

US RESPONSE TO THE SUMATRA TSUNAMI

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ABSTRACT

The United States Government provided, through the National Science Foundation and the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Interior, and State, substantial immediate rescue and relief support, immediate and ongoing scientific and technical expertise, and created programs to provide long term aid for the nations affected by the Sumatra tsunami.

An overview of these contributions will be presented, along with agencies plans for the future to support the construction of a Tsunami Warning System for the Indian Ocean through the United Nations framework.