

Earthquake in Gorontalo Province, Republic of Indonesia

HIGH LIGHTS

- On 17 November 2008, a powerful earthquake, 7.7 Richter scale hit Gorontalo Province, Indonesia.
- 2 persons died, 43 persons injured.
- 222 houses, 1 school and 1 religious building damaged.
- Accessibility to affected area was disrupted. Communication line & electricity powers are still working.
- MOH, Regional Crisis Center of North Sulawesi, Provincial Health Office and District Health Office in close collaboration with WHO Indonesia, provided integrated Emergency Health Services according to Standard Operating Procedures.

Date of Incident

Monday, November 17, 2008

Situation Analysis

Time: 00:02 hours local time (BMG) / 01:02 hours local time (USGS) / (+7 GMT)

Richter scale: 7.7 (USGS & BMG)

Epicenter: 138 Northwest of Gorontalo Province

Depth: 10 kilometers under sea level

Tsunami Warning: Alerted to residence, 1,000 km – living near epicenter in coastal areas to move to higher ground. It was lifted at 02:30 hour's local time.

After shocks: 5.6 RS at 01:34 hours and 5.5 RS at 02:20 hours local time (USGS)

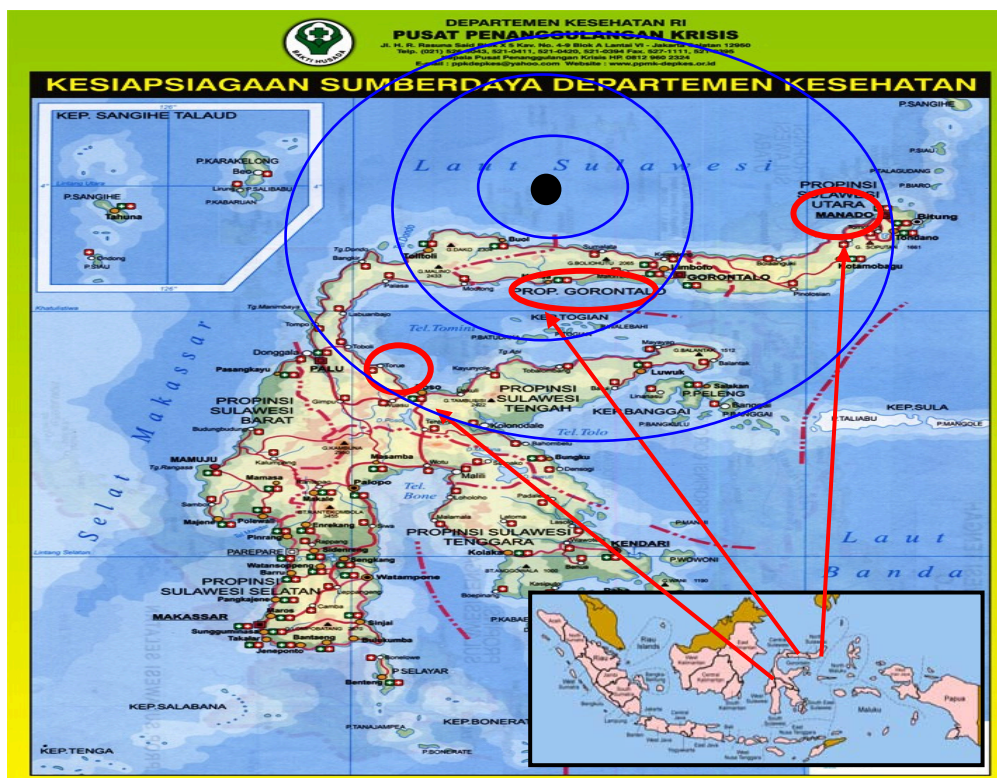
Place: The earthquake affected 4 districts & 1 municipality in three provinces in Sulawesi Island.

Details as follows:

1. Nossa District, Gorontalo Province.
2. Buol, Poso and Toli-Toli Districts, Central Sulawesi Province.
3. Manado City, North Sulawesi Province.

Affected Areas and Incident Site Mapping

The arrows show epicenter and areas affected by the earthquake:





Caption:
People leaving their houses to a safer place having fear of collapse of buildings in Gorontalo



Caption:
People moved out of their houses to the street, having fear of collapse of buildings and Tsunami in Gorontalo

Casualties and Damage

Table showing casualties and damage in affected areas

No	Location	Death	Major Injury	Minor Injury	Damaged House		Damaged Religious Building	Damaged School
					Heavily Damaged	Slightly Damaged		
1	Buol District, Central Sulawesi	1	5	14	73	149	1	1
2	North Gorontalo, Gorontalo Province	1	1	23	0	0	0	0
3	Poso District, Central Sulawesi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		2	6	37	222		1	1

IDP

No report on IDPs

Communication

Land lines as well as mobile phone communication are still working

Transportation

Local transportation disrupted by the earthquake.

Electricity Power

Still working

Response

MOH – WHO Indonesia

- Rapid Assessment team formed and deployed.
- Injured and ill cases referred to District hospitals.
- Local health facilities alert to provide necessary health services base on needs.
- WHO and MOH up-dating the situation and filling the gaps in collaboration with District and Provincial Coordination Units for Disaster Management (BPBD).
- WHO is in close communication with MOH in monitoring the situation through Regional Crisis Center of Manado, North Sulawesi as well as District and Provincial Health Office of Gorontalo, Central Sulawesi as well as North Sulawesi and Crisis Center, Jakarta.

Status of International Aid

So far the government has not officially requested any international aid. The local authorities, with support from central government and ministries, are trying their best to manage the situation so far. Agencies and Donors are welcomed to provide support through on-going programmes.

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Source of Information from Indonesia

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1. WHO
2. Crisis Center (PPK), MoH
3. UN System
4. BNPB
5. Local and international news media