

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
30 SEPTEMBER 2009 SUMATRA EARTHQUAKE
(SUPPORT AND PROTECTION FOR CHILD IDPs FROM NEGLECT AND
EXPLOITATION)

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FACTS

On 30 September 2009, at 5:15 p.m., a 7.6 on Richter scale earthquake hit West Sumatra. Its epicenter was in the District of Pariaman, West Sumatra. The shaking could be felt in most areas in Sumatra Island and even until Malaysia and Singapore. The most affected areas included Padang City, the District of Pariaman, Padang Panjang and Bukit Tinggi. Minor damages also occurred in some areas in North Sumatra, Jambi, Kepulauan Riau, Pekanbaru and Bengkulu. More than 500 people were died and thousand are still in the damaged building.



Due to the strong earthquake and landslides, roads from North Sumatra, Riau and Jambi to Padang were cut off. The earthquake also cut power and telecommunication in Padang City and its surrounding areas. Due to heavy rain and blackout, it was difficult to know the exact number of collapsed or damaged buildings and death toll. However, based on the initial information, many houses in Padang City and Pariaman City collapsed or damaged. Even, many government offices, campus, hotels, mosques and hospitals collapsed. It was estimated that the earthquake killed hundreds of people. Meanwhile, thousands of people were still trapped under the collapsed buildings and landslides and most of them still could not be evacuated. Until midnight, there were 76 death tolls in M. Jamil Padang Hospital. Thousands of people fled to higher areas in Padang City, Pariaman, Padang Panjang and Bukit Tinggi. They lived in makeshift tents and mosques as the humanitarian aids had not yet arrived. (Source: KPMM-Padang volunteer, Metro TV, TVOne and Detikcom)

SITUATION OF CHILDREN

Up to now, there has not been any special intervention to assist children affected by the natural disaster and there has not been any experienced humanitarian organization working in the affected areas. Therefore, PKPA will pay special attention to children who are victims of the natural disaster to ensure that they are safe and their needs are prioritized.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

PKPA-Medan has coordinated with FBCB (Forum Belajar Capacity Building) of North Sumatra to take necessary steps to deal with children and women affected by the strong earthquake. The organization will send a disaster survey team to coordinate with relevant parties, conduct need assessment and distribute foods, medicines and clothes to children. The team will reach the affected areas by land on Friday, 2 October 2009.

To minimize the greater impacts of the strong earthquake on the affected communities, a 6-12 month humanitarian mission will be needed. Following are main activities of the humanitarian mission:

1. Establishing emergency schools and providing school kits and facilities
2. Providing counseling and psychosocial services for children living in camps
3. Protecting children from trafficking and other forms of sexual exploitation
4. Establishing special post for mothers and children under the age of five and setting up a safe camps for children and women
5. Establishing health posts for mothers and children in IDP camps which are far from health facilities

VOLUNTEER TEAM

1. Disaster survey team will consist of three persons from Medan. They will coordinate and join with local volunteers from KPMM-West Sumatra to conduct need assessment, do mapping on IDPs and provide humanitarian aids to children and women. Their destinations are Padang City and the District of Pariaman.

2. Disaster relief team will consist of at least 13 persons.

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| Coordinator | : 1 person |
| Counselor | : 3 persons |
| Medical worker | : 4 persons (1 doctor and 3 nurses/midwives) |
| Reconstruction workers | : 2 persons |
| Logistics | : 2 persons |
| Driver | : 1 person |

CLOSING

We will update information on this emergency response plan after we receive results of need assessment conducted by the disaster survey team. PKPA will welcome any donors and individuals who want to support and cooperate with us for this humanitarian mission. The organization has experiences in working with people affected by natural disasters in Nias Island, Aceh, Central Java and North Sumatra.

For further information on PKPA and its emergency response plan in West Sumatra, please contact PKPA Emergency Aid (PEA-PKPA).

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