



5th Meeting of Agencies

Overview of co-operative responses at international level

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The ICA Response



A brief overview on how ICA addressed the Tsunami disaster and defined its role as well as actions undertaken and next steps

The ICA Response (Dec-Jan)



The Regional Office for Asia and Pacific and co-operative organisations in the affected countries published appeals

The ICA Response (Jan)



At a meeting organised by COPAC with agencies on 19 January, it was decided to create a forum to collect, exchange information and promote collaboration for more effective impact, reach of reconstruction assistance and avoidance of duplication. It was agreed to share information using ICA as a platform thus ensuring an equitable distribution of funds collected for co-operative reconstruction.

The ICA Response (Jan-March)



The Co-operative world mobilized its members for immediate relief, including special issues of the *Digest*. As a consequence donations were provided directly to ICA, co-operative organisations or through the Red Cross and other relief organisations.

The ICA Response (March-July)



ICA members transferred payments to an ICA account. Some members indicated the organisation to be supported, others asked ICA to use the money wherever most needed. Robby Tulus was appointed as ICA's special co-ordinator.

The ICA Response (Mar-Sept)



A number of agencies and co-operative organisations sent fact-finding missions, made needs assessments and drafted projects.

The ICA Response (Jan-Dec)



Some agencies, but not all, sent information and brief reports on their findings to ICA. Some of them put regular updates on their websites.

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ICA is an independent, non-governmental association which unites, represents and serves co-operatives worldwide. Founded in 1895, ICA has 223 member organisations from 89 countries active in all sectors of the economy. Together these co-operatives represent more than 800 million individuals worldwide.



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ICA Regional Offices
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ICA-ILO Joint Statement on the Occasion of United Nations International Day of Poverty Eradication, 17 October 2005 (pdf)

ICA General Assembly 2005, Cartagena (Colombia) Election Results, Rochdale Award winners, ...

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... an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise...

**"Self-help, not "charity"
Empowerment not "aid"**

"Co-operatives do not go away and turn their back to the people's needs. On the contrary - they contribute to build-up and develop local economies."

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