

ACT Situation Report

West Sumatra Earthquake: IDN092

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General Situation

In late November, UN OCHA hosted a review of the humanitarian response plan for West Sumatra that included participants from the Indonesian national and local government, UN cluster coordinators, and representatives of the many agencies serving in the area. The outcome of the review was the formation of an “Early Recovery Network” to bridge the gap between the emergency response and the reconstruction phase. The network will also facilitate coordination between clusters and the Indonesian government. An Early Recovery Advisor has been recruited to work in coordination with UN OCHA’s Humanitarian Coordinator. A Gender Advisor also arrived on 14 December, and both advisors will support all UN agencies and NGOs, national and international, in their post-earthquake activities.

Humanitarian relief operations will cease as of 31 December 2009. According to the Indonesian State Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), the government’s strategy for rehabilitation and reconstruction will cover five sectors: housing and settlement infrastructure, public infrastructure, social services, productive economy, and cross-sectoral activities. The Early Recovery phase of this strategy aims to: restore social and psychological well-being; provide temporary shelter and basic services including clean water and sanitation, livelihood, education and food security; and establish the foundation for reconstruction. The Indonesian government states that international assistance is still needed for this early recovery phase.

The government projects that the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase will begin in 2010 and end by December 2011. The budget for that phase will be determined in the February-March 2010 budget deliberations of the legislature in Jakarta.

UNICEF and Save the Children will be handing over coordination of the Education cluster to the provincial-level Ministry of Education in mid-January 2010. Construction of permanent

schools will begin in May 2010. In the meantime, the government and NGOs serving the Education cluster are developing standards and guidelines to build back better. 121 temporary classrooms have been set up, serving 14,689 children and 275 teachers.

In terms of nutrition, food is still being distributed to vulnerable groups. During December, fortified biscuits and noodles are being provided to 93,355 under-five children, 36,522 pregnant/lactating mothers and 112,045 students and teachers through 53 primary health centers and 641 schools in 6 districts.

Via the Shelter Cluster, over 160,000 households have received emergency shelter and approximately 80,000 households have received non-food items over the last six weeks. An additional 65,000 households have received either individual household or community shelter toolkits. Since the beginning of December, Shelter Cluster members have shifted from emergency interventions to more substantive shelter support to affected communities. The primary focus is on transitional shelter programs, with 20 agencies having already committed to support the construction of 37,000 transitional shelters. The majority of agencies are implementing a variety of inputs with cash grants and the use of recycled materials salvaged from damaged houses in their programs.

ACT International Response

Church World Service (CWS)

Transitional Shelter

Church World Service will provide 200 transitional shelters for the earthquake-affected people in Pinjauan, located in the Sungai Limau sub-district of Padang Pariaman. A team is currently conducting an in-depth assessment in the village to identify the beneficiaries.

Non-Food Item Distribution

Church World Service has expanded its coverage area to Sungai Geringging sub-district in Padang Pariaman for non-food items distribution, providing a total of 1,519 sheets of 4x5m tarpaulines, 1,519 sheets of 5x7 m tarpaulins, 30,320 metres of rope, 4437 plastic sheets, 6,076 blankets, 753 hygiene kit, 753 jerry cans, 1,510 mosquito nets and 151 shelter kits in seven villages in Sungai Geringging. The distributions will continue during the month of December.

Bachirudin, a villager of Koto Bangko, received a package of shelter kit. He will use that with four other beneficiaries forming a group to rebuild their houses. "I'm glad that we get this kit; we'll use these tools to rebuild our damaged house," said Bachirudin while gathering with four neighbours to discuss their work plan.

YAKKUM Emergency Unit (YEU)

YEU provided health clinics in the Sungai Limau sub-district with equipment to replace what had been damaged or destroyed by the earthquake.

No.	Distributed to	Name of Medical Equipments	Unit
1	Public Health Clinic	Suction Pump	1
		Nebulizer	1
		Blood pressure measure	2
		Stethoscope	2
2	Satellite clinics	Midwife Kit	8

		Portable balanced scale	8
		Thermometer	8
		Tool to grind medicine	8
		Minor Set	8
		Wire drum for gauze	8
		Hb Sahli Set	8
		Sterilizing equipment	7
3	Well-baby clinics	Baby scale	18
		Sling for baby scale	19
		Scale for adults	19

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

LWR's partner in West Sumatra, PKPA (Foundation for the Study and Protection of Children), is providing temporary classrooms for two elementary schools in a remote section of Padang Pariaman, serving a total of 78 students. Those two schools along with an additional two schools are also being provided with a whiteboard, a desk, a teacher's chair, and a file cabinet.

Since 15 October, PKPA has been providing psychosocial care in four other locations, also in the district of Padang Pariaman. They have served a total of 277 children in Child Friendly Spaces that have been created in coordination with the local residents and their school teachers and school principal. PKPA has also provided school uniforms to the same group of children, with a total of 307 uniforms, 33 school kits, and twice-weekly supplemental feeding to 202 of the children who have the most need.

ACT is a global alliance of churches and related agencies working to save lives and support communities in emergencies worldwide.

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