

Emergency Situation Report

Number 1

Earthquake in North Sumatra Province and NAD Province, Indonesia

29 March 2005

This report is prepared in cooperation with
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and Emergency Humanitarian Action (EHA) Section, WHO, Indonesia.

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Reporting date

29 March 2005 (Tuesday)

Type of Emergency

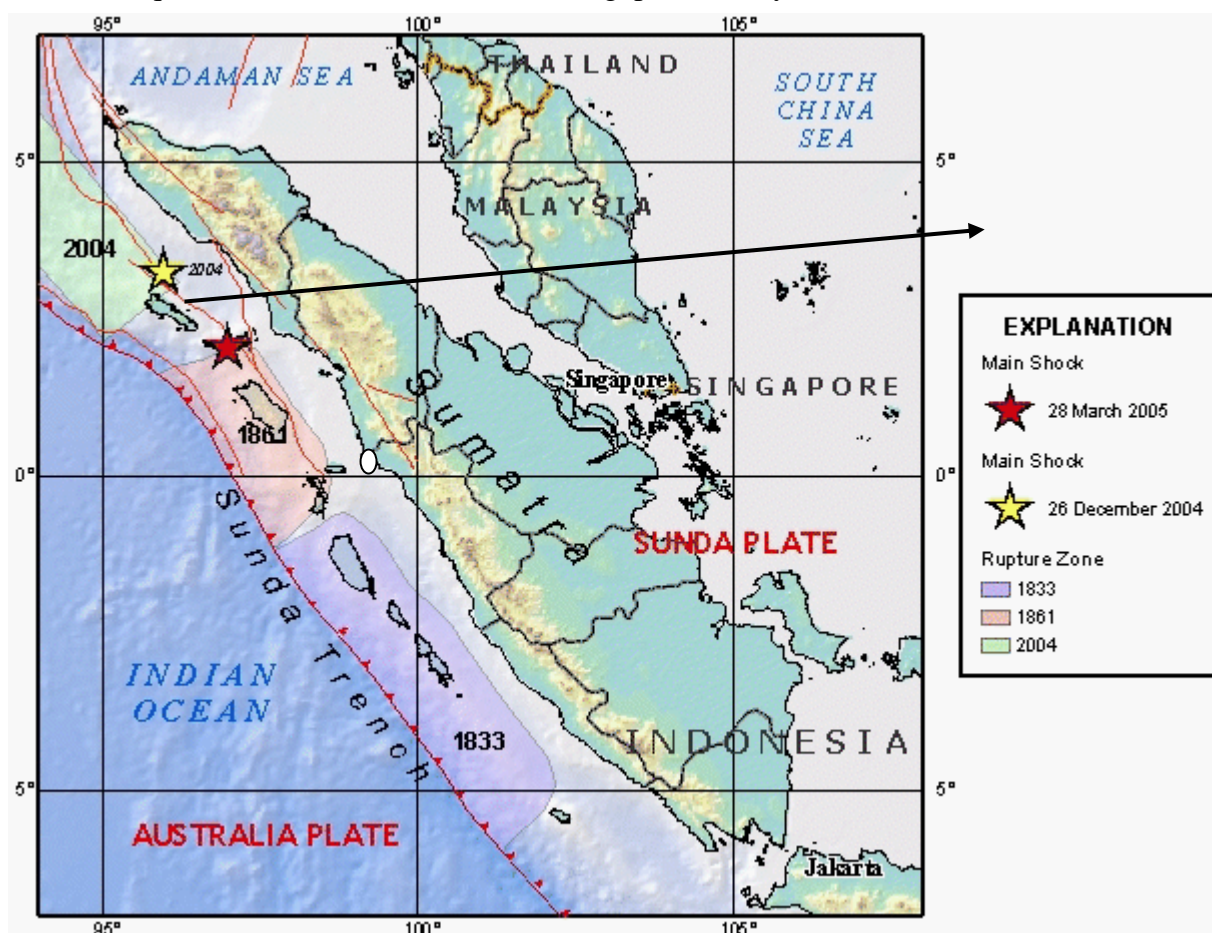
Earthquake.

