

Information bulletin

Indonesia: Lombok Earthquakes

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Date of disaster: 17 March 2019	Point of contact (name and title): Arifin M. Hadi, Head of Disaster Management, PMI
Categorization of disaster: White	
Operation start date: -	Expected timeframe: -
Host National Society(ies): Indonesian Red Cross / Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI)	
Number of people affected: 1,050	Number of people to be assisted:
N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant): -	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant):	

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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 higher ground nearby.

Updates from the districts:

- **North Lombok:** According to initial reports from the PMI branch, six people died and 13 people injured near Tiu Kelep waterfall located in Senaru Village, Bayan sub district. Three people are missing in the same area and as per initial estimate, more than 100 households affected by the earthquake.
- **East Lombok:** In East Lombok, no death has been reported, however, 30 people were injured due to earthquake in Sembalun, Sambelia and Aik Mel sub districts. According to initial reports received from PMI district branch, around 150 households have been affected by the catastrophe.
- **Central Lombok:** As a result of tremors, two people were injured in Aik Bukaq and Mas-mas villages of North Batu Keliang district and have been shifted to local health center (PUSKESMAS). Two houses in those villages were completely destroyed.
- **West Lombok:** As per initial reports from PMI district branch, the area was not severely affected by the earthquake and the situation is normal and no casualty reported so far.



Impact from today's earthquake in Lombok, Indonesia. (Photo: PMI)

The District Disaster Management Authority (*Badan Penganggulangan Bencana Daerah (BPBD)*) and Health Division deployed four ambulances to evacuate the tourists, and injured community members in Tiu Kelep waterfall area. As per the reports, around 50 people were trapped in the stranded bus in landslide area. The Governor and Head of BPBD East Lombok visited the Montong Gading sub-district in East Lombok to monitor the evacuation and response efforts of the local authorities. Map of the earthquake epicenter is attached at the end of this document.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Following the initial assessment in affected areas, the PMI is planning to carry out a detailed damage assessment in four affected districts. The focus of PMI damage assessment will be Tiu Kelep waterfall near Senaru village of Bayan sub district in North Lombok. There are reports about a tourist bus which was hit by a landslide and stranded in the mud.

PMI is activating its restoring family link (RFL) system and RFL volunteers are collecting the information about missing people in affected areas. In this regard, a hotline number has been circulated in the affected areas for people to report or contact PMI for the search of their missing loved ones.



PMI volunteers are providing first aid to injured people in Senaru village in North Lombok. (**Photo: PMI**)

PMI has prepared a preliminary plan of action entailing the volunteers' deployment in the earthquake affected areas. The plan will be revised after the assessment results.

PMI branches are also coordinating with several government agencies such as BPBD, Ministry of Social Affairs, and Public Health Division to make coordinated efforts.

The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta and IFRC sub-office in Lombok are providing technical support and working in coordination with PMI on needs assessment and to support communications and media relations needs. The CCST in Jakarta, with support from the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO), will continue to monitor and if required provide technical and coordination support to PMI.

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and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.



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



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