Health response after earthquake in West Sulawesi Province

A 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck West Sulawesi Province on 15 January 2020, about six kilometers northeast of Majene District. Majene and Mamuju Districts are two of the most affected areas. As of 18 January 2020, a total of 56 people died and 15,000 people are displaced. Two hospitals and two community health centers (Puskesmas) are severely damaged. The search and rescue operation is underway, led by the Provincial Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) with the help of local volunteers and humanitarian organizations.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) led a health cluster coordination meeting on 15 January to provide assistance to survivors in the disaster-affected areas. The Minister of Health has dispatched a rapid health assessment team and logistical assistance and deployed an Emergency Medical Team on 16 January to affected areas, including to West Sulawesi Regional Hospital. MoH support for West Sulawesi includes 25 ambulances, tents, orthopedic equipment and treatment kits, 300 personal protective equipment, 100,000 surgical masks, and 20,000 fabric masks. The Mamuju health cluster has been activated.

WHO continues to closely monitor the situation and coordinate with MoH and stands ready to support MoH in the emergency response.

For updates on this evolving emergency, please visit:

- [Crisis Centre, Ministry of Health](#)
- [National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB)](#)
- [AHA Centre](#)
- [UN OCHA](#)
Reference:

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