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Indonesia: West Java Earthquake

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Latest reports indicate that 72 people have died, 1,115 people are injured, and up to 88,636 people are displaced as a result of the West Java earthquake which struck on 2 September 2009. Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI – Indonesian Red Cross Society) continues to support the affected communities in first aid and relief distributions which include hygiene kits and kitchen sets. Emergency assessments continue in the affected areas. The national society's preliminary plan of action includes two phases of response, with a focus on relief for the initial two weeks, followed by early recovery after.



Palang Merah Indonesia (Indonesian Red Cross) operates a health field post at Pengalengan district as part of its response to the West Java earthquake. PMI.

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The Situation

An earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale hit Tasikmalaya district in West Java province at 3.04pm local time on 2 September. Affected districts and municipalities include Bogor, Cianjur, Sukabumi, the municipality of Sukabumi, West Bandung, Bandung, Garut, Banjar, Ciamis, Tasikmalaya, the municipality of Tasikmalaya and Purwakarta. Latest reports indicate that 72 people have died, 159 are badly injured, 956 people injured and an additional 88,636 displaced. Up to 51,325 houses are reported to be badly damaged, 67,969 houses damaged and 23,267 houses destroyed, with the largest number of affected households being in Bandung.

Evacuations continue in Cikangkareng where the village was buried by landslides due to the earthquake, and 43 people are still reported as missing to date. Further information indicates that the village water source was damaged, and already there are reports that sanitation-related diseases are increasing, including diarrhoea and acute respiratory infection.



Red Cross Red Crescent tents were constructed to provide temporary shelter for affected families at the Pengalengan evacuation field. PMI.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI continues to support the affected communities in first aid and relief distributions which include hygiene kits and kitchen sets. Emergency assessments continue in the affected areas. Identified needs based on preliminary assessments carried out by PMI branches include non-food items such as blankets, sarongs, kitchen sets, hygiene and family kits, as well as emergency first aid and medical supplies. Other items needed include instant noodles and potable water.

PMI headquarters has dispatched eight medium trucks and two water tank trucks to provide additional support to the West Java chapter. Furthermore, two medical action teams from the PMI Bogor hospital were deployed to the field and are currently providing health services to up to 1,000 people a day. PMI Bogor branches' volunteers and staff are also providing psychosocial support to displaced communities, and all affected branches continue to focus on assessment and relief distributions. The PMI Jakarta chapter has been providing public kitchen services for those observing the month of Ramadan with food at dawn and in the evening for up to 500 people a day. Disaster preparedness stocks from warehouses in Bogor, Surabaya, Jogja and Medan were dispatched to the affected districts for immediate distribution. Items sent include:



Based on assessment results, distributions of relief items including hygiene kits and blankets are carried out to assist affected communities. PMI.

West Java:	Central Java
1,200 family tents	300 family tents
1,000 tarpaulins	500 tarpaulins
1,000 hygiene kits	500 hygiene kits
200 body bags	1,000 blankets
1,000 sarongs	1,000 plastic mats
4,000 blankets	
4,000 plastic mats	
20 plastic rolls	
100 personal response team equipment	

PMI is working directly with partner national societies in-country with existing memorandums of understanding, and will accept money and in-kind support. PMI headquarters, the West Java chapter and affected branches held a coordination meeting in this reporting period in Bandung to identify a plan of action and way forward to support affected communities. A preliminary plan of action indicates that the national society will move forward with two phases of response, with a focus on relief for the initial two weeks, followed by early recovery after.

The International Federation, through its country, regional and Asia Pacific zone offices, remain available to provide additional support to the national society if needed.

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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



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