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## **BAPS Care International Helps Hard-Hit Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

With its current relief efforts in the areas near Chennai, India still expanding, BAPS Care International has now launched relief operations on Andaman & Nicobar Islands. These islands, some 1400 kilometers off the Kolkata shore in the Bay of Bengal, are said to be one of the worst affected areas in India in the aftermath of the earthquake and related tsunami waves of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Thousands upon thousands of innocent sufferers are currently displaced, distressed and depressed.

A BAPS Care survey team was immediately stationed at Port Blair (a major harbor) to coordinate relief work with the Honorary Lieutenant Governor of the Andamans Sri Kapse and the District Magistrate. BAPS Care surveys soon discovered that the islands' entire fresh water reservoir had become contaminated with sea water. "With no fresh water and major destruction in the area, diarrhea, malaria, and infection are further flooding the affected islands," said Nilkanth Patel, President of BAPS Care. "That's why we are taking urgent action to give families and especially children, who are more prone to death in these circumstances, the attention they need."

As a result BAPS Care, working closely with the Hon. Lt. Governor, provided specific relief materials and necessary aid. Accordingly, BAPS Care's center in Kolkata sent drinking water, medical assistance, household materials, and clean-up assistance to the troubled area. Details as of January 3, 2005 are listed below as efforts are still underway.

- **Drinking Water**
  - 30,000 pouches (9,000 Liters) of mineral water
  
- **Medical Assistance**
  - 11,000 anti-dehydration powder packets
  - 55,000 Anti-Malaria tablets
  - 1,000 Anti-Malaria injections
  - 40,200 Anti-Depression tablets
  - 16,600 Anti-Diarrhea tablets
  - 6,000 Anti-Vomiting tablets
  - 1,000 Anti-Vomiting injections
  - 10,000 Paracetamol (Fever and Pain Relief) tablets
  - 400 Antibiotic injections
  - 2,000 injections for operation purposes
  - 300 Mineral Boosting injections
  - 800 Saline injections



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- 1,000 Anti Urinal-Infection injections
- 1,000 Pain Killer injections
- 1,920 Antiseptic Cream tubes
- 900 Sterile Water injections
  
- **Household Materials**
  - 940 Blankets
  - 500 Plastic Buckets
  - 520 Flashlights (with Batteries)
  - 3,000 Bars of Soap
  - 625 kg. of Detergent Powder
  - 2,040 Tubes of Toothpaste
  - 3,600 Bottles of Hair Oil
  - 2,160 Bottles of Talcum Powder
  - 1,972 Packets of Balm
  - 6 Tons of assorted Clothing
  
- **Clean-Up Assistance**
  - 700 Pairs of Handgloves
  - 7,000 Mouth Masks

### **How you can help**

Secure online donations can be made at [www.bapscare.org](http://www.bapscare.org) or over the phone at **(888) CARE-881**. For more information, contact Shailendra Adroja at (888) CARE 881.

Additional, checks made payable to "**BAPS Care International**" can be mailed to:

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