



Initial Report from the 2006 Indonesian Earthquake in Yogyakarta, Java

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Four days after the 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck Central Java, a coalition of organizations have conglomerated to create a unified relief operation in what is being called the “Emergency” phase of the earthquake.

Over 4000 people have been confirmed dead as a result of the earthquake and hundreds of thousands of homes have been destroyed causing widespread homelessness. Hospitals are overfilling and patients have been sent to other provinces and in some cases have been sent back to their communities before finishing the required treatments. Furthermore, threats from the active Volcano Merapi are causing even more fears and greater risk to the recovery of the earthquake.

Many rural areas are yet to receive any medical or ration aid which has been one of the major focuses of the coalition.

THE WORLD IS OUR VILLAGE:

The representative from The World is our Village has arrived in the affected area and has integrated with the distribution center in Yogyakarta as well as formally joined the coalition. The primary focus of The World is our Village will be to assist in the relief operations, specifically in the rural villages which have been drastically affected and ignored by other NGO’s and the Local and National Indonesian Governments. Urgent ration is needed to supply the villages who have not received adequate aid for survival including a lack of food, drinking water, baby’s milk, and sanitary materials.

FACILATION:

The headquarters for the distribution of ration is in central Yogyakarta. The coalition is facilitating 31 relief centers around the affected areas primarily focusing on rural areas which are not receiving adequate government or foreign aid. Each center is hosting up to 200 evacuees who are being sheltered, fed, and taken care of. Many of the residents in the Emergency Relief Centers were sent back from hospitals and have not received required treatments. With nearly 200 evacuees in the centers, shelter is a major concern as many are still sleeping under the open sky.

Donations and purchased ration is delivered to the central distribution center and is then organized, divided and sent to the relief centers. Representatives from each organization are permanently based at the distribution center and open communication between the administrative branches and field volunteers is taking place to inform all organizations of specific needs at each shelter. Meetings are held daily to discuss the issues reported back from the relief centers and adequate solutions are agreed upon by all members.

Four days after the initial earthquake, emergency aid is being distributed through small donations and further supplies are needed urgently.

URGENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Basic Requirements
 - Tarpaulin Waterproof Shelters – 8X6 – holds 20-30 people - \$65 USD
 - Cooking Equipment - \$25 USD (one set/one kitchen – up to 5 families)
 - Petroleum – 5 Liters/Day per Tent – approx \$1 USD

- Sanitary needs for Women - \$1 USD
- Toiletries - \$1 USD
- Medicine (First Aid Kit) - \$8 USD

- Food per Shelter (30 People) per Day = \$40 USD/Day
 - Instant food boxes – X2
 - Rice – 8 Kilo
 - Cooking Oil – 1 Bottle
 - Sugar – 2 Kilo
 - Flour – 3 Kilo
 - Babies Milk/Food – Approx. 100 babies
 - Drinking water – 2 Gallons
 - Vegetables – 30 Kilo
 - Eggs – 4 doz.

- Other Requirements
 - Blankets - \$6 USD
 - Towels - \$3 USD
 - Lighting (+ cables) for 2 Tents - \$20 USD
 - Clothing – \$10 USD/person
 - Women’s Hijaabs - \$6 USD
 - Praying Mat (Sajdaga/Musulla) - \$4 USD