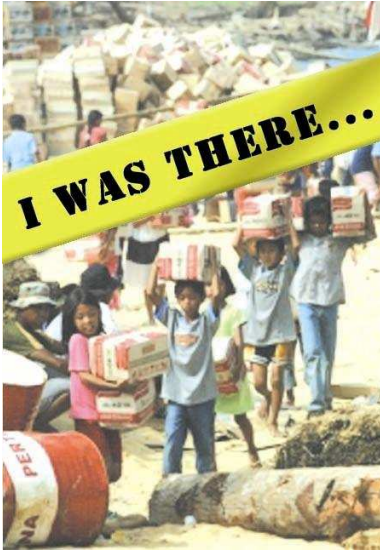


STUDENT'S HANDOUT



Background Information

Your school will soon be visited by Ms. Katrine Williams, an aid worker at the heart of the Canadian International Development Agency who spent the month of May, 2005, in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. She was there to witness the breadth of international aid dedicated to the catastrophe caused by the tsunami of December, 2004. Ms. Williams is willing to come for an interview, and it will be broadcasted by your school's student radio station. As an accredited journalist of the station, you must prepare the questions that you will use during the interview with this special guest.



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Instructions

Prepare ten complete and pertinent questions that you will ask to Ms. Williams, with the goal of helping young listeners of the station to realize the value of Canadian humanitarian aid in countries affected by the 2004 tsunami. As a base to help you formulate the questions, use your personal knowledge of the situation in Indonesia and the information provided in this text. Begin each question with a descriptive phrase.



General Information

The earthquake and deadly tsunami of December 26, 2004 cut short the life of close to 200,000 people in the countries surrounding the Indian Ocean. After the immediate catastrophe, populations were left mourning the deaths of loved ones and the loss of their goods and sources of revenue.

City streets and coastal highways were carried away by the water, along with bridges and piers. The coastal geography is no longer the same, drastically changed by the earthquake and the tidal waves that followed.

Immediately following the catastrophe, around 2000 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) arrived to the rescue, of which many were small "family" groups that arrived to fulfill very specific mandates. Certainly there was confusion, unnecessary duplication of services, and territorial battles. A few months later, the situation began to improve, the largest organisations having been able to ensure better coordination between themselves

and local governments. In relation to this subject, Ms. Williams confided, "I was strongly impressed by the excellent work of the NGOs, such as member societies of the international movement of the Red Cross, CARE, OXFAM, and UNICEF, for their work to prevent illness and to fulfill the most pressing needs of survivors. All of these organisations benefited from Canadian help.

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