

Press Release

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The London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre Responding to the South Asian Disaster

More than 125,000 people have been killed in South East Asia and the number is still rising following the Tsunami earthquake, the world's largest earthquake in 40 years and the fourth largest since 1900, which devastated Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and Somalia. More than one million children left orphaned, homeless or facing starvation, according to UNICEF. UNICEF official said. There is no fuel, no food, no telecommunication, no water, or sanitation. The survivors are in dire need of cooked food, water, shelter, sanitation and basic first aid.

British charity agencies started a massive aid campaign. Dr Ahmed Al Dubayan the Director General of the London Central Mosque Trust & the Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC) was shocked and opened a Tsunami Emergency Fund with an open donation appeal for the victims of the disaster who are in need of cooked food, water, shelter and sanitation. Donations can be made by calling to ICC or by cheques.

Cheques should be made payable to ICC Tsunami Emergency Fund

“Due to the nature of the disaster it is feared that communicable diseases may be on the rise resulting again in a high death toll. Providing clean water and stopping the spread of malaria, cholera and dengue fever will be a high priority for relief organizations as these diseases can easily spread in unsanitary conditions. What matters right now is that we all contribute as best as we can financially and also pray for those families who have either lost their loved ones or have been injured in any way "said Dr Yunes Teinaz, Health & Management Advisor for the ICC Director General.

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Red Cross, Red Crescent <http://www.ifrc.org/>