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## INDONESIA: EARTHQUAKE

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### *The Situation*

A major earthquake with a locally recorded magnitude of 6.4 on the Richter Scale occurred on 10 October 2002 at 19:50 hours local time (10:50 UTC) in the Manokwari district, Papua Province, Indonesia. The epicenter is located at 1.73S, 134.34E; 33km ocean depth, approximately 99km south of Manokwari, District of Papua. The coastal area was reportedly inundated overnight. A number of locations, including Biak, Timika, Sorong, Wamena, Jaya Wijaya and Nabire in Papua region also felt a strong tremor at the same time, with a series of aftershocks continuing through the night until this morning (Friday).

The worst affected areas were in the Ransiki, Oranbari and Wasior sub-districts of Manokwari and the city itself. Assessments are continuing and no external assistance has been requested yet. A early summary of the effects of the earthquake is as follows:

- **Ransiki:** Five people dead (including two children); 23 houses collapsed; land links between Ransiki and Oransbari totally cut off.
- **Oransbari:** 31 houses and one mosque collapsed; 21 houses, a primary health centre, a municipal office and a mosque partially collapsed
- **Wasior:** Six houses collapsed; a wharf pier partially damaged; some significant subsidence.
- **Manokwari City:** 26 houses partially damaged.

### *Red Cross/Red Crescent Action*

Through its Irian Jaya branch network, the Indonesia Red Cross - Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) - was among the first humanitarian agencies to establish communication with the Monokwari army and police station, the district hospital and the provincial disaster management committee and shared the initial information with other stakeholders. The Society has been providing regular updates through the day to the national disaster management committee, the ICRC, the diplomatic community and the Federation membership. The PMI's branch rapid response team remains on stand by and two members of the Society's disaster management committee are ready to move on an assessment as and when required. Meanwhile the PMI headquarters together with the Federation and ICRC delegation will remain in close touch as events unfold over the weekend.

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