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Indonesia – Earthquake

Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 15, 2009

Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 13, 2009.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On October 14, the Government of Indonesia (GoI) National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) announced that the Sumatra earthquake resulted in 1,117 deaths, including 210 missing individuals reclassified by the GoI as casualties. The GoI BNPB reported that recovery efforts have now ceased.
- From October 13 to 15, U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes visited earthquake-affected areas of West Sumatra Province and met with non-governmental organization (NGO) representatives, U.N. cluster leads, GoI officials, and the donor community, including USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) members.
- In close coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta and the USAID/DART, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has determined that the demand for air transportation of relief commodities has decreased. Consequently, DoD is completing its response to the earthquake. Between October 13 and 14, three DoD ships carrying helicopters with heavy lift capacity and surveillance capability departed the coast of West Sumatra Province. In addition, based on indications that emergency earthquake-related medical needs had been met, the DoD Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team (HARRT) mobile medical unit concluded activities on October 14. DoD is preparing the HARRT for redeployment on October 16.
- To date in FY 2010, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided nearly \$8.2 million to earthquake-affected populations in Indonesia, including more than \$5.2 million in USAID/OFDA assistance. At present, USAID/OFDA supports health, humanitarian coordination and information management, protection, shelter and settlements, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities, as well as the provision of relief supplies and logistical support.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Confirmed Number of Deaths	1,117	GoI BNPB – October 14, 2009
Estimated Number of Affected Persons	1,200,000 ¹	U.N. – October 9, 2009
Estimated Number of Injuries	2,902	GoI BNPB – October 14, 2009

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Indonesia.....	\$5,249,362
DoD Assistance to Indonesia.....	\$2,948,184
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Earthquake-Affected Populations	\$8,197,546

CURRENT SITUATION

- The USAID/DART continues to assess earthquake-affected areas and support GoI relief efforts. In addition, the USAID/DART is assisting DoD to consign medical supplies from the HARRT to organizations that are able to utilize the supplies.
- According to humanitarian agency reports, the GoI is expected to declare the conclusion of the response phase of the emergency in the coming days. The GoI had originally planned the transition from emergency response to rehabilitation and reconstruction on November 1.
- On October 14, the Indonesian Red Cross Society (PMI) reported that early food and nutrition assessments indicate that approximately 38,000 households in the most affected areas are experiencing temporary shortages of staple foods. In addition, the USAID/DART has reported an increase of staple food prices in some assessed areas.

¹ The figure is calculated using the number of houses damaged and destroyed in affected areas and an average of five people per household.

USAID/DART Assessments

- The USAID/DART continues to assess humanitarian needs of earthquake-affected populations. The USAID/DART notes that while needs vary among earthquake-affected populations, individuals have access to basic services in several assessed areas.
- On October 13, the USAID/DART traveled to the Mentawai Islands, located off the coast of Sumatra in close proximity to the epicenter of the earthquake. The USAID/DART observed only minor infrastructure damage in Muara Siberut town, located on the southeastern part of Siberut Island. In addition, the USAID/DART reported operational water points, functioning irrigation systems, and normal market activity.
- During an October 13 USAID/DART assessment to Sungai Geringging and Sugai Limau sub-districts of Pariaman District, the USAID/DART noted significant albeit localized damage to houses; some villages sustained significant damage while other villages remained relatively unaffected. Villagers indicated to the USAID/DART that health needs were met and that that local residents have sufficient access to safe drinking water.

Logistics/Relief Commodities and Access

- The USAID/DART notes that during recent assessments, landslides and/or debris have not significantly hindered USAID/DART ground travel.
- Access to some remote areas remains restricted, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). On October 15, OCHA reported that the Indonesia Military (TNI) plans to deploy forces to build new roads or access routes to isolated villages. PMI, in coordination with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, plans to provide four helicopters to assist GoI relief operations in remote areas in the coming days.
- On October 15, OCHA reported two operational mobile storage tents and one warehouse in Padang. Three additional hubs are planned, including one mobile storage tent in Padang Pariaman District.
- USAID/OFDA has consigned 45 metric tons (MT) of emergency relief commodities—valued at more than \$383,000 including transport—to PMI for distribution to earthquake-affected individuals.

Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management

- On October 14, the USAID/DART completed aerial assessments of landslides caused by the Sumatra earthquake. The USAID/DART has provided the data to the humanitarian community for use in a comprehensive map of landslides caused by the earthquake.
- During an October 15 meeting, U.N. Under-Secretary-General Holmes reported that OCHA continues to coordinate the humanitarian response in support of the GoI relief efforts. U.N. Under-Secretary-General Holmes noted the large number of actors involved in the response—which includes more than 100 NGOs.
- USAID/OFDA has committed \$400,000 towards the U.N. West Sumatra Humanitarian Response Plan for OCHA coordination activities. The USAID/OFDA funding will support the U.N. cluster system, strengthen monitoring and surveillance activities, and ensure accurate needs assessments and effective targeting of assistance.

Shelter and Settlements

- According to the GoI BNPB, 198,000 households require emergency shelter assistance, including more than 135,000 severely affected households.
- On October 15, OCHA reported a need to clarify transitional shelter guidelines to direct ongoing humanitarian activities. In the coming days, the GoI BNPB is expected to provide guidance for rebuilding damaged or destroyed houses, schools, and hospitals.
- The USAID/DART reports that the brick producer that provided 60 percent of bricks for markets in earthquake-affected areas lost all kilns in the earthquake. The USAID/DART notes concern regarding the potential increase in the price of bricks or possible use of lower-quality building materials to rebuild houses due to increased demand and decreased availability.
- To support shelter rehabilitation and reconstruction activities, USAID/OFDA has deployed a shelter, settlements, and mitigation advisor to Padang. The USAID/OFDA advisor plans to assess ongoing shelter needs and provide technical assistance to the GoI and international community.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 1, U.S. Ambassador Cameron R. Hume issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the earthquake. To date in FY 2010, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$5.2 million to support earthquake-affected individuals.
- On October 5, a USAID/DART was deployed to Indonesia to assess humanitarian conditions and coordinated with the humanitarian community, the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, USAID/Indonesia, and DoD to support the GoI humanitarian response to the earthquake. A nine-member USAID/DART team continues to assess humanitarian needs and support emergency relief efforts. The USAID/OFDA Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team, activated on October 1, continues to support the USAID/DART.

- To date in FY 2010, DoD has provided more than \$2.9 million for to support the humanitarian response to the earthquake. DoD has provided logistical support to transport emergency relief commodities and aid workers to remote areas, as well as implementing partner emergency relief commodities and personnel from Jakarta to Padang on C-130 aircraft. As of October 13, DoD fixed and rotary wing aircraft had transported 891 passengers and more than 172 MT of emergency relief commodities. In addition, DoD deployed a HARRT mobile medical unit to augment local medical facilities in Padang.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA TO DATE IN FY 2010

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
American Red Cross	Logistics/Relief Commodities	West Sumatra Province	\$499,988
Indonesian Red Cross	Logistics/Relief Commodities	West Sumatra Province	\$383,170
International Medical Corps	Health, Protection	West Sumatra Province	\$500,000
Mercy Corps	Emergency Relief Commodities; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	West Sumatra Province	\$3,300,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$400,000
	Administrative/DART Support	Countrywide	\$166,204
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$5,249,362
DoD Assistance			
DoD	Health and Logistics	West Sumatra Province	\$2,948,184
TOTAL DoD			\$2,948,184
TOTAL USAID AND DOD ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA IN FY 2010			\$8,197,546

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 15, 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.
- 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 – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int