

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM

SITUATION REPORT #4:
INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE

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SITUATION: Some survivors from the Sept. 2 earthquake that killed at least 79 persons in West Java, Indonesia, and displaced tens of thousands persons are still afraid of staying indoors because they are traumatized, Church World Service Indonesia reports, saying some have built huts outside their homes on safer ground.

CWS staff also report that some areas affected have not yet received aid, and the overall situation could worsen in coming weeks because of rainy and cooler weather. Some people are still reportedly surviving solely on the cassava plant.

The 7.3-magnitude quake destroyed 445 houses and damaged 1,400 others, the Jakarta Post reported. In the sub-districts where CWS is responding, 171 homes were destroyed and 1,152 were severely damaged.

CWS RESPONSE: In the most recent summary of the CWS relief response, CWS has conducted a rapid emergency response in three districts: Tasikmalaya, Garut and Ciamis. Non-food items were distributed to families in need, especially those in remote villages which had received limited assistance.

So far, CWS has distributed a total of 280 blankets; 83 (4x5m) tarpaulins; 83 (5x7m) tarpaulins; 780 mats; 50 mosquito nets; rope; and 64 family tents.

CWS has been coordinating with local authorities and is working with other Action by Churches Together International members. Together, CWS and the other ACT members are working to provide shelter, water and sanitation and psychosocial activities.

CWS has provided assistance thus far from its pre-positioned supplies. A small CWS appeal will be issued for rehabilitation components of this response.

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