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## **ANZ, staff and affiliates' donations to Asia Tsunami Disaster Appeals reach \$1.9 million**

ANZ announced the total of its company, staff, management and ANZ international affiliates' donations to Asia Tsunami Appeals had today reached \$1.9 million.

The total donation includes a \$700,000 contribution by ANZ and \$750,000 from staff and management to the World Vision Asia Tsunami Disaster Appeal, together with around \$450,000 in donations to Indonesian-based appeals by ANZ affiliates PT Panin Bank and PT ANZ Panin Bank.

ANZ Chief Executive Mr John McFarlane said: "The Tsunami and particularly the scale of the evolving aftermath is an extraordinary situation demanding a response from all of us.

"I am incredibly impressed at the generosity of our staff who have donated \$500,000 so far and I expect this number to rise in the days to come. Staff contributions will continue to be matched by additional donations from ANZ. We knew many of our staff felt strongly about assisting the relief effort but the actual response has been overwhelming

"Additionally 600 ANZ volunteers will answer telephones this weekend, and others have organised locally to collect goods and funds at their workplace," he said.

ANZ's 744 branches across Australia are accepting donations on behalf of World Vision, UNICEF and the Red Cross. Over \$5.5 million in public donations have been received by ANZ so far.

In New Zealand, ANZ and The National Bank are accepting donations on behalf of New Zealand Red Cross, Oxfam and the Sri Lankan Association. They have collected NZ\$636,000 for the Red Cross and NZ\$51,000 for Oxfam to date.

ANZ has also established a BPAY facility for the World Vision Asia Tsunami Disaster Appeal.

Details of how to donate by internet or phone banking can be found at [www.anz.com](http://www.anz.com) by following the World Vision Asia Tsunami Disaster Appeal link. ANZ, along with other Australian banks, have also waived all fees associated with donations to the major community organisations leading the appeal for relief funds.

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