

World Vision responds to Sulawesi earthquake that leaves 42 dead, hundreds injured and 15,000 displaced

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January 16, 2021 – World Vision has teams on the ground assessing immediate needs in the wake of Friday's magnitude-6.2 earthquake on Indonesia's Sulawesi island that has reportedly killed at least 42 people.

World Vision Indonesia is working with its partner agencies based in the region, having already despatched a team from Pinrang in southern Sulawesi, around 120km from Majene in the western part of the island, the area of greatest devasatation.

Early assessments confirm that at least 42 people have been killed, almost 200 seriously injured and around 15,000 displaced by the quake that hit early Friday morning.

A spokesperson for World Vision Indonesia said the rapid assessments of humanitarian need would inform what items would be despatched to the region, but it was already evident that temporary shelter and baby products were of paramount importance.

World Vision Indonesia's director of humanitarian emergency affairs is available for interview.

More to come.

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