

The Ramsay Way

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Special Report

Ramsay Relief Package on its Way to Sri Lanka

The Ramsay Health Care Tsunami relief package of more than \$250 000 worth of urgent medical supplies are now being air freighted and are scheduled to arrive in Sri Lanka on separate consignments on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The supplies, including syringes, bandages, plasters, scalpels and giving packs, are being air freighted to Sri Lanka by Emirates Air Cargo.

They will be used in the administration of first aid, pain relief, antibiotics and immunisation to patients, and for the management of fractures, wounds, and infections.

Ramsay Health Care has coordinated the distribution of these urgently required medical supplies directly with the Sri Lankan Navy Medical Unit, the Sri Lankan Government, and members of the Medical Industry Association in Australia.

There are nearly 17,000 critically injured and wounded people in Sri Lanka and therefore the need to get medical supplies into the country is urgent.

Managing Director Pat Grier said the Company believed that channelling their efforts and funds to supply much-needed medical supplies was the way that we can be of most assistance in helping

victims of this disaster.

"It is really heartening that many of our suppliers have given such fantastic support to this relief effort," he said.

"There has been a lot of work go into coordinating this massive relief effort and we will be pleased to see the supplies on the ground in Sri Lanka over the coming days where they can be of most use."

The Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy's Medical Unit will personally coordinate the distribution of medical supplies donated by Ramsay Health Care to hospitals throughout the affected areas.

Locally, Ramsay's 36 hospitals are contributing to the effort through a corporate employee appeal as well as other local appeals by supplying medical and pharmaceutical aid, and money.

A number of medical and nursing staff from Ramsay hospitals have volunteered to assist in the disaster relief effort and Ramsay Health Care will support their efforts by providing leave and free travel insurance.

Mr Grier said all Ramsay Health Care employees should feel proud that we have made a significant contribution to the relief efforts for this enormous humanitarian crisis.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the numerous Tsunami Appeals operating around the country. As health care workers there is no doubt that we appreciate the need for all of us to have the opportunity to express our response to the recent events affecting our neighbours.

From time to time our world is shaken to its foundations and we are forced to realise that as individuals, communities and nations, we are not in isolation.

Ramsay Health Care staff have shown in the past, as well as now, their readiness to offer assistance to those less fortunate. Our staff have recognised a vast human catastrophe, which has drawn the people of the world together, in ways not previously seen.

Examples of some of our hospitals uniting together with their local communities include:

- The Valley and South Eastern Private Hospitals contributed medical supplies to a number of their doctors who have travelled to Sri Lanka to assist.
- Beleura has had more than 25 beds collected by the Red Cross.
- Although only a small facility, Donvale's Social Club donated their Christmas raffle money to the appeal.

- Baringa donated \$2000 to an appeal being run through the local Coffs Harbour newspaper in conjunction with Care Australia.
- Hollywood filled a number of containers with medical supplies, which were been transported to the different areas affected.
- Lake Macquarie Private Hospital staff have donated cash, clothes, and toys to Fr Riley's "Youth Off The Streets" charity to help with the establishment of an orphanage in the Tsunami struck region. The Hospital is also matching cash donations dollar for dollar for a period of time.
- Management of North Shore Private Hospital, with the assistance of the Sydney Neuro Oncology Group, are holding a fundraising luncheon on Friday.
- Peninsula Private Hospital's Dr Peter Cole (Thoracic Surgeon) flew to Banda Aceh as part of a 10 person medical team. To assist him, the Hospital arranged through Ramsay his travel and medical insurance and a medical supplies package from Johnson & Johnson. The Hospital has also contributed clothing through Church Groups.

May we all continue to be aware of ongoing opportunities to show our support, care, and concern.

Dayani Coordinates Distribution of Supplies in Sri Lanka

Dayani Perera, Ramsay Health Care Taxation Manager left Australia on Tuesday, 11 January, and will coordinate the logistics for collection and distribution of the medical supplies to Sri Lanka. Her flight arrived at 6am Wednesday, 12 January (Australian time).

While in Sri Lanka, Dayani will meet with the Commanders of the Sri Lankan Navy and Naval Medical Unit and also with the Sri Lankan Government's Ministry of Health.

Already, Dayani has been in close contact with the Commander of the Navy Medical Unit who is willing to personally oversee the distribution of the medical supplies.

The Medical Unit will receive the supplies at the Sri Lankan airport and will then immediately distribute the supplies to Hospitals and treatment centres throughout the affected areas.



"As roads and rail tracks have been destroyed by the Tsunami certain areas can only be accessed by boat," Dayani said before leaving for Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan Navy will bear all the costs of distributing the medical supplies, with the full amount of the Ramsay donation will be used to provide medical supplies to those in need.

Dayani will provide reports regarding the relief process from Sri Lanka over the coming days, which will be posted on the Ramsay Health Care intranet.

Thanks to Our Supporters

Ramsay Health Care has thanked the following organisations for their valuable contribution to the Ramsay Tsunami Relief effort:

- **Baxter Healthcare** supplied intravenous fluids.
- **Smith & Nephew Medical** supplied bandages, plasters, cotton wool, and scalpels.
- **Terumo Corporation** supplied syringes.

As a result of their contributions of goods in kind and goods at reduced prices, the Company has been able to distribute a relief package worth more than \$250, 000 to the Sri Lankan Navy's Medical Unit. Managing Director Pat Grier said he was delighted that many of our major suppliers had been more than willing to assist us.

"This has been a massive coordination effort by many people and the support of some of our major suppliers has assisted us to be able to channel our efforts and funds to supply these much-needed medical supplies on the ground in Sri Lanka."

In addition, the Medical Industry Association of Australia gave its support to the Ramsay Health Care relief effort such that members of that Organisation saw fit to support Ramsay Health Care's proposal. Emirates Air Cargo has air freighted the urgently needed medical supplies at much reduced rates. Other support has come from Johnson & Johnson Medical who offered surgeon's kits for Ramsay Health Care doctors travelling to affected areas. Device Technologies were also supportive of Ramsay's efforts.

Mr Grier said Ramsay Health Care was extremely proud to be able to provide direct assistance to those affected by the Tsunami disaster. "The management and staff of our Organisation acknowledge the cooperation and valuable contribution of all these Companies," he said.

Ramsay Tsunami Appeal – How you can help?

The fall out from this disaster will be significant and it will be many months, even years before some normality returns to these regions. To this end, many staff members have asked what they can do to help and in response we have set up the following mechanisms by which you can provide support:

- A special **Ramsay Health Care Tsunami Appeal Fund** has been established. Staff can make donations to this fund via once-off donation or payroll deduction. You may wish, for example, to donate a period of annual leave meaning that you would donate the net after tax value of the amount of leave that you decide to give up. Unfortunately donations to the Ramsay Tsunami Appeal Fund are not tax deductible. To make donations to the Ramsay Appeal Fund contact your local pay office.
- Staff can choose to make tax deductible donations of \$2 or more to the **Sydney Neuro Oncology Group (SNOG)**, a not-for-profit research group associated with Ramsay's North Shore Private Hospital. SNOG has joined with Ramsay Health Care in donating \$50 000 towards the purchase of medical supplies to go to Sri Lanka. Donations to SNOG can also be made via your local pay office. Similarly, payroll deductions or deductions of a period of leave can also be made to SNOG. These funds will go towards the Ramsay Relief Program.

Further information about the above can be found on the Ramsay Health Care Intranet or contact Group HR, phone **07 3233 6012**. Thank you for your interest and assistance and to those staff who have already supported this Appeal.

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