

Emergency Situation Report

Earthquake in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province, Indonesia

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Reporting date and time

22 January 2005 (Saturday) – 17.00 Hrs local time.

Type of Emergency

Earthquake followed by tsunami.

Date of emergency incidence

26 December 2004 (Sunday), 07:58 hrs and 08:48 hrs local time. (Indonesia, Western Zone: + 7 GMT), 00:58:50 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

Casualties

- As of 20 January, the death toll was reaching 166,520 in NAD province and 240 in North Sumatra province. 6,197 people are missing in NAD province and 25 in North Sumatra (data from Ministry of Health dated 19 January 2005). The number of dead, which have been buried, is 89,832.
- As of 20 January, the number of admissions in the hospital as in-patients was 1,736, and out patients 36,881 (*including the referrals admitted in Hospital in Jakarta - List is available from MOH.*)
- As of 20 January, the number of IDPs was estimated at around 452,845 people. (*List of numbers and location is available with the MOH.*)

Follow up activities and information

Alerts (as reported in the Aceh Epi report 21 January 2005)

- **Malaria** in Krueng Raya, Aceh Besar: 3 Pf confirmed. MOH and Mentor Initiative alerted to start environmental control measures. Cases of malaria at Singapore Hospital, requests for ACT, Mentor to respond.
- **UPDATE:** Shigella cases (total n=10 by PCR) in Secata IDP camp. 2/10 confirmed as S flexneri. Oxfam started soap distribution and planning to increase the number of latrines. Case register with personal identifiers implemented.
- Based on worst-case scenarios for malaria, cholera, shigella, measles and meningitis, required supplies for immediate treatment estimated and sent to WHO central pharmacy warehouse Banda Aceh.

Coordination (Aceh)

Today, there was no update from Aceh.

Ministry of Health

- There was no coordination meeting in MOH today. The next meeting will take place tomorrow, Sunday 9 am.

WHO Indonesia

- The Inter-Agency Rapid Health Assessment of the West-Coast from the offshore platform USS Abraham Lincoln 13-20 January has been completed, and a draft final report was submitted to WHO today:
 - It was stressed that the success of the joint assessment approach was very much due to the excellent and positive inter-agency collaboration and the outstanding support of the USS Abraham Lincoln.
 - Regarding distribution of NGOs and agencies working on the ground on the West Coast, two aspects were emphasized: the need to spread out the geographical distribution as well as to ensure longer-term commitment from the individual organizations.
 - The assessment confirmed the initial impression that the provision of water and sanitation is the biggest priority followed by shelter and resettlement. The operational capacity on the ground to implement activities in these areas remains limited and must be strengthened.
 - IDPs have settled in community buildings, family housing, tents, tarps & makeshift shelters from salvaged material. New structures, tents & plastic sheeting will be necessary if IDPs have to leave public buildings (e.g. schools). However, most IDPs wish to remain near their village of origin and would prefer not to move to formal settlements elsewhere.
 - In terms of malnutrition, no acute, moderate or severe cases were observed, but given the current unbalanced composition of food supplies, problems could arise.
 - There is a need to utilize current air assets to deliver goods to the right locations quickly. Logistical response must move from 'push' to 'pull' mode so that supply meets prioritized needs on the ground.
 - Heavy equipment is in short supply to begin immediate reconstruction.
 - Overall recommendations based on the assessment were that:
 - Clinical and trauma care that were high priorities in the first month after the tsunami should now give way to an emphasis on primary care, maternal-child health and preventive services.
 - A strategy and policy for coordinated rebuilding and strengthening local health systems needs to be developed. Opportunities exist to revitalize and improve organization structures and management systems for health services to standards better than before the tsunami.
 - Indonesia and neighboring countries have the technical resources to support such capacity building within the health sector.
- There was a press briefing from WHO regarding the findings of the Inter-Agency Rapid Health Assessment at Hotel Gran Melia today.
- Ten New Health Kits stored in Jakarta has been shipped to Medan today for further distribution. The remaining ten kits in Jakarta will be shipped to Medan later this week.

Meulaboh office

- Half-day surveillance training session for health care providers and medical coordinators in Meulaboh
- List of essential materials and equipment for surveillance and response needed for immediate replenishment currently compiled.
- No alerts, in particular, no further cases of cholera.

International Response:

- WFP now has 133 staff on location - 70 in Jakarta 70; 35 in Banda Aceh; 18 in Medan and 4 in Meulabo. Exemption has been received from the rice import ban for several shipments

towards the Regional EMOP. WFP carried out the first dispatch from Medan to Lhok Seumawe, which included 155 tons of rice and 14 tons of HEB.

- As reported by UNJLC, all humanitarian relief workers are advised to exercise all due care when in any area of relief operations. UN activities outside the UN controlled compound in BANDA ACEH are under curfew from 2400hrs to 0600hrs.
- UNJLC CONCEPT WELL RECEIVED BY GOI: Regional UNJLC Chief, DAVID KAATRUD, briefed the Government of Indonesia's NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY on the approximately 30 departmental functionaries and the core disaster management agency staff on UNJLC's Draft Concept of Operations. Present were the NDMA's senior team and reps of the GOI departmental offices.
 - The overall concept was well received. Two TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (SEA transport and LAND transport) are to be formed in the coming week to align all information related to the primary relief delivery modes (GOI/UNJLC). Through these working groups information will be collated to better assess infrastructural/geographic obstacles. Subsequent to this the UNJLC with the GOI will seek solutions to the road deterioration/capacity on major relief routes; as well as identify coastal access issues/solutions.
 - This is strictly part of the relief effort (emergency phase response) to ensure viable durable supply routes for the humanitarian aid over the coming months.
 - This emergency response infrastructural reparation is to ensure that the additional burden on the road and sea infrastructure in the coming phases of rehabilitation / reconstruction does not endanger IDP relief aid supply routes.

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Source of Information from Indonesia

Information is gathered from the following sources and is not subjected for quotation, as it might not reflect the actual true facts at the field level but can be used as references.

1. PPMK, MOH
2. EHA, WHO
3. UN and INGO Network
4. Local and international news media