

Earthquake in Indonesia

During an earthquake, huge rocks move beneath the Earth's surface and cause the ground to shake, sometimes several times in a few minutes.



On 28th September 2018 a huge earthquake hit Central Sulawesi island in Indonesia. It toppled buildings and crumbled roads. Then, hours later, a tsunami with three-metre-high waves washed away people, homes, roads and crops.

Shops and hospitals collapsed and were washed away. Main roads were blocked because of a landslide and the airport closed due to damage to the runway. Underground pipes were damaged meaning there was no clean water in the wells for people to drink.

- 2,000+ people died
- 1,000+ people went missing
- 10,000+ people seriously injured
- 67,000+ houses damaged or destroyed
- 200,000+ people in need of emergency
(that's enough people to fill Hampden Stadium 4 times)

Nining's story

Nining is a farmer who was on her way to tend to her crops when the earthquake struck. She rushed back home to check on her husband and two young daughters. Thankfully they weren't hurt, but the ground in front of their house had cracked open. The family and their neighbours ran to higher ground, eventually arriving in a large field where they waited for help.

There was an urgent need for a temporary shelter, food and clean water. Plus, medical supplies for the injured.

SCIAF's partner, Caritas Indonesia, distributed essential supplies to thousands of people who needed urgent help.



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SCIAF sent £20,000 to Caritas Indonesia to help with the emergency response and to help communities recover from this disaster.

The initial response included distributing over seven tons of rice, hundreds of cans of sardines and 500 boxes containing emergency bottled water. They also provided emergency kits containing blankets, tarpaulins and mats to help people make temporary shelters.

Families like Nining's also received:

- A mosquito net
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- Dish washing soap
- Soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Washing detergent for clothes
- Cooking utensils

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