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Spot report: International assistances have begun the relief operations, Indonesia

Background



(Source <https://www.redcross.org.nz>)



(Source <https://www.washingtonpost.com>)

Earthquake 7.5 magnitudes and Tsunami attacked Sulawesi, Indonesia since 28 September 2018. As of 4 October 2018, the situation update on the death toll is 1407. This update indicated more than 2549 injured, 113 missing, mostly from Palu. Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman for Indonesia's disaster agency, informed of the death toll. About 70,000 people were rendered homeless. Rescue teams are continuing to assess the scale of the destruction after a 7.5-magnitude earthquake.

According to the AHA Centre report, the available analysis that from the initial 1.5 million people affected, around 537,000 people were exposed to strong shaking as well as potentially directly affected by the following tsunami and liquefaction. UN's humanitarian office almost 200,000 people need urgent help, among them tens of thousands of children. ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) is in the most affected area of Palu City. ASEAN-ERAT has supported BNPB to setup a coordination centre for international assistance.

Actions Taken

The government's disaster management agency has deployed more than 6,000 people to the area, ushering in convoy after convoy of fuel, planes filled with clean water, instant noodles and basic medicine. Police and army officers secure the streets from looting and disorder.

The relief international workers from 17 countries have met the Indonesian government's specific needs. They have begun the relief operation, the arrival of foreign C-130 transport planes, and Foreign aid has reached Palu, Donggala and the surrounding region. Seven C-130 transport planes, offered by four countries including Singapore and Japan, will bring in much-needed supplies and remove survivors. Other countries, including Australia,

have pledged doctors and medical equipment. India has provided assistance in Indonesia, dispatching two aircrafts. The C-130J aircraft is carrying a medical team along with tents and equipment to set up a field hospital. The C-17 aircraft is carrying medicines, generators, tents and water to provide immediate assistance; moreover, three naval ships carrying relief material to the country. ACMM information section has monitored the situation and keeps updated medical information to the AMS. ACMM is still facilitating coordination process between assisting and affected country closely.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS - air transport, tents, water purification sets, generator sets, medical assistance, environmental management expertise/ equipment for mosquito-borne diseases (malaria).

Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
International assistances have begun the relief operations, Indonesia	Y	The international assistances have reached the affected area. The death toll is increasing. The assessment for this situation is yellow.	The AMS keep on monitoring and update medical information.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

N/A: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

According to the circumstances, the ACMM is monitoring the situation closely for providing medical update information to member countries. ACMM is facilitating between assisting country and affected country.

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