



Cianjur, Indonesia Earthquake

Situation Report #4

November 28, 2022

Situation Overview

On Monday, November 21, a shallow 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck near the town of Cianjur in West Java, Indonesia. The earthquake resulted in the destruction of over 22,000 homes, schools, and office buildings. According to the head of Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency, at least 310 people have died and a total of 7,700 have been injured. More than 73,000 individuals have been displaced and have taken shelter in several locations in the region, a number that may continue to rise. Approximately one-third of those killed were children who had been trapped in homes or schools that crumbled.

The earthquake triggered landslides across the region, burying entire villages and roads. Not only did these landslides devastate communities, but they also prevented access to the affected region except to those using motorbikes or on foot, as well as prohibited survivors from reaching medical facilities.¹ Despite success in clearing debris and re-opening main roads into Cianjur, many remote areas remained isolated for up to two days after the quake. This lack of access complicated many emergency services efforts as first responders struggled to reach the affected areas. With December approaching, Indonesia's rainiest month of the year, concerns around the potential for further landslides persist.²

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/21/world/asia/indonesia-earthquake-java-photos.html>

² <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/indonesian-rescue-workers-race-find-victims-trapped-by-deadly-quake-2022-11-22/>

Quick Facts

- A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck near the city of Cianjur, Indonesia, killing 310 and injuring over 7,700 people.
- Project HOPE has partnered with the IBU Foundation to provide two mobile medical units and to distribute shelter items in the most affected areas.
- Project HOPE has a team on the ground in Cianjur and is mobilizing additional support as needed.

In partnership with local organizations, Project HOPE's Indonesia team has been able to reach those isolated communities and assess their immediate needs, learning that approximately 20% of houses in Cugenang and Warukondang subdistricts have been moderately to severely affected. The emergency response team also has identified over 300 displaced families that are in need of shelter kits and clean water supplies.

Response operations have been hampered by power outages and over-stretched medical resources. Local hospitals are reportedly beyond capacity. Additionally, one regional hospital experienced considerable damage, resulting in the injured being treated outdoors in makeshift tents.³ The overwhelmed health care facilities, compounded by the shortage of medical professionals, have resulted in some patients being evacuated to facilities in the neighboring city of Bandung.

Project HOPE's Response

Project HOPE has a permanent presence in Indonesia through the Yayasan Project HOPE office. Led by our Emergency Response Staff in Indonesia, Project HOPE is engaging with an established network of partners in the region, many of whom have mobilized in response to the earthquake. These local network partners include the IBU Foundation, a humanitarian organization that focuses support on mothers and children; KUN Humanity System, a medical response organization that provides mobile medical units in remote environments; and Yayasan Wanadri, an outdoor organization that supports search and rescue efforts as well as provides first-aid.

At this time, the Project HOPE emergency response staff is partnering with the IBU Foundation and has deployed two Mobile Care Units that will provide medical services, including mental health and psychosocial support, to displaced communities in the most affected areas. Additionally, Project HOPE is coordinating the distribution of non-food items, such as family shelter kits and hygiene kits. Project HOPE will continue monitoring the ongoing needs from the earthquake and will be prepared to deploy additional teams to the impacted areas.



Damage to homes in Cianjur, Indonesia following the earthquake on November 21. Photo by Iswar Abidin for Project HOPE, 2022.