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#### **South Asia – Earthquake and Tsunami Indonesia**

This report is developed by OCHA Office in Indonesia and based on information provided by the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG), National Coordination Board for Natural Disaster Management (Bakornas) and Media reports.

1. The powerful earthquake that has affected in particular the province of Aceh was also felt in cities in neighbouring provinces such as Bukit Tinggi and Paya Kumbuh in West Sumatra, and Parapat in North Sumatra. The quake generated a 5-meter-high tsunami in Sabang island. The northern coast of Aceh and Lhokseumawe also suffered from tsunami.
2. According to initial reports, the quake claimed more than 500 lives. No report of number of people injured who are now being treated at hospitals. Severe damage caused to hundreds of houses, shops, bridges, and government buildings. Electricity and telecommunication lines out of the Aceh provincial capital of Banda Aceh were cut because most of the equipment was inundated by tsunami generated by the quake.
3. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono ordered on Sunday his ministers to provide emergency relief (medical assistance, emergency shelters, food supplies and blankets) to the victims of the powerful earthquake in Aceh.
4. Indonesia Red Cross (PMI) is departing Jakarta to Aceh tomorrow morning.
5. The UN Country Team will meet Monday morning to coordinate relief efforts.

#### **Strengthening of UN Country Teams in the region**

6. UNDP Administrator and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator are requesting all UN Country Teams in the affected region to convene crisis meetings immediately to discuss response to date, to review cooperation with the Governments and to consider assistance from OCHA and other sources. Furthermore, they have decided to reinforce all UN Country Teams in the affected countries with additional personnel.

7. Together with further information on other ongoing emergencies, this situation report is also available on the OCHA Internet Website at <http://www.reliefweb.int>.

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