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Earthquake Devastation: helping survivors in Indonesia

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The Need

An earthquake struck a highly-populated area of Indonesia in the early morning of May 27; along with over 5,500 people reported dead, an estimated 200,000 have been left homeless, and over 17,000 injured. Earthquake survivors urgently need medical care, shelter, water and food.



The quake, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale hit the city of Yogyakarta, 400 kilometres east of Jakarta. The city is far from the tsunami-affected regions of Indonesia, but in the immediate area is an active volcano threatening to erupt. Following the earthquake, the volcano has been releasing smoke and lava.

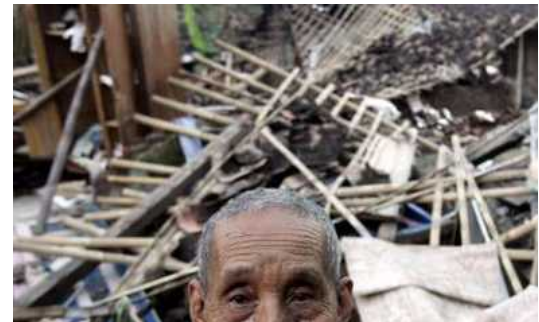


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How the Red Cross is helping

In the immediate hours after the disaster, the Indonesia Red Cross Society mobilized more than 400 staff and volunteers to undertake relief and assessment of needs:

- Medical care is the priority in the response effort. Five medical action teams are already operational, with five more soon to arrive.
- A Red Cross field hospital has been set up in Bantul, with a capacity of 200 beds and health services for a population of up to 150,000 people.
- Red Cross volunteers are distributing food, mineral water, tents, tarpaulins and infant care.
- Two water treatment plants are also being mobilized for standby as may be required. A total of 2.5 metric tonnes of relief and medical supplies has been sent by air.
- Other Red Cross Societies from across the globe are acting quickly to assist with the relief effort.



Canadian generosity is making a difference on the ground in Indonesia. Canadian Red Cross has sent a field coordinator from Banda Aceh to assist with the relief assessments and response. As well, donations are coming in across the country from government, corporations and individuals wishing to help. These funds will be sent to the area to help purchase urgently-needed supplies.

Your financial support enables the Red Cross to meet the urgent relief needs quickly and effectively.

How you can help

The Canadian Red Cross is appealing for cash donations to support the humanitarian relief efforts of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. Donations to the Canadian Red Cross **Indonesia Earthquake Fund** will help provide the survivors of the disaster with food, shelter, first aid, basic health care and medical supplies.

Canadian Red Cross is urging Canadians to give as generously as possible. Your support will be rapidly turned into help for the most vulnerable people affected by the devastation.

Make your donation to the Indonesia Earthquake Fund:

- online at www.redcross.ca
- toll-free at 1-800-418-1111
- in person at any Red Cross office
- by mailing a cheque or money order (no cash in the mail, please) to Canadian Red Cross. Earmark your donation "Indonesia Earthquake"

Note: Donations of food, clothing and other items are well-intentioned. However, the tremendous processing and transportation costs involved in shipping these items makes them impractical and therefore donated goods are NOT accepted. Financial donations remain the best way to get the most appropriate help to the regions quickly.

Want to help in other ways? Contact your local Red Cross office to learn about:

- Organizing an event to raise funds in your community.
- Setting up an employee giving campaign at your workplace.

**Please give generously to those whose lives
have been devastated.
Help can't wait.**

