

## Relief Activity Report No. 2

6 October 2009

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### **1. Indonesia: Earthquake relief in Sumatra**

#### **Overall Situation**

On 4 October, the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) has confirmed the deaths of 603 people, and expects the number of casualties to increase further as thousands of people are still feared to be trapped under rubble. The BNPB also reports 343 people as missing, 736 people as displaced, 412 as severely injured and 2,039 as slightly injured. The numbers will fluctuate as additional assessment results are compiled. The BNPB estimates a total number of 179,629 houses as damaged. While the scale of the damage is unfolding, the Deputy Governor of West Sumatra has indicated that at least 10,000 tents are needed, particularly smaller tents for individual families. Further sources estimate that an additional 30,000 temporary shelter kits are needed in Pariaman.

The BNPB yesterday confirmed, that there is no additional need for medical supplies, or water and sanitation supplies. Priority needs include housing/emergency shelter and shelter expertise, and support to restart schools, including temporary learning spaces for children.

#### **Malteser International activities**



During the last weekend, Malteser International and YEU (Yakkum Emergency Unit), the Indonesian partner organisation, have distributed 150 so-called family kits to the earthquake affected population of Pilubang in the Padang Pariaman district, north of Padang in Western Sumatra. The kits contain blankets, buckets, plastic sheets, sleeping mats and hygiene articles such as towels and soap. “Around 90% of the houses are destroyed and the majority of people are lacking shelter. People are in urgent need of emergency shelters – especially as the rainy season has started”, reports Nicole Derbinski, coordinator of Malteser International projects in Indonesia, from the earthquake-prone region.

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Helpers therefore distribute sleeping mats and plastic sheets as protection against the heavy rains. More plastic sheets for the construction of shelters, blankets and sleeping mats are urgently needed.

According to the latest information given by the Indonesian National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB), there is no additional need for medical supply and medical; there even seems to be an oversupply with regard to medical care for the survivors of the heavy earthquakes.

Malteser International will therefore concentrate on further distributions of relief items and shelter: To continuously support the population of Pilubang, Malteser International will organise as soon as possible a distribution of further emergency items through their local teams on the ground. It is planned to provide about 1,200 families in the sub district of Sungai Limau with plastic sheets, blankets, sleeping mats, hygiene kits and cooking utensils.



All Malteser relief activities in Sumatra/Indonesia are coordinated by Malteser International Headquarters in Cologne. Malteser International has been working in Indonesia since the tsunami in 2004 and has always concentrated on strengthening local structures. For this reason, it is at this time not necessary to send further international experts to the earthquake zone. Nevertheless, Malteser International will closely and continuously observe the further development on the ground. Should there arise a need for specific expert knowledge or special expertise, e.g. in the fields of neurosurgery, we will inform you without delay.



Today, the Indonesian Government via the German Embassy in Indonesia has urged all German NGOs (non-governmental organisations) to coordinate their emergency relief activities via the Embassy and the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW, Technisches Hilfswerk). This step is a clear indicator that the Indonesian Government is taking over its responsibility as lead of the coordination of relief measures and thus limits our individual programming. Nevertheless, we

appreciate this step as it safeguards efficient coordination and avoids the doubling of relief activities.

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## 2. Vietnam: Flood relief after typhoon Ketsana

### Overall situation

Almost one week after typhoon Ketsana brought devastation to large parts of Central Vietnam, the situation remains critical. According to the Vietnamese Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC), 163 have died and 11 people are still missing. More than 21,614 houses have collapsed and 5,445 classrooms were damaged. It may take years for millions of farmers, fishermen and other Vietnamese to overcome this disaster and restore



their lives. Reconstruction activities have started: houses, classrooms and medical clinics are being repaired. Roads are being reopened to traffic. Electricity and telephone lines have been reconnected in approximately 80 percent of the affected provinces. Rapid assessment teams are reporting complete loss of crop and heavily damaged aquaculture facilities in Phu Loc district. In Binh Minh and Binh My teams are reporting lack of food, crop destruction damaged infrastructure and overall weak coping capacity.

### Malteser International activities

The local Malteser International team is organizing the distribution of food items like rice , canned fish and meat, of blankets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits (tooth brushes, soap, tooth paste, water buckets, water disinfection tablets) and corrugated iron sheets for about 60,000 people in the two provinces of Danang and Quam Nang where Malteser International has been working already since 1996. Dr. Hai-Ho Pham, former Malteser International project manager Vietnam, arrived in Danang last Friday in order to do the needs assessment and coordinate the relief measures.

The planning and coordination of all emergency relief activities in Vietnam is run by the Malteser International Headquarters.

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### 3. Philippines: Request for assistance after Typhoon Parma and Typhoon Ketsana

#### Overall situation



Typhoon Parma made landfall in Cagayan Valley as a Category 3 Typhoon on 3 October and weakened to a Category 2. Initial data for Typhoon Parma indicates more than 68,589 people (14,342 families) were affected, with two confirmed deaths and 35,543 people (8,062 families) located in 188 evacuation centres, according to the Department for Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Tropical Storm Ketsana affected 3,232,234 people (668,864 families), leaving 288 dead and 42 missing. A total of 370,147 people are currently in 515 evacuation shelters. An estimated 4,404 houses were destroyed by the storm and floods and 6,033 houses were partially damaged, according to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC).

Food, water, sanitation and hygiene relief remain the highest priorities. Humanitarian partners have been

requested to be prepared to expand their support to incorporate the Typhoon Parma affected areas, based on incoming assessments.

#### Malteser International activities

In view of the heavy damages and the great need caused by the typhoons in the Philippines, Malteser International has provided initial financial means of 10,000 Euros out of its own resources in order to support the relief measures organized by the Philippine Association and has sent its sincere condolences.

However, as there were so many disasters within only a few days, and given the fact that Malteser International is not present in the region, Malteser International unfortunately had to decide to concentrate its *direct* efforts in disaster relief on Vietnam and subsequently also on Indonesia, two countries in which the relief service has a long-established presence and therefore possibilities and means available for direct help.

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Nevertheless Malteser International will also do its utmost to provide further financial support on the basis of the financial contributions of the international network of the Order of Malta and its national associations. Therefore, with the following appeal Malteser International asks for donations for Sumatra, Vietnam as well as for the Philippines. Please feel also free to send earmarked funds for one of the countries.

#### 4. Appeal for donations

Malteser International needs your support to help the people affected by these natural disasters in South-East Asia. 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, Vietnam and in the Philippines**. 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**

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**Sort Code 370 60 193**

**IBAN DE93 3706 0193 0002 0201 22**

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**Reference: “Natural Disasters South-East Asia”**

In case you would like to donate especially and exclusively for the association in the Philippines, please quote “Philippines” in your reference.

We shall keep you informed about all further developments.

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