

Tsunami Disaster Project: Country Research

Indonesia	Sri Lanka
India	Thailand
Maldives, Seychelles	Malaysia
Somalia, other African countries	Myanmar (Burma)

Scenario: You are working for a unit of the United Nations involved in coordinating disaster relief. Because of your excellent background knowledge of earth science and your specific expertise on *Economics and Politics, Death and Disease, Physical Effects, or the Historical Context* of the tsunami disaster, you have been chosen for a task force group that will evaluate the disaster relief that is needed in your assigned country.

After doing your research, your task force group will make a brief **presentation** on the status of your assigned country at a conference on general tsunami relief. You will also write an **individual report** summarizing your findings and making recommendations for additional action. Here is your task:

Research your assigned country on the Web. Include basic data on the country, but include as much as possible about the impact of the tsunami. Be sure to include information related to your Expert Group research: Also consider the following:

Where is the country located? Be able to identify it on a map of the world and a map of the region. You might also want to print a map of the country itself.

What can you find out about the country and its people? What are some statistics that would help understand it? What is its geography like? What kind of government does it have? How many people live there? What languages do they speak? How do they make their living?

How was the country affected by the tsunami? What was the death toll? How many are homeless or displaced? What is the impact on jobs? What was the property damage?

What aid agencies are working in the country? Are they governments, or NGO's (non-governmental organizations)? Where are they from? What kind of aid is being provided, and what aid is still needed?

Resources:

ReliefWeb is a website of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. It provides disaster information to and about charities working around the world.

<http://www.reliefweb.int/>

USAID is the United States Agency for International Development, which provides economic and humanitarian assistance through the U.S. Government.

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

CIA- The World Factbook. This site tells all about a country, including statistics, government, and a map.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/se.html>