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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **On 30 September 2009, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake, followed by a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of West Sumatra Province in Indonesia.**
- **At least 75 people were killed, and thousands are feared trapped under collapsed infrastructure.**
- **Thousands more are reported to be displaced, as a result of heavy rains and landslides.**
- **The Government of Indonesia has initiated needs assessments, relief response and decided to provide emergency relief assistance for 2 months.**

II. Situation Overview

On 30 September 2009, at 17:16 pm local time, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of West Sumatra in Indonesia. A second 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck at 17:38 pm local time. The coastal city of Padang, the capital of West Sumatra Province, is amongst the hardest hit areas. The earthquake was along the same fault-line that spawned the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004, and was also felt in North Sumatra, Riau, Aceh, Malaysia and Singapore.

At least 75 people are confirmed dead, and thousands are feared to be trapped under rubble of collapsed houses, hotels and hospitals. The Ministry of Health fears that the death toll could be significantly higher, as search and rescue efforts pick up. In addition, thousands of people are reported to be displaced, as a result of heavy rains and landslides following the earthquake. Initial reports indicate significant damage to infrastructure, including telecommunications, roads, bridges and water supply systems. Land access between Sumatra and Bengkulu is cut off. The airport facilities in Padang have been temporarily closed. There have also been media reports of several fires in some of the affected areas.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Response

The Government of Indonesia is leading needs assessments and relief response efforts. On the evening of 30 September, a high level Ministerial meeting discussed emergency response. The Government then decided to provide emergency relief assistance to the affected population in West Sumatra for two months. At least six disaster response teams have been deployed to Padang City and Padang Pariaman District from the neighboring Provinces. The Government has also sent 130 doctors to the affected areas.

A joint United Nations needs assessment mission will reach Padang on 1 October, based on the outcome of which further relief assistance will be determined. Depending on the needs, the deployment of United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team may be considered.

Catholic Relief Services, World Vision International, Ibu Foundation and HOPE Worldwide are also sending disaster relief teams to the affected areas. TNI is supporting transportation, logistics and evacuation of rescued people.

IV. Coordination

OCHA will support Government authorities in the coordination of response efforts. The first coordination meeting is scheduled for 1 October. Mercy Corps will also hold a meeting on 1 October, for the Emergency Capacity Building Consortium.

As of 30 September, there have been no calls for international assistance.

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