



Central Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami Response March 30 Update

Six months after the September 28 earthquake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi, 5,356 people are confirmed dead (1,016 unidentified) and 667 remain missing.

The Central Sulawesi provincial administration has extended the emergency status of Central Sulawesi for a third time, and the National Disaster Mitigation Agency and Public Works and Housing Ministry will make an official status update on April 23, **after the Presidential and parliamentary elections.**

Additionally, Vice President Jusuf Kalla reduced the number of temporary house to be built by 50 percent. According to the initial plan, a total of 1,200 temporary houses would be built in two phases. However, as of February only 441 were ready. The Vice President instructed the local government to finish the 699 units planned for phase one and said that no additional units would be built. **No official explanation for this decision was given; but, the decision was confirmed by the shelter cluster lead in Palu, which is the provincial Department of Social Affairs.**

The government-led response, complemented and augmented by non-government and private support, continues to address humanitarian needs while transitioning to recovery and reconstruction. Recovery planning is underway with several assessments in process and the development of the Master Plan for Reconstruction under consultation. **However, as of the end of March the Master Plan still has not been published.**



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Water Supply

- **CWS distributes about 345,000 liters of water daily in 76 locations, with 16 tankers reaching about 20,000 people in nearly 4,400 households.** Each person receives at least 15 liters of water a day in line with Sphere standards. CWS collects water from the municipal water works, which treats the water at its plant. We truck the water to each of the distribution points, where it is further treated with chlorine and where information is shared about the importance of also boiling the water.
- After recalibrating distribution plans between CWS and World Vision Indonesia in December 2018, the number of people CWS was reaching daily with trucked water decreased from about 13,000 to about 10,200 people in January 2019. Both the per-person allocation and the time for quality monitoring have increased because of this change.
- **In February, CWS was asked to start water distribution in additional locations in Palu and Donggala districts; CWS added 13 news distribution points in March and is now reaching more than 20,000 people.**

Sanitation and Hygiene

- CWS supported 29 community health volunteers, seven community health center staff and four staff from partner NGOs to join a four-day behavior change communication training in support of hygiene promotion. **These health volunteers developed a community-led total sanitation promotion plan, and they started sharing information in line with their plan in March.**
- Early in the emergency, CWS distributed hygiene items (diapers, sanitary napkins) and/or hygiene kits to 431 households and collapsible jerry cans from UNHCR to 4,373 households in Sigi and Donggala districts.
- **In March CWS built four four-stall public latrines in two camps in Donggala district. These add to the 21 four-stall public latrines in already built, bringing the total to 25 latrines.**



Shelter & Household Items

CWS has received and distributed:

- RECENT. 4,373 jerry cans; 2,760 mosquito nets; 5,671 solar lamps; 6,000 sleeping mats, 195 family tents in Sigi and Donggala districts.
- EARLIER IN THE RESPONSE. 2,100 tarps from USAID in Sigi district; 1,911 blankets; 1,148 sleeping mats; 858 additional tarps in Sigi and Donggala districts.

CWS staff have identified 200 households in Jono, Sidera, Jono Oge, Karawana and Puroo villages in Sigi as well as 100 households in Ombo and Lende Tovea villages in Donggala district in need of transitional shelter, or T-shelter.

Three T-shelter prototypes have been built in Sigi district, and two more have been built in Donggala district. Community members and local builders joined one of five hands-on T-shelter construction trainings in Jono, Jono Oge, Karawana, Puroo and Sidera villages in Sigi district. In March, 220 units of T-shelter were being built; progress is around 40 percent of the goal.



Other Updates & Planned Activities

Emergency Assistance: Water Distribution & Hygiene Kits

- Water distribution (trucking) will continue in Palu city as well as in Sigi and Donggala districts.
- Continue distribution of 10-liter jerry cans from UNHCR in Donggala and Sigi districts.
- Procure an additional 1,500 hygiene kits for households in Sigi district with OFDA funds. Each hygiene kit contains 10 pieces of bath soap, five toothbrushes, five containers of toothpaste for adults, two containers of toothpaste for children, three packs of sanitary pads, four bottles of shampoo, four towels, two buckets with lids for water collection and storage, two water drippers, two packages of detergent, and a trash can with lid.

Improved Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion

- CWS continues to assess water supply needs in several areas of Sigi and Donggala districts.

Emergency Shelter Kits and Household Items

- Support 200 households in Sigi district as well as 100 households in Donggala district to build transitional shelter.
- Distribute an additional 1,500 shelter kits for 1,500 households in Sigi district with OFDA funds. Each shelter kit consists of a tarp, a plastic mat for the ground, two blankets, two sarongs that can be worn by both men and women, a portable rechargeable solar lamp and a document zip-lock bag.

Recent Visits

From March 4 to 7, the CWS team in Palu hosted a group of colleagues from CWS and partners. The group included Josephine Oguta, CWS Vice President, Development and Humanitarian Assistance; Joanne Rendall, CWS Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Munoz, CWS Associate Director, Domestic Disaster Program; Rev. Vy Nguyen, Executive Director of Week of Compassion (Disciples of Christ) and Zachary Wolgemuth, Executive for United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries.

On the first day of the visit, after a morning meeting with colleagues from other ACT Alliance members that are working in Central Sulawesi (YAKKUM, Pelkesi and Christian Aid), the group set out for Roviga camp, where CWS is distributing water daily. In the afternoon, the group visited Jono Oge village, where community members are building 50 T-shelters with CWS support.

On the second day the visitors traveled about 2.5 hours by car to Donggala district to visit Ombo village, to see additional T-shelter construction, and to Mapaga Camp in Labean village, where CWS is supporting communal latrines for 40 displaced families. Returning to Palu in the afternoon the visitors and the CWS team and guests gathered for a debriefing, during which the visitors suggested supporting communities' livelihood recovery efforts. Additionally, they urged advocating with local government about the continuing need for trucked water, since clean, safe water was identified as a key issue by displaced families with whom they met, and by almost everyone displaced in Central Sulawesi.

To read more about the visit and the importance of water you can read Josephine's blog post [here](#).

The CWS team in Palu also hosted a visit from our CWS Japan colleagues in March. Takeshi Komino, Ikue Uchida and Sangita Das visited Central Sulawesi from March 14 to 18, to monitor implementation of T-shelter construction funded by the Japan Platform.



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