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1. Indonesia: Earthquake relief in Sumatra

Overall Situation

A 7.9 magnitude quake struck off the coast of West Sumatra Province in the late afternoon on 30 September, swiftly followed by a 6.2 magnitude quake. Thousands of people are reported to be displaced after heavy rains and landslides, which followed the quakes, with reports of significant damage to infrastructure, including telecommunications, roads, bridges and water supply systems.



30 Sep 2009 - A 7.6-magnitude earthquake in West Sumatera leaves at least 75 people dead and thousands trapped under rubble.

Map Source: UNICEF, USGS.
Reference: Alamyet, Earthquake hits Indonesia, causes 1 strike Pacific islands, 30 Sep 2009.
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According to the latest IRIN news (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - Integrated Regional Information Networks), rescue workers are battling to save scores of people trapped in collapsed buildings after two earthquakes struck Indonesia's West Sumatra Province, with aid supplies being flown in and NGOs mobilising helpers. At least 467 people have been killed in the quakes that devastated the provincial capital, Padang, and the nearby coastal town of Pariaman, according to Indonesia's Social Affairs Ministry. The death toll is likely to increase as many people are still trapped under collapsed buildings, homes and hotels.

(Source: www.reliefweb.int)

Malteser International activities

Malteser International provides initial financial means of 20,000 Euros for emergency relief measures for the survivors of the heavy earthquakes in Sumatra. The people are in urgent need of emergency shelter, food, clean drinking water and first medical aid. Two Malteser International experts – both present on the island of Sumatra - are on their way to Padang in

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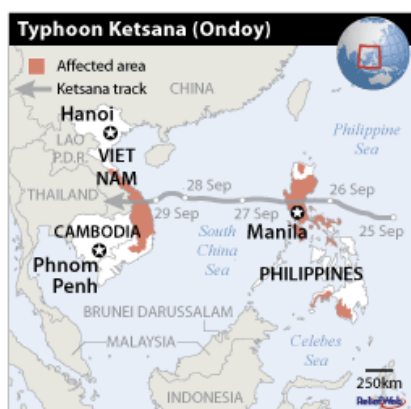
order to assess the needs and prepare immediate humanitarian aid. A four-headed team (medical doctor, nurse, physiotherapist and logistician) of a local partner organisation of Malteser International has left for Padang with relief goods – blankets, tarpaulins, hygiene kits and medicine – in order to distribute them on the ground and to provide first aid and mobile medical treatment. – Malteser International has been working in Indonesia already since the tsunami in 2004 and also provided emergency relief after the heavy earthquake on Java in May 2006.



Photo: Reuters/Alertnet

2. Vietnam: Flood relief after typhoon Ketsana

Overall situation



Philippines, 26 Sep 2009 - Over 1.8 million people affected, 240 dead, 37 missing and close to 370,000 in 607 evacuation centers after Typhoon Ketsana (Ondoy) hit the Philippines.¹
Viet Nam, 29 Sep 2009 - Forty one people dead, 10 missing and close to 60,000 houses collapsed or damaged after Ketsana hit Viet Nam.²
Cambodia, 29 Sep 2009 - Eleven dead as a result of Ketsana.³

Map Sources: FAO, Gov't, UNCS, UNISYS.
 References: UNCS, Philippines: Tropical Storm Ketsana "Ondoy" Situation Report #1, 29 Sep 2009.
 UNCT, Viet Nam: Situation Report No. 4 Typhoon # Ketsana, 30 Sep 2009, Reuters, Over 50 dead as typhoon batters Vietnam and Cambodia, 30 Sep 2009.
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The number of casualties after typhoon Ketsana hit Vietnam has increased to 92 and 19 people are still missing. Rains are still expected in Central and Northern Highland areas, and warnings for more flash floods and landslides have been issued. The Government of Vietnam together with his international partners are carrying out rapid damage and needs assessments in the 15 affected provinces. A first appeal for urgent support has been issued by a number of provinces and cities.

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Malteser International provides further 20,000 Euros for emergency relief in Vietnam after typhoon Ketsana has caused large devastations and severe flooding all over Central Vietnam. People have lost their houses, their belongings and their crops; their cows, pigs and poultry died in the floods. Water supply, roads and the communication system have been damaged. Also the two provinces where Malteser International has been working already since 1996 have been severely hit. The local Malteser International team is preparing the distribution of food items like rice and oil, of blankets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits and corrugated iron sheets.

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3. Appeal for donations

Malteser International needs your support to help the people affected by these natural disasters in South-East Asia. The homeless people, the injured and the hungry will need our support not only in the current disaster situation but also for the rehabilitation period. The extent and sustainable success of our assistance in these emergencies is largely depending on external and internal funding.

Malteser International would therefore highly appreciate your financial contribution to the benefit of the people in Sumatra and Vietnam. Your contribution allows giving a reliable assistance based on their needs.

In order to avoid “fundraising confusion” and high bank fees, we suggest that all associations should first use their own internal system for collecting donations and just afterwards transfer donations to the following Malteser International bank account:

Donation Account 2020122

Pax-Bank Köln, von-Werth-Str. 25-27, D-50670 Köln, Germany,

Sort Code 370 60 193

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Reference: “Natural Disasters South-Easth Asia”

For the time being there is no request for staff – neither for Sumatra nor for Vietnam.

Nevertheless, based on the Sumatra assessment results that we expect for the beginning of next week, it cannot be excluded that Malteser International might need additional volunteer staff, especially in the medical field, to support our mission in Sumatra. We shall keep you informed about all further developments.

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