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bus response



65 vehicles donated to tsunami appeal

WITHIN days of the launch of **Asia Bus Response**, **65** vehicles have been donated, and the campaign, launched last week in route**ONE**, is now targeting councils and community groups to increase the response.

The appeal for vehicles, to help rebuild communities and livelihoods in the worst hit areas of Sri Lanka and Indonesia, is a practical response to the need for reconstruction following the devastation of the tsunami.

Vehicle donors so far include Blazefield Holdings, Go-Ahead Group, Group Travel of Cornwall, Harris Coaches of South Wales, National Express, Oxfordshire County Council, Southern Vectis, and Trent Barton.

Buses, parts and equipment will be shipped and distributed by development agency, Islamic Relief. Vehicles donated must be robust, high-floor and low-tech, in good condition and fit for a few years' hard work. Donor companies will be responsible for getting buses to a UK departure point.

To pledge buses, spares and equipment or to leave messages of support, email info@asiabusresponse.co.uk or call Mitch de Faria on 01664 561711; for local authority co-ordination and ideas about how local authorities can help, email Andrew Varley at Lancashire County Council, andrew.varley@env.lancsc.gov.uk Tel 01772 263336.

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