Swiss aid after the tsunami of 26 December 2004

Following the 2004 tsunami, Swiss Humanitarian Aid deployed resources mainly in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand. A total of CHF 35 million was spent on emergency operations and various rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes.

**SRI LANKA**

**Cash for reconstruction**
The SDC contributed to the rehabilitation of 10,500 homes. The amounts – ranging from USD 1,000 to 2,500 – were given to the families who were themselves responsible for organising the reconstruction work.

**THAILAND**

**Support to fishing communities**
Four fishing villages have benefited from SDC aid. In addition to rehabilitating infrastructure, the SDC provided funds to create vegetable gardens and fish farms as well as providing the communities with 73 fishing boats.

**INDONESIA**

**Securing drinking water**
The SDC focused its efforts on rehabilitating a key facility for treating and distributing drinking water. To date, 62,000 m$^3$ of water are being distributed daily in the city of Banda Aceh.

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