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DoD to Provide up to \$65 Million of Stocks to Tsunami-Ravaged Countries

On 4 January, President Bush directed ([Presidential Determination 2005-16](#)) the Department of Defense (DoD) to use up to \$65 million of defense articles and services from its inventories and resources. These actions, known as drawdowns, are part of the continuing US effort to provide humanitarian relief to South Asian nations affected by the 26 December 2004 tsunami.

DSCA, the agency tasked to execute [DoD drawdowns](#), is coordinating with the State Department, US Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), Combatant Commanders and other DoD stakeholders to confirm requirements and to issue orders to Military Services to identify articles and services available to support relief efforts.

Under section 506 (a) (2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the President may direct DoD to drawdown articles and services in response to international disasters. Recent cases of use of DoD drawdown authorities in response to natural disasters include Hurricane Mitch in 1999, Venezuelan mudslides and East African Floods in 2000.

Thus far, President Bush has pledged \$350 million in US assistance to the tsunami and earthquake relief efforts. For additional information and latest news on U.S. Government efforts to support tsunami affected areas and DSCA's Humanitarian Assistance and Mine Action programs please check the following web links:

USAID - http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/

DoD - <http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/tsunami/>

DoD resources heading to the region - <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/tsunami.pdf>

PACOM - <http://www.pacom.mil/>.

DSCA - <http://www.dsca.mil/programs/HA/HA.htm>