

This report was issued by OCHA Indonesia. It covers the period from 30 September to 1 October 2009.

I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **At least 529 people have died due to a powerful earthquake in West Sumatra Province.**
- **More than 500 buildings have collapsed; thousands are feared trapped under rubble.**
- **Padang and Pariaman are the worst affected areas.**
- **The Government of Indonesia has declared a State of Emergency for two months, declared an initial emergency relief fund of US\$ 10 million, and welcomed international assistance.**

II. Situation Overview

At least 529 people are confirmed dead due to a 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of Padang city, the capital of West Sumatra Province. The number of casualties is expected to increase rapidly as search and rescue efforts pick up. Initial reports indicate the collapse of at least 500 buildings, and thousands of people are feared to be trapped under the rubble. Heavy rains and landslides have triggered displacement of thousands of people. Padang and Pariaman are the worst affected areas. Even though there has been no information on the situation in Mentawai, it is feared that the impact on the island is also significant. Further, the Meteorological Office has issued a warning about the possibility of waves between two and three metres high along the coast of West Sumatra.

In Padang, hundreds of buildings have collapsed and some are under fire. Firefighters are still struggling to douse the fire and rescue people trapped in them. Hundreds of people are also trapped in two main hotels: Ambacang and Bumi Minang, and scores of students in a school. All economic and academic activities are at a stand-still; some people reported difficulty in accessing food.

Telecommunications, electricity and water supplies are not functional. Some roads to and from neighboring districts are cut off due to damaged roads and bridges, and landslides, which might hamper aid distribution. Roads to Teluk Bayur Port are cut off, but the Port is functioning well. Minangkabau International Airport and Tabin Airport are now functioning well. Most fuel stations are open with reports of long queues of vehicles.

Affected communities are staying outside houses and are taking refuge in public facilities. Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts have faced challenges due to rain and limited heavy equipment to remove rubble.

In Bukit Tinggi, landslides have been reported in several areas and have obstructed the evacuation of victims. Landslide covered roads in Sicincin sub-district. The traffic has been redirected to Maninjau which is two times the normal distance. Land access from Bukit Tinggi, Medan and Bengkulu is cut off.

On 1 October, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake was recorded in Jambi province at a depth of 10km. According to Provincial Social Affairs Office, scores of houses have been damaged in 15 villages in the Province. More information is being sought about its potential impact.

III. Humanitarian Needs and Response

Immediate humanitarian needs include medical supplies and personnel, petrol, generators, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies, heavy equipment and personnel for SAR efforts, food items, and emergency shelter items. Education and post-traumatic counseling is also a priority.

National Response

On 1 October, the Government of Indonesia (GoI) declared a State of Emergency for two months.

The GoI has provided an initial emergency relief fund of IDR 100 billion (US\$ 10 million). Coordinating Ministers for People's Welfare; Public Works; Health; Transportation; Home Affairs and Social Affairs are travelling to Padang today.

The National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB)'s Rapid Reaction Team has been deployed to affected areas, with 20,000 tents, 10,000 blankets and food items. The Public Works Department sent emergency clean water facilities, 200 tents, and 100 emergency toilets. The Social Affairs provided 10,000 tents. Ministry of Transportation opened Emergency Coordination Post to support airlines offering extra flights to facilitate increased numbers of humanitarian workers entering the affected areas. The State Logistics Agency (BULOG) prepared 15,000 tons of rice.

The Health Department provided additional operation cost of IDR 200 million (US\$ 20,000) to support emergency health response; deployed about 100 health personnel; and medical supplies. Health assistance is also provided by the Indonesian Military (TNI), Indonesian Red Crescent, Medical Emergency Rescue Committee, Kartini Bekasi Hospital, and Jakarta Health Department Crisis Centre. Health Department's West Sumatera Crisis Center is opening two field hospitals in Padang. South and North Sumatra governments are also sending medical supplies and personnel, and food items.

TNI has mobilized personnel to conduct SAR efforts. The Airforce provided air transportation means to support delivery of aid relief items. Marine National Armed Forces of Indonesia deployed an offshore/naval hospital to Padang.

Emergency response teams from various national organizations are also coming to support emergency response. Several international organizations are travelling to the affected areas. Mercy Corps, Surfaid, Jaica and HOPE Worldwide already have teams on the ground.

International Response

Presiden Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono announced that GoI welcomes international assistance, but needs to be coordinated through the government.

The Government of Germany has pledged €1 million in funds in addition to SAR and water purification plants.

The International Federation of Red Cross has released CHF 235,000.

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation has a plane, medical supplies and personnel on standby if necessary.

An International Search and Rescue Team from Japan is travelling to the affected area. BNPB confirmed that SAR teams from any country are welcome as long as SAR activities are needed. Singapore, China and Australia are on stand by.

On 1 October, OCHA deployed a six-member United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Team to Padang. Travel arrangements are being made for additional UNDAC members.

IV. Coordination

The Mayor of Padang is the main command for the city and disaster posts at RRI radio station; Mayor's office and Governor's office have been opened.

Following a coordination meeting this morning in Jakarta, the President SBY opened a Coordination Post at Padang International Airport.

A joint United Nations Mission, including FAO, WHO, UNDP, WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF and OCHA was deployed to Padang on 1 October.

Mercy Corps Office in Padang is operational (Contact Ibu Endang, Head of Office: 07 51 444 394).

The mission of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is to mobilize and coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors.

All organizations are urged to contact the local authorities prior to travelling to the affected areas in order to strengthen coordination and improve emergency response. This can be facilitated through OCHA (please see contact details below).

All humanitarian aid is tracked through OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS) and is reliant on information provided by donors and recipient agencies. Please inform FTS of all contributions (cash and in-kind) by sending an email to: fts@reliefweb.int

VI. Contact

Please contact:

Government

BNPB is the contact point for transporting goods from Jakarta to West Sumatra:

Halim Airport : Mr. Yolak 0813 8811 7181

Tanjung Priok seaport: Mr. Suwignyo 0816 1165 980 (takes two to three days to reach Padang seaport)

INGOs and other humanitarian actors who have difficulty in transporting relief assistance can contact them, but they will prioritize goods to be delivered based on the urgency of needs.

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