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APPEAL FOR MYANMAR (BURMA) CYCLONE RELIEF

Upon hearing of the deadly cyclone that ravished Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) earlier this month, Tamil Canadians were reminded of the 2004 tsunami that devastated many Asian countries including Sri Lanka. Canadians were generous in their outpouring of support to assist in the emergency relief and long-term reconstruction efforts in tsunami affected areas in Sri Lanka.

Watching the impact of the cyclone in Myanmar unfold on the evening news, members of the Tamil Canadian community feel compelled to engage in a fundraising drive to raise money to support the relief efforts in Myanmar. The Canadian Tamil Congress is spearheading this effort by encouraging members of the community to make a donation to Global Medic's disaster relief fund.

Global Medic, an arm of the David McAntony Gibson Foundation (DMGF), provides emergency relief services and supplies to victims of man made or natural disasters around the world. Global Medic also conducted a successful mission, providing emergency medical aid and training to tsunami affected areas in Sri Lanka.

"This is our way of saying "Thank You" to organizations such as Global Medic who provided disaster relief to Sri Lanka in the aftermath of the tsunami, by contributing towards relief efforts in another disaster affected country." said David Poopalapillai, National Spokesperson for the Canadian Tamil Congress. "We urge members of the Tamil Canadian community to support the cyclone relief efforts in Myanmar."

The death toll in Myanmar has risen to 22,500, and at least 41,000 are now missing. International aid workers fear that even more deaths will result in the aftermath of the cyclone. The Canadian Tamil Congress urges concerned individuals to make a donation to support the relief efforts in Myanmar.

Donations can be made to Global Media via their website: <http://www.dmgf.org/>

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