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## BACKGROUND

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### HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recommends that individuals wishing to help in this time of need make donations to well-established and experienced relief agencies. The donation of money, rather than goods, is the most effective way to help as it allows experienced organizations to make the best use of each dollar donated. Individuals wishing to make a financial donation may contact CIDA recommended Canadian non-governmental organizations responding to the crisis in the region.

#### The Canadian Red Cross

Canadians wishing to make a financial donation may donate online at <http://www.redcross.ca/>, call toll-free 1-800-418-1111 or contact their local Canadian Red Cross office. The 24-hour line accepts Visa and MasterCard. Cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Red Cross, earmarked "South East Asia Earthquake and Tidal Wave Relief" and mailed to Canadian Red Cross National Office, 170 Metcalfe Street, Suite 300, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 2P2. Donations of goods are not accepted.

In addition, Canadians may make a financial donation at the following banks:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BMO Financial Group</li><li>• Canadian Western Bank</li><li>• CIBC</li><li>• HSBC Bank Canada</li><li>• Laurentian Bank of Canada</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Bank of Canada</li><li>• RBC Royal Bank</li><li>• Scotiabank</li><li>• TD Canada Trust</li></ul>
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#### Other Aid Agencies

Donations can also be made by contacting the following agencies:

- Canadian Organization for Development and Peace 1-888-664-3387
- World Vision 1-800-268-5528
- Unicef Canada 1-877-955-3111
- Oxfam-Canada 1-613-237-5236
- Care Canada 1-800-267-5232
- Médecins sans Frontières, 1-800-982-7903

#### Information on the disaster

Anyone with Canadian loved ones in the disaster region can contact Foreign Affairs Canada's Emergency Operations Centre at 613-944-2471 or 1-800-606-5499.

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