief tents	From BIA to Colombo	GOSL



IOM operation staff oversee the loading of relief supplies onto trucks bound for tsunami-affected areas.

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Summary Continued

Date	Vehicles	Contents	Destination	Consignees
11/01/05	10x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	To transport cargo from BIA to different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
12/01/05	5x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	BIA to Colombo	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
	10x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	Different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
	1x 10MT truck	Tents	Ampara	
13/01/05	1x 26-seat bus	12 counselling experts	Trincomalee	Colombo University
	5x 10MT trucks		From BIA to different locations in the Country	Prime Minister's Office
	15x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	Different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
14/01/05	1x20ft container truck	Medical supplies	From BIA to Colombo	Ministry of Health
	2x 10MT trucks	Fishing boats	Hambantota	CEYNOR – Norwegian NGO
	15x 10MT trucks	Medical Supplies	Different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
15/01/05	1x 42-seat bus 1x 26-seat bus	52 Lecturers and Students	Batticaloa	Open University of Sri Lanka
	1x 42-seat bus	Team of Russian Doctors	From BIA to Colombo	Russia
	2x 10MT trucks	Fishing boats	Hambantota	Prime Minister's Office
	1x 10MT truck	Clothes, food	From BIA to Colombo	Prime Minister's Office
	1x 10MT truck	Medical supplies	From BIA to Colombo	Ministry of Health
	15x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	Different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
16/01/05	15x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	Different locations in the Country	Medical Supply Division of the Ministry of Health
17/01/05	2x 42-seat bus	Team of Russian Doctors	Hambantota	Russia
	5x 10MT trucks	Mobile hospital, aluminium partitions, furniture	Hambantota	Prime Minister's Office
	1x 10MT truck	Dry rations	Matara	CNO
	5x 10MT trucks	Medical supplies	Different locations in the country	UNFPA
	2x vans	Spanish medical team	From Kinniya to Colombo to Kinniya	Spain
	2x vans	personnel	Different locations in the country	CNO - at their disposal for 2 months



Amidst grief and destruction, IOM emergency aid provides a first glimmer of hope. © IOM/Natalie Behring/OnAsia 2005.



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Shelter

Rain and heat make the swift deployment of shelter materials to families who lost their homes essential. IOM staff acted quickly to deploy shelter materials for affected families. Temporary homes have been provided to over 4,500 displaced people in affected districts. More temporary shelter is under construction, along with latrines.

IOM field staff work in close coordination with district authorities and other humanitarian agencies on the ground to ensure that the needs of local populations are met and duplication is avoided.

In Matara, IOM is providing temporary shelters for 213 displaced families in five camps. IOM provided a local site engineer who planned sites, and field staff who aided in construction.



Unloading of tents for use in evacuation camps for tsunami victims. © IOM 2005.

Site preparation is in progress in Batticaloa, to establish camps with temporary shelters for displaced families currently living in schools, temples and government buildings.

To meet the immediate needs of the affected population in Ampara and Trincomalee districts, IOM provided 535 tents for some 3,500 people. Field staff also organized the connection of clean water supplies to these camps.

Registration

Following the tsunami disaster IOM anticipated the need for proper registration of affected populations.

So as not to cause undue distress to the victims, a questionnaire was designed that was purposely limited to essential data fields. A total of 30,000 copies were printed and distributed to IOM field offices in Sri Lanka. To date the form has been applied only in areas where IOM is active.

As of 17 January 6,800 families have been registered by IOM staff in the eastern coastal districts of Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara.

In Matara, IOM was invited to provide technical assistance in an already active registration process conducted by the Government Agent's office. IOM contributed by donating hardware and technical resources. The technical assistance included optimizing the database, improving the user interface and setting up procedures to receive data from several different physical locations into one central location. The enhanced data collection software allowed for a dramatic increase in the productivity of the data entry operators. As of 12 January 6,959 individuals have been registered in Matara. IOM will continue to provide technical assistance.

Through the Centre for Nationwide Operations (CNO), the government of Sri Lanka is undertaking a comprehensive data collection process of all tsunami survivors and victims. It is estimated that the database will incorporate one million records. Once created, it will facilitate all queries regarding tsunami related response and research. IOM is providing financial and technical support to the work of the CNO in this critical process.

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