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## ***Indonesia – Earthquake***

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 1, 2009

### **BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On September 30, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck approximately 30 miles off the western coast of Sumatra Island in Indonesia, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A magnitude 5.5 aftershock followed the initial earthquake. According to the U.N. Office of Coordination Affairs (OCHA), the earthquakes resulted in 529 deaths, although the figure is expected to increase significantly following assessments of affected areas.
- According to OCHA, the earthquakes caused significant infrastructure damage in Padang, the provincial capital, and Pariaman city, West Sumatra Province. Following the earthquakes, heavy rains and landslides resulted in additional infrastructure damage and displacement.
- On October 1, the Government of Indonesia (GoI) declared a state of emergency for an initial period of two months, according to OCHA. The GoI has mobilized search and rescue teams and medical staff, and is distributing relief items to affected populations, including blankets, tents, and food items.
- On October 1, U.S. Ambassador Cameron R. Hume issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the earthquake. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$300,000 through USAID/Indonesia to support emergency response interventions and the distribution of emergency relief supplies.
- On October 2, USAID/OFDA plans to deploy USAID Disaster Response Team (USAID/DART) to Indonesia—comprising up to 10 members—to assess humanitarian needs, support response efforts, and coordinate with the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, USAID/Indonesia, GoI, and humanitarian partners. On October 1, USAID/OFDA activated a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team to support the USAID/DART.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>Estimated Number of Deaths</b>	529	OCHA - October 1, 2009
<b>Estimated Number of Deaths</b>	1,100	International Media Reports – October 1, 2009
<b>Estimated Padang Population</b>	900,000	GoI - October 1, 2009
<b>Estimated Pariaman Population</b>	90,000	GoI - October 1, 2009

### **FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

**USAID/OFDA Assistance to Indonesia.....\$300.000**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- The total number of affected people remains unknown, but OCHA estimates the earthquake and subsequent heavy rains and landslides displaced several thousand people. Many individuals have sought refuge in public facilities or remain unprotected in outside areas.
- Initial reports from local relief organizations and authorities indicate the earthquake destroyed at least 500 buildings, or 40 percent of commercial and residential infrastructures.
- The GoI plans to release details of a preliminary assessment of damage and needs in the coming hours. The GoI response is focused primarily on search and rescue. Australia, Japan, Singapore, and China deployed urban search and rescue teams under the auspices of and at the request of the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) System, which issues alerts worldwide following a significant event, but relies first on teams in the affected country's region due to time sensitivities.
- According to OCHA, the GoI dispatched two C-130 military cargo aircraft carrying doctors, medicine, food, and other relief supplies. The GoI also deployed a medical team to Padang to set up field hospitals.

#### ***Preliminary Assessments and Humanitarian Needs***

- OCHA, the U.N. World Health Organization, and the U.N. Development Program travelled to West Sumatra on October 1 to conduct damage and humanitarian needs assessments.
- Many non-governmental organizations operational in the country prior to the earthquake, including World Vision, Save the Children, and Action Against Hunger reported arriving in affected areas immediately following the

earthquake and mobilizing staff and previously-prepositioned stocks of emergency relief supplies. Priority needs among the affected population presently include food, safe drinking water, and shelter.

**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

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**USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA TO DATE IN FY 2010**

<b>FY 2010</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
USAID/Indonesia	Emergency Relief Supplies		\$300,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 1, 2009.

**PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Indonesia may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)