



PRESS RELEASE

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AXA HELPS VICTIMS OF THE CATASTROPHE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Faced with the scale of human tragedy that has impacted the countries of Southeast Asia in the wake of the tsunami disaster of the 26th December, the AXA Group offers to help the victims, reflecting in this way the spontaneous generosity of its employees across the world, who have made individual donations.

In the short term, to further assist employees who wish to make donations, dedicated accounts are being set up in each country in which AXA operates. The total amount collected by employees will be transferred to humanitarian organisations selected locally.

AXA will match employees' individual donations by donating at least Euro 1 million to humanitarian emergency relief efforts.

In the medium term, and in the spirit of AXA's business, financial protection, the Group will provide financial support and expertise to the development of an advanced warning system to prevent the recurrence of such a human tragedy.

The AXA Group, a worldwide leader in financial protection, has operations and employees in Indonesia, Thailand and India. To the best of our knowledge, we have no reports of any casualties among our employees.

These dynamic countries, which today are suffering, can count on the solidarity of the AXA Group to support their recovery.

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