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Outstanding needs**Food •**

At present, whilst there are no food shortages and the government has sufficient stocks, the Federation may provide limited food for the hundreds of people without shelter on Enggano island.

Non Food Items •

1000 family household kits are currently being purchased and deployed to the area.

Health •

Detailed list of medical supplies needed is being prepared by the authorities. Monthly government supplies of medicines were delivered last week .

The Federation Health Delegate visited all the three hospitals: 1 public 250 bed hospital; one military 25 bed hospital and a private 45 bed hospital. The inpatient part of the public hospital is completely unusable -- eliminating approx. 75% of the bed capacity in the town. The hospital has 20 doctors and 160 nurses.

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Water and Sanitation •

After initial assessment and meeting with local government officers in Bengkulu Town, the Federation team concluded that the water situation is under control.

UNDAC team are looking at supplying 2 overhead water tanks for one of the hospitals, ex Singapore. Future needs are being assessed.

Shelter •

This will be one of the main areas where assistance is needed. Families with simple dwellings that have been damaged or destroyed in the quake will receive temporary shelter materials and plans will also be made to rebuild/repair using cement, roofing, iron ,timber.

Delegates needed •

A logistics delegate will arrive in Jakarta on Saturday. A further relief delegate may be required.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

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Contributions

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CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					5,353,933	TOTAL COVERAGE	
						1.1%	
Canadian - RC		50,000	CAD	57,210			
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH					57,210	CHF	1.1%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES					0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET							
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SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED					0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:							