

# **Emergency Situation Report** **Number (1), 17 March 2006 (Friday)**

## **Earthquake and Tsunami in Namlea District, Maluku Province, Indonesia**

**Date of incidence, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006, Tuesday**

**Emergency Humanitarian Action (EHA) – WHO - Indonesia**

**Reference: WHO – EHA – Indonesia – 17 March, 2006 – ESR 1, Earthquake and Tsunami  
Namlea District, Maluku Province**

### **Reporting date and time**

17 March 2006 (Friday), 15 :00 hrs

### **Type of Emergency**

Earthquake and Tidal waves (Tsunami)

### **Date of emergency incidence**

14 March 2006 (Tuesday), ± 15:57 hrs local time, (Indonesian local time equals to + 7 hrs GMT),  
06:57:34 (UTC)

### **Earthquake details**

Magnitude: 6.8 (Source USGS) / 6.4 (Source BMG)  
Category: Strong  
Location: 3.605 Degree South, 127.190 Degree East  
Depth: 35 km (21.7 miles)  
MMI: IV to V

### **Place**

Pela, Batu Jungku, Waimorot, Wailawa and Waimoly villages, Bata Bual Sub-District, Namlea District, Maluku Province. It is 110 km away from Ambon city, Maluku Province. Earthquake was also felt in Ambon city.

### **Incidence site mapping**



Map showing the earthquake and tsunami affected areas.

## **Background**

- The area is prone to natural disasters, especially earthquake.

## **Cause and affects**

- Local media reported on 16 March 2006 that some 1,200 persons from Batu Jungku and Pelang Village of Bata Bual Sub-District fled from their homes to higher/mountainous areas. Pelang villagers fled to mountainous area that is 5 kilometers from Pelang Village. Some say 60 people were swept by the sea. Meanwhile, Batu Jungku villagers fled to higher ground that is 2 kilometers from Batu Jungku Village. This information has not been confirmed by local authorities.

## **Casualities**

No	Place	Death	Seriously injured	Missing
1	Batu Jungku Village	3	1	1

## **Houses damaged and IDPs**

- According to local government, the quake also caused heavy damages on houses. It has not been specified whether these heavily damage houses are repairable / live-able or not. These villages are located in Bata Bual Sub-District.
- The latest information received from MOH stated that 231 houses were damaged.

No	Place	Houses	IDP
1	Pela Village	116	663 person, 143 families
2	Batu Jungku Village	30	
3	Waimorot Village	30	
4	Wailawa Village	25	
5	Waimoly Village	16	
	Total	217	

## **Medical evacuation**

Process of evacuation is on going.

## **Accessibility and communication**

Bata Bual Sub-District is a coastal area, located approximately 50 kilometers southeast of Namlea City, capital city of Buru District. or by sea (45 minutes) from Namlea.

### Air

Daily flights available form Jakarta to Ambon, city of Maluku.

### Road

It can be reached by land, 4 hours drive

### Sea

45 minutes from Namlea.

## **Communication**

Communication connection using mobile phone is not reliable.

## **Problem encountered**

- Communication to near by district and province.
- Food, shelters, blankets, hygiene kits, household utensils.

## **Follow-up activities encountered as part of the emergency preparedness and response**

### **Government**

- President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is at the moment visiting Mako subdistrict, Buru District, Maluku Province to observe annual harvest. He is now meeting with the governor and responsible persons to support the affected communities.
- The Governor of Maluku Province visited the affected areas on the day after the earthquake struck (15 Mar). The local government has provided basic emergency assistance (e.g., 5 tons of rice, 300 cartoons of noodles, 40 tents, medicines, medical supplies, blankets, etc.) to the affected people.
- The Central Government (BAKORNAS PB, Ministry of Social Affairs, and Ministry of Health) is monitoring the situation through its contact with local government.

### **UN, INGOs and International Organizations**

- UN RC/HC Office in Jakarta will continue to be in direct contact with pertinent government and non-government institutions, as well as with the Indonesian Red Cross to continue monitoring the situation.
- UNICEF, OXFAM GB, MSF- BELGIUM and CARDI also continue monitoring the situation.
- CRS will send its staff to undertake assessment in the affected areas next week.

### **Local NGOs and Red Cross**

- Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) will send its staff to the southern part of Buru Island, as well as to Ambalau Island to assess the impact of the earthquake.

### **MOH**

- 24 hour mobile clinics opened and provide treatment to the affected communities.
- Emergency disease surveillance initiated.

### **WHO Indonesia**

- EHA, WHO is in close communication with the MOH, local PHO, DHO, Hospital, Barkonas, Coordinating Ministry for Peoples Welfare, and UN team in monitoring the situation to provide necessary support as needed.
- WHO Indonesia country office in close communication with WHO SEARO on monitoring the situation.

### **UNTWG – DRR (UN Technical Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction)**

- OCHA Office in Jakarta will continue to be in direct contact with pertinent Central Government institutions, as well as with the Indonesian Red Cross to continue monitoring the situation.

## **Status of International Aid**

So far the government has not requested officially for any international aids. The local authorities with the support from central government and ministries concerns so far are trying their best to manage the situation.

## **Contact persons in Indonesia**

The following persons can be contacted if more information is needed.

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## **Source of Information from Indonesia**

Information is gathered from the following sources and is not subjected for quotation as it might not reflect the actual true facts at the field level but can be used as references.

1. WHO
2. UN system
3. Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response (PPMK) MOH
4. Local and international news media