

## INFORMATION NOTE

### CHILDREN IN TSUNAMI-AFFECTED COUNTRIES

Children account for a large proportion of casualties both because they represent 39 percent of the overall population of the eight hardest-hit countries and because they were physically less able to outrun the water or withstand the force of the water and/or debris.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Total population</b>	<b>Population under 18</b>	<b>Under 18 % of pop*</b>
Bangladesh	146,736	65,342	45%
India	1,065,462	414,965	39%
Indonesia	219,883	77,966	35%
Maldives	318	158	50%
Myanmar	49,485	18,759	38%
Somalia	9,890	5,401	55%
Sri Lanka	19,065	5,734	30%
Thailand	62,833	19,183	31%
Sub-region	1,573,672	607,508	39%

\*(in thousands, 2003)  
source: SOWC 2005

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