Health Services Delivery: Sharing of the *Singapore* Experience

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Singapore’s Relief Efforts

- **INDONESIA**: Comprehensive Health Services, Logistics
- **THAILAND**: Forensic, Search & Rescue
- **SRI LANKA**: Primary Healthcare
- **MALDIVES**: Public Health
- **INDONESIA**: Comprehensive Health Services, Logistics
INDONESIA - OPS FLYING EAGLE

- Largest ever SAF Operation
- About 1500 people deployed
  - Command HQ, Medical teams
  - Engineers, Air & Naval crew, Air traffic control teams etc.
- Home-base support (About 5500 personnel)
- 3 Helicopter Landing Ships
- 6 Chinooks & 4 Super Pumas
- 2 Field Hospitals in Banda Aceh & Meulaboh
THAILAND – DVI efforts

• Identification of Disaster Victims

• Search for survivors

• Full DVI team of:
  – forensic pathologists & dentists
  – DNA scientists
  – CID fingerprint experts
SRI LANKA & MALDIVES

Sri Lanka
- Voluntary Welfare Organizations led in providing Primary Care

Maldives
- Provision of clean water thru air lift
- Treatment plant for 3000 people
It’s about logistics

• Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower

• 8 Fixed-Wing Transports
  – 6 C130s
  – 2 Fokker 50s

• 3 LST
MEULABOH, Aceh
Meulaboh
Generic SAF Relief Mission

• Experienced in disaster relief
• Standby under UNDAC system
• A primary healthcare team plus basic load of medical supplies deployable via C130
• Work effectively with local civil or military authority
Mission in Meulaboh

• Generic model would not work due to scale of devastation and isolation
• LST with sea, air and land transport capability
• Primary health, field surgical team, public health
• Focus on speed of response
Needs Assessment

- Provided by public health-trained doctors & medical officers trained under UNDAC system
- Additional resources and supplies brought in during resupply runs
Coordination

- International
- National
- In Theatre
Capacity

• Military Operational Readiness & Preparedness facilitated quick response
• Mobilization of healthcare workers from civilian sector
• Flexible & Effective support system
• NGOs and Voluntary Welfare Organizations for Longer Term Engagement
Conclusion

- Relief mission succeeded due to:
  - Comprehensive medical services
  - Logistical support
  - Language capability
  - Sensitivity to local customs
- Professionalism of all involved