



Cianjur, Indonesia Earthquake

Situation Report #7

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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 damage to over 37,830 homes, 525 schools, and 14 health facilities. According to Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency, at least 335 people have died, over 7,000 have been injured, and more than 114,683 individuals have been displaced.

The earthquake triggered landslides across the region, burying entire villages and roads. Not only did these landslides devastate communities, but they prohibited survivors from reaching medical facilities and complicated access to the area for emergency services. Concern remains around the potential for further landslides as Indonesia is in its rainiest period of the year.

Currently, Internally Displaced People (IDPs) are living in at least 494 camps that have spread out across the affected sub-districts. Inadequate shelter continues to be a challenge as heavy rain persists. Many IDPs do not have access to safe drinking water or sanitation facilities as clean water systems were damaged, forcing communities to rely on well water or sewer water for washing and bathing. Also, many communities have limited resources for sanitation and some IDPs appear to be resorting to open defecation. These conditions have impacted the mental and physical health of many displaced. Diseases such as ISPA, scabies, diarrhea, and hypertension are the most common illnesses among IDPs.

Quick Facts

- A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck near the city of Cianjur, Indonesia on November 21, 2022, killing 335 and injuring over 7,000 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 one of the most affected sub-districts, Cugenang, which possesses a large number of displaced people.

Project HOPE's Response

Project HOPE has had a permanent presence in Indonesia through the Yayasan Project HOPE office since 2019. This affiliate of Project HOPE aims to transform lives and uplift communities by empowering health care workers to teach and deliver innovative, lifesaving solutions every day and in times of crisis. Led by our Emergency Response Staff in Indonesia, Project HOPE is engaging with the IBU Foundation, one of our established partners in the region, who immediately mobilized in response to the earthquake. The IBU Foundation is a humanitarian organization that focuses support on mothers and children and has a long history of responding to a variety of emergencies across Indonesia.

At this time, Project HOPE, in partnership with the IBU Foundation, is responding in the sub-district of Cugenang, a remote area that experienced the greatest damage and now has approximately 48,000 displaced people. Response efforts include the deployment of two Mobile Medical Units that will provide medical services and promote hygiene awareness to displaced communities in the most affected areas. Along with medical treatment, mental health and psychological support through counseling will be provided to assist the community in coping with the situation.

Additionally, Project HOPE is coordinating the distribution of family shelter kits and hygiene kits. These supplies will target the most vulnerable displaced population, including the elderly, those with disabilities, and female-led households. Project HOPE is also building 20 WASH facilities across 10 IDP camps, which will benefit 400 people. These efforts will be overseen by a community-based clean water and sanitation management group, which Project HOPE formed to facilitate the long-term planning, construction, and management of clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as health promotion activities and the distribution of hygiene supplies. Project HOPE will staff continue to reassess the affected community needs in IDP camps to ensure programming targets the greatest needs.

Project HOPE has responded to multiple disasters across the globe, including Hurricane Ian in the U.S. and Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in 2022, the earthquakes in Haiti and Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas in 2021, Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Central America in 2020, and the earthquake in Sulawesi, Indonesia in 2018.



Figure 1. IBU Medics providing medical support following the 5.6-magnitude earthquake on November 21, 2022. Photo by IBU Foundation for Project HOPE, 2022.



Figure 2. IBU Medics engaging with women and children to provide mental & psychological support services. Photo by IBU Foundation for Project HOPE, 2022.

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