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## County will launch effort to gather relief for tsunami victims

The County of San Bernardino will launch an effort to direct much-needed assistance to victims of the Asian tsunami, which to date has claimed an estimated 150,000 lives.

The Board of Supervisors, at the urging of Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, today directed county administrators to create a means by which county employees and the public can contribute resources to the relief effort.

"All of us have been stunned and overwhelmed by this event," Supervisor Hansberger said. "More than 5 million people are at risk of disease and starvation. Urgent action is needed."

The County Administrative Office will work with other county agencies and departments to set up a relief fund, the details of which will be announced to the public as soon as possible.

A relief effort set up by the county has the promise to produce significant results. Even if participation were limited to the county's 16,511 employees, the effort would tap into the Inland Empire's largest workforce.