

For Release: Friday, 21 December 2007

Contact Abdi Noor: +61 3 9938 2010 or Mob: +61 3 (0)437355096

Email: abdi.noor@savethechildren.org.au

THREE YEARS ON FROM THE TSUNAMI

Rebuilding lives – children’s road to recovery

It has been three years since the devastating South Asia tsunami of December 2004 changed millions of children’s lives forever. The tsunami was the most complex humanitarian disaster in the agency’s history and Save the Children continues to assist hundreds of thousands of children living in areas affected by this disaster. We have now moved on from relief operations to longer-term support and assistance, while strengthening local organisations and communities.

Save the Children has released a report on our tsunami response: [*Three years later - Rebuilding lives after the tsunami – the children’s road to recovery*](#). The report summarises the work of Save the Children to assist the children and families improve their lives and futures in critical areas such as child protection, education, health and livelihoods as part of our five-year response and recovery programme.

“As you will read from the accounts of parents and children, Save the Children is helping to bring about significant changes in the life of children and families since the tsunami disaster, but we recognise that we need to continue our efforts to respond to the many challenges on the road to long-term recovery and development,” says Save the Children Australia CEO, Margaret Douglas.

* ENDS*

*Millions of children’s lives were changed by the 2004 earthquake and tsunami. Many thousands of children lost their lives and many surviving children lost one or both parents. Children – especially those living in poverty – are the most vulnerable victims of a disaster and its aftermath. Download the tsunami report for stories from children and their parents - [*Three years later - Rebuilding lives after the tsunami – the children’s road to recovery*](#).*

Save the Children Australia is part of the International Save the Children Alliance, made up of 28 member countries. Working in over 100 countries, Save the Children is the world’s largest independent child rights development organisation. For more information, visit www.savethechildren.org.au.

