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Indonesia: West Java Earthquake

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An earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale (RS), with a depth of 60 km, hit the west coast of West Java on the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 September, at 03.55PM local time. Twelve districts and municipalities, namely: Bogor, Cianjur, Sukabumi, the Municipality of Sukabumi, West Bandung, Bandung, Garut, Banjar, Ciamis, Tasikmalaya, the Municipality of Tasikmalaya, and Purwakarta were affected. The tremor was also felt in some areas in Cilacap District, Central Java. At this time, it was reported that 44 people died; 120 were injured; 42 missing and 5,630 people are displaced.



A Disaster response team (Satgana) member of Palang Merah Indonesia is collecting information from survivors in their tents in sub-district Cigalontang, Tasikmalaya district, Wednesday evening (2 September 2009). People stay outside their houses as they were still scared with other shocks during the night.

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PMI has deployed staff and volunteers to assess, evacuate, provide first aid, and distribute relief items in all affected areas. PMI also has 24-hour operation rooms.

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The Situation

The earthquake has affected people in 12 districts and municipalities in West Java with Tasikmalaya, Cianjur, Garut, and Bandung are reported as the worst affected areas. Reports from government indicate that 44 people have died. According to the disaster management national agency (DMNA): 8,585 houses were severely damaged; 512 were lightly damaged, and a further 900 houses collapsed. Hundreds of people in those four districts are still afraid to go back to their homes. The evening after the quake, people remained outside their houses. In Cianjur, the earthquake was followed by a landslide resulting in more than 40 people missing.

The national meteorological and geophysical agency reported that more than 39 aftershocks hit West Java after the main shock yesterday.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

After the earthquake hit West Java, the national society staff dispatched 500 hygiene kits, 500 family kits, sarongs, blankets, and body bags to the most affected areas in West Java. PMI national headquarters in Jakarta conducted assessments in all disaster areas. All affected branches have activated their 24-hour operation room. PMI's disaster response team (Satgana) is on stand-by in surrounding areas; and is ready to be deployed within 24 hours if required.

In Tasikmalaya and the Cianjur branch, PMI volunteers evacuated people and provided first aid for survivors. The PMI branch in Bandung erected 2 platoon tents in the Pangalengan sub-district, and distributed blankets to the survivors. Meanwhile, PMI in Garut distributed clean water to people in the Pameungpeuk sub-district.

PMI and the International Federation have undertaken two coordination meetings in Jakarta, attended by the representatives of PMI, the International Federation and partner national societies, to disseminate updated information about the earthquake.

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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