



SITUATION REPORT

EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI IN INDONESIA



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INDONESIA

SITUATION

On September 28th, 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, triggering a tsunami that hit the city of Palu with crests reaching 18 feet high. The events caused widespread destruction to homes and infrastructure.

According to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), as of October 4th, the death toll has risen above 1,500 people with over 2,500 people having been seriously injured. Also, more than 66,000 homes have been damaged, leaving nearly 72,000 people displaced.

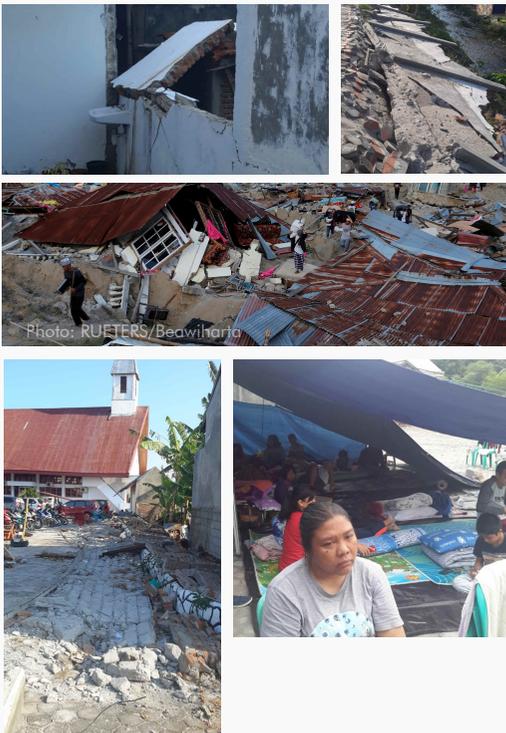
ELCA companion church, Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (Batak Christian Protestant Church or HKBP) reported that four members have died and five members homes were completely destroyed.



RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response, through HKBP-Palu, is providing initial relief such as, clothes, food, medicine and other basic needs. They are also using undamaged buildings and tents to shelter 56 church and community members, including five Muslim families.

As the situation develops and assessments are completed, Lutheran Disaster Response stands ready to accompany communities with additional support as they recover from this disaster.



ONE MORE THING...

As a sign of solidarity, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) provided 500,000 YEN (about 1,061 USD) to Lutheran Disaster Response to go towards the recovery efforts for the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia.



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