

**Day 1:
26.12.2004**

REPORT FROM AFFECTED AREAS IN KERALA:

Kollam, Alappuzha and **Ernakulam** are the worst affected districts of Kerala.

Kollam: Karunagapally taluka suffered major fury. Thousands of people have lost their lives but casualties are definitely going to be rise. 6600 people are currently housed in 26 relief camps which are being manned by our volunteers. We are operating 6 ambulances and also providing food, clothes, medicines and beddings to all sections of the community regardless of class, creed, colour or religion.

Alappuzha: 23 people are reported to be dead. More bodies are being recovered. 800 houses have been damaged; most of them belong to poor fishermen. Relief camps are jam-packed. There are only 14 camps and around 40000 people are housed. All of these camps are being run by our volunteers. The district administration seems to be helpless. Sewa Bharti has opened a relief camp in the Kayamkulam Taluk Hospital, much to the relief of the Government Authorities.

Ernakulam: Our training camp at Nayarmbalam has been converted into a relief camp. Food and medicines have been arranged for around 600 inmates. Further help is pouring in food grains, medicines and clothes are being collected which are badly required for relief operations.

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Day 2:

28.12.2004

TSUNAMI RELIEF WORK BY SEVA BHARAT I - TAMILNADU

Chennai, Dec 28: Nagapattinam district is the worst affected in the tsunami attack on the Tamilnadu coast. Approximately 4000 lives have been lost in the district.

DEAD BODIES REMOVED:

More than 500 Volunteers are engaged in this task. So far the administration has removed 2000 dead bodies. The Volunteers have removed 805 dead bodies. Volunteers from Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Ambur, Salem and Erode have also rushed to Nagapattinam to render assistance.

AMBULANCES RUSH HELP

Two ambulances one each from Salem and Coimbatore are used in Nagapattinam for the rescue and relief operations. Assistance in the form of rice, dhal, clothes, and medicines from all parts of the state are pouring into the district.

DARING VOLUNTEERS, DARLINGS OF THE PUBLIC

In the Kolachal area of Kanyakumari district more than 200 Volunteers are engaged in the relief works. So far 96 bodies have been recovered from that place. Govt. officials contacted Seva Bharati members and requested them to participate in the rescue and relief work.

TRAINING THE SOCIETY IN SEVA

At Kolachal a joint effort with The Ramakrishna Mission has been undertaken to distribute vessels for cooking. A Medical camp is being organised by Dr.Deiva Prakasam, District Seva Bharati president of Nagarkoil. So far 5 such camps have been conducted.

Our Volunteers who were at Vandavasi camp collected money for the relief work going door to door. With a view to render relief assistance at the affected areas the Volunteers are conducting surveys. One of the Villages badly affected in Kanyakumari district is Pallam. Volunteers are actively engaged in relief work there.

FIRST ON SPOT IN FAR-FLUNG AREAS

Compared to other districts in Tamilnadu the damage suffered by Chennai city is on a lesser scale. But Media and NGOs are concentrating only on Chennai. Therefore Volunteers are engaged in relief work in areas like Pazhaverkadu and Kovalam near the city.

REPORTED DEATHS ALONG TAMILNADU COAST

Chennai	150
Kanchipuram	81
Tiruvallur	12
Villupuram	35
Cuddalore	410
Nagapattinam	3000
Kanyakumari	1000

A survey is being conducted in the coastal belt to assess the extent of damage and the areas which need rehabilitation work:

- 1) Repairing of damaged fishing boats
- 2) Buying fishing nets
- 3) Subsidising diesel supply to the mechanized fishing boat owners

**Day 3:
29.12.2004**

Report from Volunteers who have started the relief work in various part of Costal Andhra Pradesh

1. A team of doctors and volunteers from Jaya Bharat Hospital (Nellore) have started the medical facilities in affected area and saved nearly 43 lives (as per the preliminary information)
2. Batches of workers started the relief work in 5 centers (Mypadu, Iskapalli, Koduru, Chennai Pale and Krishna Puram villages).
3. A temporary relief camp was started in Singarayakonda in Prakasm districts and the local workers were helping the Government authorities
4. 3 medical vans from Guntur district rushed immediately to Prakasm district with preventive medicines and a batch of 50 workers from Kanigiri were also joined the team.
5. A batch in Natha Ramewsaram (of east Godavari district) also started the relief camps in the same area.
6. A survey is going on to estimate the total loss incurred in the costal Andhra.

