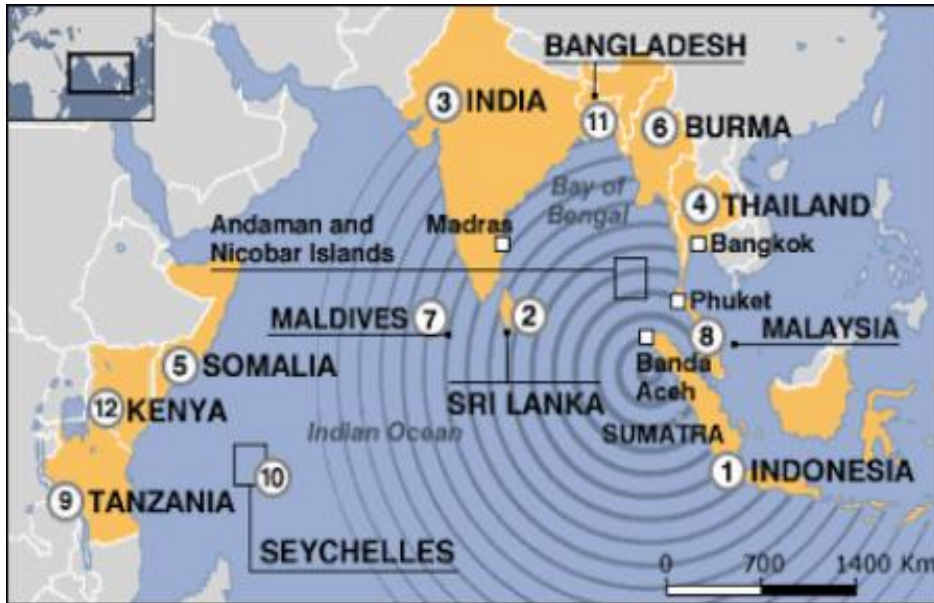


MEGA WAVE



Shows where tsunami hit.

By Elliot

Yesterday, a tsunami struck most of the regions in the Indian Ocean. It happened 20 minutes after one of the biggest earthquakes the world as ever seen. At the moment services say a quarter of a million people are dead, and the people on the coast worst affected.

The wave was created by two tectonic plates rubbing together (a transform plate), which sent a wave of energy, to create a tsunami.

The tsunami killed more woman than men and \$9.9 billion dollars' worth of buildings were destroyed. The services made an approximate guess that 141,000 houses destroyed. Pat the local policeman (age 54) said "Around 275,000 people got killed and I am lucky not to get hit, also I do not know where to start helping people."

The citizens of Banda Aceh were not warned and did not have time to run away (for they were sitting down when it hit). Penny (age 12) said "I saw a big wave and warned people to get to high ground," she also said, "my warning saved 10 lives." Many houses have been destroyed and millions of livelihoods have been wrecked.



Altogether, the tsunami was tragic and They need to be prepared if it happens again.