



Indonesia

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SITUATION

On the early morning of Friday the 15 January 2021, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit the districts of Majene, Mamuju and Polewali Mandarin in West Sulawesi, Indonesia. This was after a 5.9 magnitude earthquake in the same region. By 19 January it has been reported that it caused damages to 300 houses, 1 bridge, 2 hospitals, 1 port, 1 hotel, 2 government offices, landslide on 3 areas, 88 casualties, 663 people with serious injuries, 637 people with minor injuries, and around 30,353 people are in evacuation centers. The number of casualties is predicted to increase as reports from local authorities will come in. The earthquake has also affected and disrupted the community's activities such as health facilities (including hospitals), offices, marketplaces, shops, and religious facilities. The disaster has also resulted in the cut-off of electricity, communication, water, transportation access (by air and land), and lack of food security. Indonesian government has started to deploy rescue and assistance to the affected areas.

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. Access to sufficient food, safe shelter, health services, and safe drinking water have been affected. The damages caused by the earthquake will also disrupt people's livelihood activities.

The dire situation is further compounded for the earthquake affected people with vulnerabilities; more specifically for people living with disabilities, elderly, women, and children. 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 Indonesian National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure (BNPB), Ministry of Health's Crisis Center, Indonesian Red Cross, Indonesian National Army and Regional Police, and the Ministry of Social Affairs have deployed their response teams and assistance to the affected areas. Several local organisations including Wahana Visi Indonesia, Caritas Indonesia, ADRA Indonesia are already on the ground to conduct their assessments as well as international organisation, Mission 21.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Indonesian National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure (BNPB) and Crisis Center of MoH. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (Health, Shelter, WASH, Logistic, National Cluster of Protection and IDPs, Cash Voucher Assistance) 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 Indonesia Forum members (Pelkesi, YEU, CDRM&CDS) are working closely on the assessments with Jakomkris, a network of faith-based organisations organised by Integral Alliance. YEU also participates in the Humanitarian Forum Indonesia. ACT members are also coordinating with the local Synods in the affected districts. ACT Alliance regional office in Bangkok has also coordinated with Tearfund, an Integral Alliance member and with Start Network members for updates.

Pelkesi has sent an assessment team to Mamuju on January 18, 2021, and has coordinated with the health cluster, churches (GTM and GKSB), and Pelkesi's nearest hospital member, Banua Mamase Hospital. Pelkesi has also provided a mobile clinic service in GKSB Synod office (with the medical team from GKSB) and in GTM Synod (with the medical team from Banua Mamase Hospital), while strictly applying Covid-19 protocol.

YEU together with other YAKKUM units responded to the West Sulawesi earthquake emergency through the “YAKKUM Total Responses for West Sulawesi” intervention by deploying a humanitarian response team that would work together with local partners. YEU has assigned 11 staff to undertake this response, including 1 doctor and 2 nurses who will provide emergency response for 14 days from 19 January to 1 February 2021.

ACT Indonesia Forum plans to give assistance to 5,000 people affected by the earthquake through ACT Alliance’s Rapid Response Fund. They plan to aid and support the disruption of health services, household items, protection for vulnerable groups, shelter materials, WASH services and materials, and assistance to support the disruption of livelihoods.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Humanitarian Affairs, Alwynn Javier (alwynn.javier@actalliance.org) with copy to Asia-Pacific Regional Representative, Cyra Bullecer (cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org)

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