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Indonesia

Earthquake in Aceh province

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia's Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam province at 05.03am local time on 7 December 2016. Indonesia's national disaster management agency (BNPB) has reported that 97 people have died and more than 600 have been injured. Around 200 buildings have either collapsed or are heavily damaged. The most heavily affected district is Pidie Jaya, particularly the 4 sub-districts - total population 104,430 (2015) - of Bandar Baru, Trienggadeng, Bandar Dua and Meureudu (district capital).

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

Around 150 injured people have been hospitalized in Pidie and Pidie Jaya hospitals, mostly due to fractures and thoracic trauma. One hospital has collapsed and the remaining hospital and health facilities are overwhelmed with patients. There is an urgent need for field medical teams and humanitarian assistance to the displaced population.

3. National and international response

Local and national government agencies are responding, with a focus on searching and rescuing as many victims who remain trapped under collapsed buildings. The Ministry of Health has deployed a medical team and is leading a rapid health assessment. So far there has been no international response.

4. ACT Alliance response

ACT Alliance members continue to monitor the situation and coordinate with on-site local partners.

5. Planned activities

The ACT Indonesia Forum, via YAKKUM Emergency Unit (YEU), is planning a comprehensive health care intervention, with distribution of relief items such as hygiene kits, a mobile clinic, as well as deploying a field team to help 1,000 displaced people in two sub-districts: Bandar Dua and Meureudu. A request for a Rapid Response Fund, RRF is forthcoming.

6. Constraints

There are security concerns in the displacement locations and possible interference from political parties.

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