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Indonesia: Lombok Earthquakes



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Operation start date: 17 March 2019	
Host National Society: Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)	
Number of people affected: 1,500 People	

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The situation

On 17 March 2019, an earthquake of 5.8 magnitude shook the Island of Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara at 15:00 hours (local time) with the depth of 19 km and followed by another earthquake of 5.2 magnitude at 15:07 hours (local time) with the depth of 10 km, with epicenter close to East Lombok. The Earthquake was felt in West Lombok, North Lombok, East Lombok, Central Lombok and Mataram. No tsunami alert issued by the authorities. People in Lombok panicked and evacuated to the nearest higher ground.

On 18 March 2019, PMI/ IFRC joint teams visited North Lombok and East Lombok districts for further assessment of losses and the needs. The basis of this information bulletin number 2 are the findings of latest field visits.



A completely damaged house in North Lombok. (Photo: PMI)

Update from the districts

North Lombok and East Lombok:

The Ministry of Social Affairs completed a detailed assessment of the losses caused by recent earthquakes in Lombok. According to their official statement, North Lombok and East Lombok are the most affected districts with 6 deaths, and 25 seriously injured people in North Lombok. In East Lombok, 8 villages are highly affected in Montong Gading sub-district, where 843 houses are severely damaged, 1,594 are moderately damaged and 2,019 houses are lightly damaged in these villages.

Bodies have been released to families and people with minor injuries got the necessary treatment from local hospitals. According to ministry of Social Affairs, 8 seriously injured people are still in the infirmary and receiving treatment. Search and rescue efforts have ended in the affected areas, and a significant majority of homeless people have moved into temporary shelters in nearby villages.

The local government and ministry of Social Affairs have not requested for any assistance from UN and Red

Cross. Nevertheless, affected population in the two highly affected districts is facing scarcity of clean water and housing issues.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

- More than 40 PMI volunteers and two PMI ambulances were part of the search and rescue and evacuation efforts since the disaster and assisted the rescue teams from the Army and the Police.
- PMI referred 22 injured people to nearby hospitals and provided clean water to affected communities.
- RFL teams of PMI have set up a desk in the area, however, no report of missing person has been made since 19 March 2019. A hotline number is still active and disseminated among the affected population.
- After the assessment, PMI is planning to distribute shelter toolkits, tarpaulins and blankets among 400 families next week. IFRC field office is supporting PMI in assessments, issuing reports and providing NFIs.



PMI volunteers are assessing damage in East Lombok. (Photo: PMI)

Government action

BPBD and Health Division deployed four ambulances to evacuate the tourists, and injured community members in Tiu Kelep waterfall area. A joint rescue force comprising Army and Police personnel took active part in the evacuation and search and rescue effort.

Government has completed the assessment and is developing a plan for shelter reconstruction and NFI distribution next week.

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17th of March 2019: Magnitude 5.5 Earthquake
34 km from West Nusa Tenggara



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