Date and time of emergency incidence

28 March 2005 (Monday), 23:09:06 hrs.

History of the earth quake and place

- A great earthquake was noted at 23:09:36 hrs, local time at epicenter, on Monday, March 28, 2005. The magnitude was 8.7 on the Richter scale and located in NORTHERN SUMATRA, INDONESIA. (by a seismologist). The epicenter located 90 km south of Sinabang with 30 Km Depth 2.065 N 97.010 E
- No Major Tsunami has been reported near the epicenter as yet.
- The earthquake was also felt in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Cocos Island, Australia



Area affected

Major affects noted in the following areas.

1. Nias Island, Nias Province, Capital Gunung Sitoli, and Teluk Dalam (District Capital of South Nias)
2. Simeulue Island, NAD Province

Population at risk

The affected population hit by the earthquake was not reported as yet however Vice President Jusuf Kalla quotes “it is predicted and it’s still rough estimate that the number of victims of death may be between 1,000 and 2,000”

Affected population

- According to the information received from MOH and various sources, 1,000 persons were killed and injured in Nias Island and 200 in the Simeulue Island.
- 2,000 people became homeless and IDPs in Nias.

The Impact on Health Service and Health related facilities.

- No report so far on damage of health facilities.
- Reports from local authorities stated that 70% of buildings collapsed in Gunung Sitoli town
- Telecommunication facilities are totally destroyed.
- Bridges were also destroyed and land transportation is blocked.
- The airport is still functioning and small planes can land as usual.
- The electricity is cut partially.

Central Government Support

Secretary of the Presidential office with team visited the affected areas on 29 March 2005.

President of Indonesia will visit the areas on 30 March 2005.

Ministry of Health and WHO response to the disaster

1. Communicate through early warning system to all parties concerned, including field offices.
2. MOH and WHO Emergency relief operation meeting organized at 07:45 hrs on 29 March 2005.
3. WHO release 10,000 US\$ immediately to MOH for emergency relief operation on 29 March 2005.
4. North Sumatra provincial Health Office immediately sent Emergency Brigade Team to Nias.
5. Special Emergency Surgery team lead by Prof. Idrus from Makasar, South Sulawesi province will arrive at Nias on 29 March 2005.
6. Emergency medical supplies sent to affected areas. WHO warehouses in Medan and Aceh ready to transport emergency medical supplies according to need assessment.
7. 50 medical professionals including specialist from Ministry of Health sent to Nias for rapid assessment and emergency relief operation
8. WHO medical coordinator and security officer mobilized from Aceh office to join MOH team at Nias on 29 March 2005.
9. UN joint mission led by UNOCHA from Aceh including WHO went to Nias on 29 March 2005.
10. MOH, PHO and WHO joint rapid assessment team will visit affected areas starting from 30 March 2004.
11. WHO will strengthen its’ office in Medan to support emergency relief services and closely monitor the situation in cooperation with MOH, Provincial and District Health Offices.
12. UN DMC meeting organized at 12:00 on 29 March 2004 at Jakarta.
13. Many UN organizations and NGOs are in the process of visiting the affected areas.

Provincial and district response to the disaster

1. Victims evacuated.
2. District health office already established health post at sub-district and district level.
3. 25 food packages were distributed to the victims.

Immediate needs

1. Mobile medical service for affected victims, injuries and trauma care.
2. Shelter, water, food including infant and supplementary food for children, clothes, blankets, sanitary measures and emergency lights.
3. Operational funding supports for health staff to mobilize and provide health services to affected areas.
4. Special transportation services to reach affected areas.
5. Satellite telecommunication support.

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The following persons can be contacted if more information is needed.

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Source of Information from Indonesia

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

1. International and local news media
2. Bakornas buletin
3. PPMK, MOH
4. WHO