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INDONESIA: SUMBAWA EARTHQUAKE

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 186 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the situation and the information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

Summary: Another earthquake struck Indonesia in the islands of Nusa Tenggara Barat, measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale. To date, the disaster has cost three lives, injured more than 1,800 people and damaged more than 4,000 houses.

The Indonesian Red Cross has deployed its assessment team and will further mobilize resources from Jakarta as well as from its regional warehouse in Bali.

The Situation

On 26 November 2007 at 00:02 local time, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.5 on the Richter scale struck 42.5 km deep, 45 km west-northwest of Raba, a sub-district of the Sumbawa district in the islands of Nusa Tenggara Barat. According to US Geological Survey sources, the epicentre is located at 8.294° south and 118.360° east. The tremor was felt in Sumbawa and Lombok Islands as well as in Bali and South Sulawesi provinces. Several aftershocks with magnitudes of up to 5.0 on the Richter scale were reported by the Indonesian meteorology and geophysics agency (Badan Meteorologi dan Geofisika/BMG). [<click here for a map of the affected areas>](#)

Initially the government issued a tsunami warning which triggered some panic in several areas such as the Dompu district. The warning was, however, lifted shortly after.

According to the provincial coordination unit for disaster management (Satkorlak PB), the worst hit areas are the Kilo and Woja sub-districts in Dompu. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) has reported three deaths, based on information from the ministry of health, as well as 1,800 people injured and more than 4,000 houses sustaining both heavy and minor damage. These figures, however, are preliminary, since some affected areas are remote and have not yet been assessed.

The national coordination board for disaster management (Bakornas PB) immediately sent a two-person team to the affected province. The ministry of health has deployed its medical personnel from Jakarta and Bali as well as five tonnes of baby supplements and two tonnes of instant food. The ministry of social affairs has also sent 50 tonnes of rice and 2,000 boxes of instant noodles.

The PMI reports some communities in the affected areas of the Bima and Dompu districts, fearing another earthquake, prefer to stay outside their homes.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

At the national level, the PMI is in close coordination with their chapter in Nusa Tenggara Barat and its branches to collect information on the earthquake and response. The PMI branch in the Dompu district has sent an assessment team to the affected areas. Initial findings indicate that the relief items most needed at the moment are family tents and tarpaulins. Additionally, due to the terrain, the team also stated a need for vehicles in order to reach remote areas during the assessment.

Based on results from the initial assessment, the PMI headquarters will send resources from Jakarta as well as family kits and tarpaulins from the central and regional warehouses in Surabaya and Bali respectively. A total of 354 family kits and 400 tarpaulins will be dispatched to Mataram by air cargo from the regional warehouse in Bali, while 146 family kits and 100 tarpaulins will be dispatched also to Mataram by air cargo tonight from the central warehouse in Surabaya. Relief items dispatched from the warehouse in Bali will subsequently be replenished from the central warehouse in Surabaya. In addition, PMI is in the process of procuring standard earthquake medical packages for 1,000 patients.

The Federation is working in close coordination with other stakeholders including the European Commission Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO). Both PMI and the Federation will continue to monitor the situation. Further updates on the situation will be made available in the next information bulletin.

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 Federation's Global Agenda
The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a 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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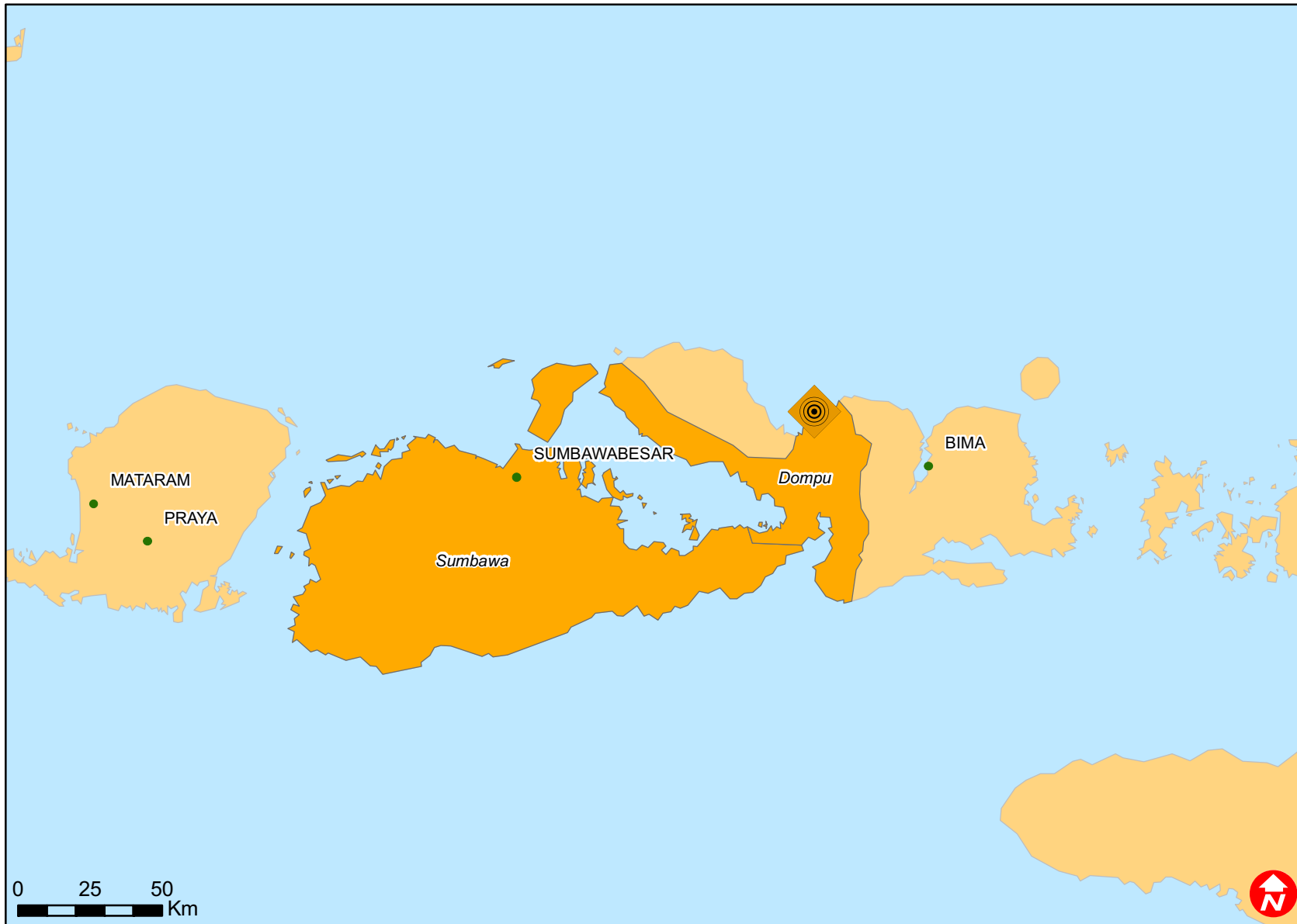
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Indonesia: Sumbawa earthquake



A 6.5 earthquake has struck 42.5 km deep, 45 kilometres west-northwest of Raba sub district of Sumbawa district in the islands of Nusa Tenggara Barat. The worst hit areas are Kilo and Woja sub-districts in Dompu district.

- Cities
- ◆ 6.5 earthquake