

DREF operation



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

West Sumatra: Earthquakes

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 235,000 (USD 227,106 or EUR 155,302) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the national society in delivering immediate assistance to some 2,500 families. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: At 17.15 local time, an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale shook the coastline of Sumatra on 30 September 2009. The earthquake struck at a depth of 71 km off the coast, reportedly 57 kms south west of Padang Pariaman district in western Sumatra, with strong tremors felt in the provinces of Bengkulu and neighbouring West Sumatra.

More than 500 people are reported dead with possibly thousands trapped under rubble. Communications have been disrupted and electricity is down. The Indonesian Red Cross or Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) are well placed locally to respond. They have supplies of relief items stockpiled at strategic points, and extensive experience among their staff and volunteers in responding to earthquakes. Assessment teams have been mobilized to affected areas to carry out needs assessments.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 31 December 2009; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation, by 31 March 2010.

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The situation

At 17:15 local time on 30 September 2009, an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale shook the coastline of Sumatra. Tremors were also felt in Muko-muko, Bengkulu. After the first shock, communities were alerted to the possibility of a tsunami and evacuated their houses, moving to higher ground. Telecommunications and power lines are down. The country's vice-president has stated that the death toll was 75 after two or so hours following the initial quake. However, the government is concerned that the death toll will continue to rise as thousands of people still lie trapped under the rubble. The Minangkabau International airport was closed due to moderate damage. Today (1 October), a second earthquake of 7.0 on the Richter struck Jambi province at 09:00 local time.

There are no official details of damages as yet but the PMI volunteer team has stated that up to 80 per cent of community houses and public buildings have sustained severe damage. The latest data from Satkorlak (Coordination and Implementation Unit for Disaster) indicates 529 people have perished. Evacuation efforts and assessments are ongoing.

Coordination and partnerships

The Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI), the International Federation and their partners regularly coordinate activities among themselves and with other agencies. These include those within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other national societies, as well as external partners such as the government and other organizations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Due to the limited access by ground transportation, the International Federation has chartered a helicopter to undertake an aerial assessment.

Given its strong capacity and experience with disaster response, PMI is leading the initial operation with support from the International Federation and other Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners in-country. The PMI teams from the affected areas have a great amount of experience with earthquakes and the International Federation has long supported capacity building, stock pre-positioning and disaster risk reduction work with PMI branches and communities. The national headquarters in Jakarta is in regular contact with the PMI chapters by radio as telecommunication lines are still down, and has helped to mobilize resources from local branches, neighbouring regional branches and the national headquarters itself. Currently the PMI head of disaster management and the Federation's disaster manager are in Padang to support response efforts and to assess the level of damage. The Federation's head of country office will join the field team tomorrow, 2 October.

To date, the PMI has mobilized over 270 staff and volunteers. The Padang local branch has mobilized 30 CBAT (community-based action teams) from the local communities who are assisting with first response and the evacuation of community members. The West Sumatra provincial branch has deployed 56 Satgana (PMI disaster response team) members to conduct needs assessment and evacuation.

There is additional support from neighbouring branches including 45 volunteer doctors as part of the MAT (medical action team) from PMI Bengkulu and Riau branches and ten medical action team volunteers from Bogor. The Riau chapter sent three water and sanitation officers to assist with urgent needs. A total of 40 volunteers have also been sent to support the West Sumatra provincial branch.

In Bengkulu, there are also 20 Satgana team members in the field conducting assessments and facilitating evacuation. In Kerinci district where the second earthquake took place, the Satgana team has reported that up to 90 community-based action team members are in the area and ready to be deployed. At present there are 15 volunteers (doctors, nurses, and ambulance personnel) as part of the medical action team from North Sumatra ready to be mobilized if needed.

PMI also mobilized the following assistance in the first hours with the NHQ coordinating all available disaster response equipment in-country for delivery to the affected area: Relief supplies from the warehouse in Jakarta are being dispatched to Padang, including 2,000 tarpaulins, 5,000 blankets and 5,000 sarongs. Already on the ground in Bengkulu are 400 tents and 50 body bags being coordinated by the PMI chapter. In addition, a 30-person PMI disaster management and medical team comprising ten volunteers, ten disaster preparedness team members and ten medical personnel has travelled into Padang by truck with two field kitchens, body bags, tents and a further 60 relief items.

The needs

Beneficiary selection

Due to the difficulty in accessing the affected communities due to damaged roads, assessment teams have been hampered in gathering comprehensive information on the existing and emerging needs. Through aerial observation, the extent of the damage is clearly widespread and dispersed. Immediate needs include: medical supplies, equipment and personnel; food and tents; and heavy equipment badly needed to speed up search and rescue efforts

The proposed operation

This DREF operation is aimed at meeting the immediate needs of people affected, mainly through the provision of shelter and non-food relief supplies. The operation will provide tents and shelter kits for 250 families, along with personal and household relief items including blankets, sarongs, hygiene kits and kitchen sets.

Relief distributions (shelter and non-food items)

Objective: The provision of shelter and non-food relief supplies for 250 families

Activities planned:

- Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments.
- Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and a registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end-user.
- Monitor and evaluate relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Plan for transition from the DREF operation into further support as developed based on needs.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

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Annex 1

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RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	133,888
Clothing & Textiles	5,000
Medical & First Aid	8,400
Utensils & Tools	10,150
Total Relief Needs	157,438

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Distribution & Monitoring	40,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	10,000

PERSONNEL

National Society Staff	4,000
Consultants	1,287

GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	4,000
Communication Costs	3,000

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

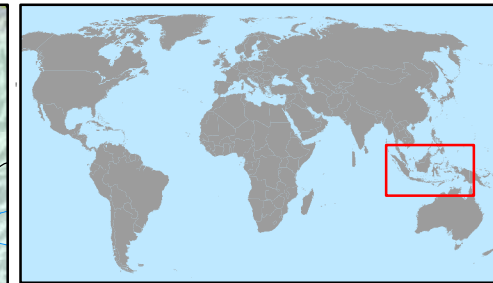
Programme Support - PSR	15,275
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Total Operational Needs	77,562
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DREF ALLOCATION	235,000
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7.6 earthquake