Indonesia: South Asia Earthquake and Tsunami
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"Some 11,460 people were killed and thousands more were missing after a powerful earthquake...triggered giant tidal waves." (AFP)

SITUATION
A massive earthquake struck the west coast of Indonesia's northern Sumatra island on 26 Dec 2005 generating Tsunamis that killed thousands of people throughout east and southeast Asia. AFP reports more than 11,000 deaths in the region: app. 4,200 in Indonesia, 7,000 in India and Sri Lanka, hundreds of deaths in Thailand, Maldives, Myanmar, and Malaysia. Death toll expected to rise as more information becomes available.

ACTION
UNDP administrator, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator requesting all UN Country Teams in affected region to convene crisis meetings immediately. Indonesian Red Cross en route to Aceh. Sri Lanka declared state of disaster. IFRC has launched 6.6 million USD appeal for assistance for 500,000 affected people for six months.

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