

ALERT

EARTHQUAKE



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SITUATION

In the afternoon of Sunday the 5 August 2018, the district of North Lombok and East Lombok in West Nusa Tenggara, was hit by a 7 Richter scale magnitude earthquake at 6: 46 pm Indonesia local time. The epicenter of the earthquake is 18 km Northwest of East Lombok. The earthquake had the potential to cause a tsunami, and a Tsunami alert was sounded but later the warning was removed as the risk was reduced.

Aftershocks are still going on. As of 4:00 am Indonesian local time there were 116 aftershocks with smaller intensities. The Provincial Disaster Management Agency has reported that 82 people died. This number may increase because they are still carrying out rescue and data collection. This earthquake worsened damage in areas previously affected by the earthquake on 29 July 2018.

NEEDS

The earthquake has put the district in a state of crisis. The earthquake affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: sufficient food, safe shelter and basic non-food items, basic health services and facilities, safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, livelihood activities, protection services and adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for the earthquake affected people with vulnerabilities more specifically for woman and girls, children under five, elderly and people with disabilities. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

National Government: The Provincial and District Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) is helping to evacuate people affected by the disaster and also engaged in data collection.

Military: The Indonesian Military is engaged in search and rescue operations.

Civil Society: National NGOs are also helping to evacuate people and provide health service and distribution of Non-food items.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Provincial Disaster Management Agency. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (cluster) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance is now helping people affected by the earthquake

ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the earthquake, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities

ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.

ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.

In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in WASH, Shelter; health and psychosocial support and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.

The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide distribute clean water; provide emergency latrine; provide health service and Non food item distribution to ensure that the earthquake affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to WASH, Shelter and Health.

ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing drinking water; health service and distribution of tarpaulins, mattresses, and blanket to 500 affected households in the coming hours.

Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the earthquake are amplified.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)

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