

BY THE NUMBERS

2,105

confirmed fatalities

680

people missing

222,986

people displaced

2+ million

people affected

Source: ASEAN Situation Report, October 19, 2018

NEW INFORMATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

Lutheran World Relief is working with our local partner to provide food and essential items such as mattresses, blankets and feminine care kits to 1,000 households, benefiting more than 5000 people in two villages in Palu.

We have committed \$110,000 to support the response.

SITUATION REPORT

Indonesia Tsunami and Earthquake

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

On September 28, 2018, a 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck Donggala District and Palu City in the Indonesian province of Central Sulawesi. The epicentre of the earthquake was 10 km (6 miles) deep and approximately 27 km (17 miles) east of Donggala. The earthquake caused a tsunami in coastal areas, with surges as high as 20 feet. There are more than 2,000 confirmed fatalities and hospitals are overwhelmed with thousands of injuries.

The Sulawesi government has extended the emergency response period to October 26. The Indonesian National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), regional disaster management agency, military, police and other government agencies are coordinating the response effort and collecting information on the impact of the earthquake and tsunami. The government's primary focus is getting emergency aid – including food – to affected areas, repairing infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, and containing disease outbreak.

Transporting aid supplies continues to be challenging because the local airport can only accommodate small planes and some affected areas are unreachable by road, so the government has been delivering aid via airdrop.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), the Government of Indonesia is welcoming international support to respond to identified humanitarian needs. International humanitarian organizations must submit written proposals to the NDMA before launching operations and all humanitarian shipments must be approved by the government.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

The National Government has established an emergency response task force and members of Humanitarian Forum Indonesia have deployed their team for support. Several humanitarian agencies have deployed assessment teams to the affected area. However, due to the collapse of bridges, eroded highways and flooded waterways, large areas of the disaster zone are still unreachable.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – ACTIONS TAKEN AND NEXT STEPS

Lutheran World Relief is working with a local partner, YAKKUM Emergency Unit (YEU) to respond to this emergency. YEU has conducted a rapid needs assessment and we have worked with them to develop a response plan. We will be providing fresh food and essential items such as mattresses, blankets and feminine care kits to 1,000 household, benefiting more than 5000 people in two villages in Palu. Lutheran World Relief has committed \$110,000 to support the response. We will continue to monitor the situation with YEU and look for opportunities to expand our response efforts.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF IN THE COUNTRY

Lutheran World Relief began working in Indonesia following the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, addressing both emergency and long-term development needs. Indonesia remains one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, with millions of people affected annually by earthquakes, landslides, floods and tsunamis. Poor, rural communities have few resources to prepare for or mitigate the effects of these hazards and even fewer resources to recover. Recognizing that effective development helps mitigate the impact of such hazards, we work to build community resilience through improving livelihoods, food security, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction. Lutheran World Relief currently works in the provinces of Aceh, North Sumatra and Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT).



Photo of destroyed buildings in Petobo village, Palu
Photo credit: Muhammad Aditya Setyawan, YEU

With nearly 75 years of demonstrated expertise helping to transform some of the hardest-to-reach places in the developing world, Lutheran World Relief is an innovative, trusted international nongovernmental organization committed to those otherwise cut off from basic human services and opportunities.

We help communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being and we respond to emergencies with a long-term view. When a disaster hits — whether it's a drought, tsunami or civil war — we work alongside communities over months and years to help them recover and adjust to new realities, ensuring that they are prepared to withstand the next unexpected challenge. Regardless of whether these challenges are chronic or acute Lutheran World Relief invests in communities to enable those living in extreme poverty to build the resilience they need to thrive.

For additional information about Lutheran World Relief's response to this situation and other emergencies around the world, please visit lwr.org. You can also join the conversation about how Lutheran World Relief is responding to emergencies with a long-term view at facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief or twitter.com/LuthWorldRelief.



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