The death toll from the recent earthquake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi now stands at 2,256, according to the latest press briefing from the National Disaster Management Agency, BNPB. A further 223,751 people have been displaced and 4,612 people have been severely injured, while 1,309 are still missing.

The AHA Centre portal for sending offers of in-kind assistance closed as of 22 October. It is unclear at this time if the Government of Indonesia will still accept in-kind donations.

BNPB will continue to provide regular updates on the emergency response. Further information can be found here or by following the official BNPB spokesman’s Twitter account: https://twitter.com/Sutopo_PN

The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA) is providing regular situation updates which can be accessed here.

TRANSPORT IN PALU

- WFP has 40 free-to-user trucks available for common transport in support of the humanitarian response. From 12 October to date, the trucks have conducted a total of 178 trips to various locations.

- WFP is liaising closely with BNPB, AHA, Ministry of Social Affairs, the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI) and the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) regarding distribution mechanisms and structures to ensure coordination at all levels.

- WFP is working with the Global Logistics Cluster to implement the Relief Items Tracking Application (RITA) for common transport and storage services, to ensure effective and efficient tracking of requests and relief items in support the Government authorities and line ministries, BNPB, AHA and the organisations present in the implementation phase of this service.

- A Service Request Form (SRF) is now available in Bahasa Indonesia and in English. The two versions were shared with organisations along with the User Instructions Guide. Additional guidance will be offered by the team on the ground during the coming week.

- Once the SRF has been completed, it must be submitted to indonesia.clustercargo@wfp.org.
This service will cover loading and off-loading at WFP common warehouses, as well as off-loading at delivery points for last mile delivery if requested in advance. Loading and off-loading at partners’ warehouses is expected to be organised and covered by partners themselves.

AIRPORTS

Balikpapan Airport

• Organisations whose offers have been accepted should ensure their goods reach Balikpapan by 24 October as operations at Balikpapan staging area are expected to cease on 26 October.

• After 26 October, any relief items destined for Palu will need to be transported via commercial chartered flights with the costs borne by the sender. Further guidance will be provided by BNPB and will be made available on the Global Logistics Cluster website when announced.

Palu Airport

• Cargo congestion at Palu airport is once again becoming a problem with items being lined up on the apron. WFP is supporting BNPB and TNI in clearing the apron at the airport by moving the cargo to partners warehouse facilities or direct distribution, or to the two transit MSUs.

• DHL has finalised their presence in Palu and are no longer providing ground handling staff and equipment. WFP is now assisting the US Air Force with this task.

SEA PORTS AND FERRIES

• Pantoloan port is open for domestic and commercial shipments, however commercial operations are only slowly picking up.

• The sea port is open for the receipt of humanitarian cargo if the items have been sourced in-country and shipped from another port in Indonesia, and have been consigned to a national NGO.

• The portal cranes at the port are damaged. Vessels delivering cargo should be equipped with cranes in order to load/offload cargo or roll on/roll off vessels should be used.

STORAGE

• The two AHA/BNPB Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) at Palu airport are operational and are currently being used as a transit hub.

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WFP is finalising the details of the contract with the seaport authority and operators to secure approximately 500 m² of an identified facility to be used as common storage. The facility is expected to be operational at the beginning of next week.

WFP has agreed to establish common storage facilities with IFRC and PMI at the main PMI logistics hub at “Garuda” in central Palu. One WFP MSU is being erected today and is expected to be open to receive cargo by end of day 24 October. Three to four additional MSUs will be erected in the coming days.

Partners will be able to access the storage facilities at no cost to user, by completing and submitting the abovementioned SRF.

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