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Indonesia: West Java Earthquake

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To date, West Java earthquake death toll stands at 79 people, with 21 bodies still missing after the quake-triggered landslide buried Cikangkareng village in Cianjur. Meanwhile, the number of displaced keeps changing. Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI – Indonesian Red Cross Society), in the headquarters, chapter and branch levels, continue to support the affected communities in relief activities. The national society is monitoring the situation and coordinating with Satkorlak, the government's executing unit for disaster management, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), and other local non-governmental organizations and the local university to distribute relief items as well as conduct assessments, and restoring family links (RFL) activities. At the moment, early recovery activities have also been planned. Based on PMI's experience in the Yogyakarta earthquake in 2006, the national society will implement its bamboo house programme in West Java.



Indonesian Red Cross volunteers keep doing evacuation for the landslide victims due to the 7.3 Richter Scale in West Java. To date, 21 bodies are still missing. PMI.

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The Situation

The earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale hit Tasikmalaya district in West Java province in the afternoon of 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 79 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 household being in Bandung.

Evacuation continues in Cikangkareng where the village was buried by the landslides due to the earthquake, and 21 people are still reported as missing. As the water source was damaged, the ministry of health stated that limited access to clean water would cause many kinds of water-borne diseases, including diarrhoea, rashes, skin problems and dehydration.

In addition, a national English newspaper mentioned that the displaced in Cisalayong village, Tasikmalaya, were not only having problems with limited clean-water resources but also with the emergency toilets, which were not built to proper standards and were causing hygiene problems.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI continues to support the affected communities. To date, up to 400 volunteers have been deployed from 10 branches to run emergency operations. The volunteers continue to evacuate the injured, recover bodies, re-assess the needs of survivors, operate the disaster centre, provide first aid, ambulance service and medical team action, construct shelters, distribute relief items, and run its restoring family links (RFL) and psychosocial support programmes.

Entering the second week after the disaster struck, PMI is still monitoring the situation. The national society is also coordinating with the government's executing unit for disaster management (Satkorlak), UNOCHA, and other local non-governmental organizations as well as the local university. The distribution of relief items continues. Volunteers are also re-assessing the needs of the affected communities, which indicate that survivors still need items such as baby food and kits as well as food parcels. Also, some branches are conducting RFL activities as requested by community members.

PMI and partner national societies in-country have already prepared a brief plan for early recovery which includes the construction of safe houses from bamboo as well as a water and sanitation programme which will be integrated into the construction project. Up to ten volunteers from Yogyakarta, involved in early recovery efforts in the 2006 earthquake, were deployed to assist the volunteers in the West Java earthquake operation in building the bamboo houses. There will be a total of 20 units built before Idul Fitri (approximately 20-22 September), and after the holiday, this project will continue with further constructions to assist more beneficiaries.

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 \(NGO's\) 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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