

INDONESIA: EARTHQUAKE

20 July 2000

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period covered: 27 June to 17 July 2000

While there have been some delays in procurement due to the slow confirmation of several major outstanding pledges, it is expected that the Indonesian Red Cross (Pelang Merah Indonesia or PMI) and International Federation earthquake relief activities will be completed by early September. Elements of training and transfer of skills, plus the psychological support programme will continue through October. A detailed plan for the future of the ERU (Field Hospital) will also be developed.

The context

An earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hit the province of Bengkulu on the island of Sumatra on Sunday, 4 June, at 23:30 hours local time. It was followed 11 minutes later by an aftershock of 6.7 on the Richter scale. The epicentre of the quake was in the ocean approximately 112 km's south-west of the provincial capital of Bengkulu. The province of Bengkulu, which covers an area of almost 2 million hectares, has a total population of 1,557,000 (1999 statistics). The province stretches along the shoreline, and further inland becomes more mountainous. The lowlands include the towns of Bengkulu and Manna; the mountainous areas rise to 1000-2000m above sea level.

On 6 June, the Federation issued a preliminary appeal for CHF 5,353,933 in response to a request by the Indonesian Red Cross, or Pelang Merah Indonesia (PMI), for assistance. A Federation relief team arrived in Indonesia the same day to conduct an initial assessment of the situation. Despite the high Richter scale rating, the earthquake was not as serious as it might have been, mainly because it struck rural areas where most of the buildings/homes are only one storey high.

With the help from the Federation's Regional Finance Unit in Kuala Lumpur, a revised Appeal for CHF 4,872,921 was launched on 14 June 2000.

Latest events

Three aftershocks measuring between 4.7 and 5.1 on the Richter scale shook the Bengkulu province on Saturday, 8 June, 2000, but with no reported fatalities or damages. The epicentre of the aftershocks was at the bottom of the Indian Ocean, 76 kilometres from the provincial capital of Bengkulu.

Life in Bengkulu is returning to normal and some of the population has started repairing their houses. There is notably, as yet, no activity on repairing of government buildings.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Federation •

The second phase of the distribution which includes 5,000 family kits and 10,000 plastic tarpaulins started in early July in the Bengkulu city region. The transportation of family kits from Jakarta was carried out with the assistance of the Indonesian Navy. A detailed plan of a six day distribution was drawn up. Federation delegation accompanied the first day of distribution covering 4 areas where 519 family kits and 1,038 plastic tarpaulins were distributed. The distribution was well organised in co-operation with the local Red Cross and village chiefs.

The delegation has placed an order for the remaining 9,000 family kits and the distribution is planned to be completed by the end of August.

PMI •

Another earthquake measuring 5,1 on the Richter scale hit the West Java region on Wednesday, 12 July, 2000. A PMI assessment team accompanied by the Federation delegation representative visited the area. There were no deaths reported and damage to the infrastructure was limited. The PMI distributed food and non-food items.

ERU - field hospital •

There are currently 120 patients hospitalised, some of which are victims of the earthquake. Some 40 to 60 outpatients visit the ERU daily, and three to four operations per day are performed. Before the earthquake an average of 350 operations were conducted per month.

Delegation •

A new relief delegate arrived to replace the one in Bengkulu who had been on loan from the Federation delegation in Turkey. A trainee relief delegate from the Japanese Red Cross is expected to arrive this week.

Outstanding needs

Based on the current indications of support and contributions, the Appeal is 95% covered. An additional CHF 175,000 is still required to meet the full budget.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

A Red Cross Bulletin on the Bengkulu earthquake has been printed and will be distributed to the major donor embassies, ECHO and UN representatives. At the end of July, a reception will be hosted by the Federation and PMI in order to thank the international community for the quick donor response to the earthquake appeal.

Indonesian Government •

The state oil company and steel producer as well as a private television channel have been named as sponsors of a construction project to rebuild public facilities damaged by the Bengkulu earthquake. The public donations which reached Rp 2.3 billion were not sufficient enough since the estimated cost for

reconstruction comes up to Rp 200 billion. The project will cover 103 community health centres, 128 houses for doctors and paramedics, hospitals and school buildings.

Other governments •

The British Ambassador visited Bengkulu with a Department for International Development (DFID) team on 29 and 30 June, 2000. The PMI/Federation team accompanied the Ambassador's visit to the ERU hospital and provided a briefing on the operations in Bengkulu.

The Malaysian government donated food stuffs and building materials worth \$100,000 to the earthquake victims. The aid was presented by Malaysia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Governor of Bengkulu.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

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INDONESIA - EARTHQUAKE						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No.15 /2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED			07.20.2000	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				4,872,921		TOTAL COVERAGE 79.5%
AMERICAN - RC		50,000	USD	85,000	12.06.00	
AMERICAN - GOVT		25,000	USD	42,500	09.06.00	
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT/RC		490,000	AUD	479,514	14.06.00	
AUSTRIAN - RC		50,000	EUR	77,810	20.06.00	
BRITISH - GOVT/RC		245,098	GBP	629,902	09.06.00	
BRITISH - RC		7,348	GBP	18,281	11.07.00	CHF 15.800 FOR DELEGATES/REST UNEARM.
CANADIAN - RC		50,000	CAD	55,990	06.06.00	
CANADIAN - GOVT/RC		100,000	CAD	111,980	07.06.00	
DANISH - RC		500,000	DKK	104,300	13.06.00	
DANISH GOVT		500,000	DKK	104,300	13.06.00	
FINISH - GOVT/RC		84,094	EUR	130,867	28.06.00	
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		153,388	DEM	122,035	20.06.00	PURCHASE 3100 PLASTIC SHEETS
ICELANDIC - RC		1,000,000	ISK	22,363	15.06.00	
IRANIAN - RC		20,000	USD	34,000	17.07.00	
JAPANESE - RC				268,000	12.06.00	
MONACO - RC		80,000	FF	19,072	20.07.00	
NETHERLANDS - GOVT/RC		750,000	NLG	529,562	28.06.00	
NETHERLANDS - GOVT/RC		735,148	NLG	519,076	18.07.00	
NEW ZEALAND - GOVT/RC		200,512	NZD	148,900	30.06.00	
SINGAPORE - RC		5,340	SGD	5,248	10.06.00	
SINGAPORE - RC				40,000	21.06.00	PLASTIC SHEETING
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,000,000	SEK	188,300	20.06.00	PURCHASE OF RELIEF SUPPLIES & /OR TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS
SWISS - RC				5,000	28.06.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3,742,000	CHF	76.8%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CHINA - RC		20,000	USD	34,000	13.06.00	CONTRIBUTION DIRECT TO NS
SWISS - GOVT/RC				99,820	28.06.00	PLASTIC SHEETING
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				133,820	CHF	2.7%