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Indonesia: One Week of Earthquake Rescue and Relief

Sep. 30
- A magnitude 7.6 earthquake strikes 28 mi (45 km) WNW of Padang, Sumatra. (Pop. 900,000)

Oct. 1
- An earthquake (6.6) strikes 134 mi (215 km) SE of Padang.
- Government of Indonesia declares state of emergency.
- US Ambassador to Indonesia issues disaster declaration due to the effects of the earthquakes.

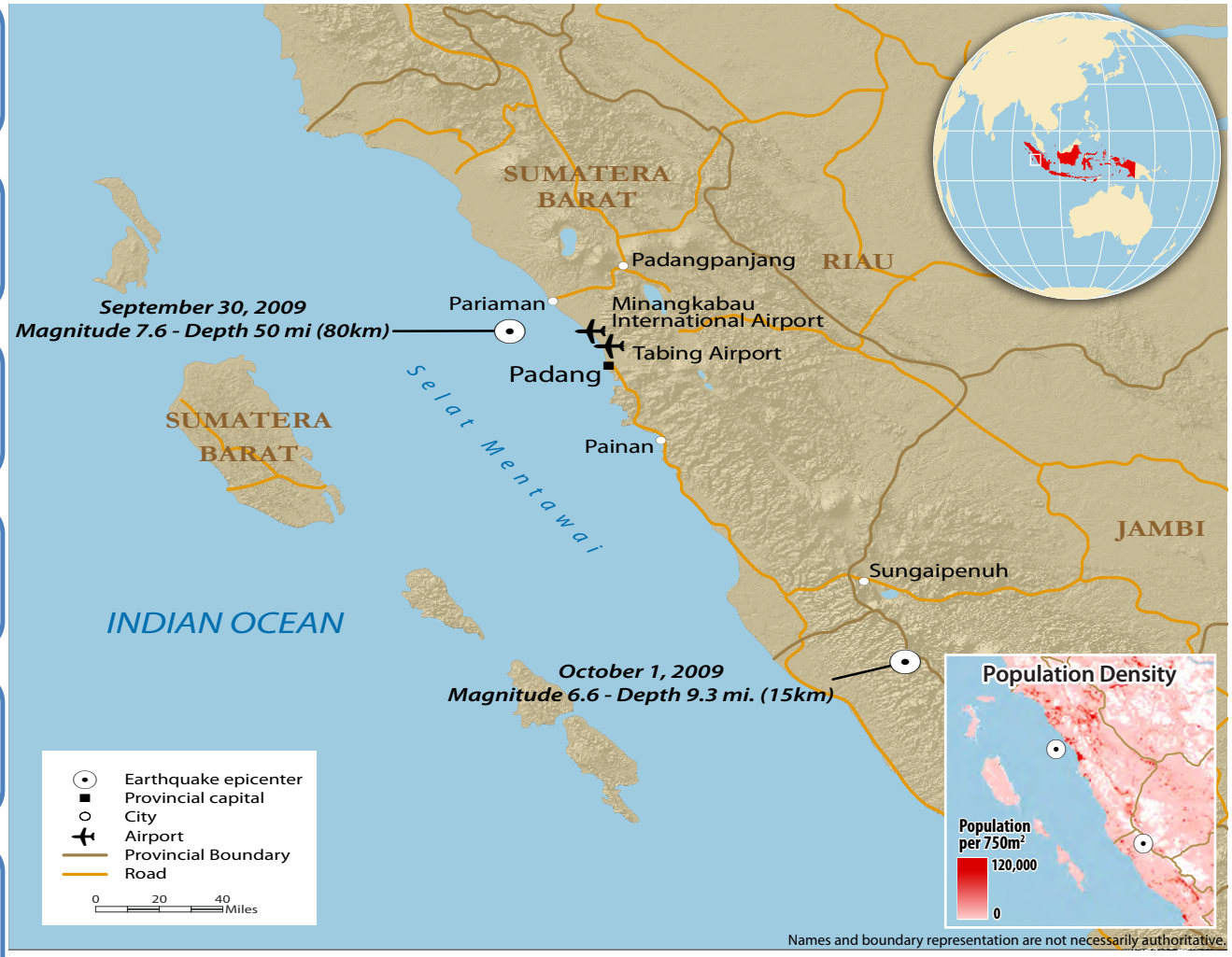
Oct. 1
- USAID/OFDA provides $300,000 to Mercy Corps Intl. to support emergency response and relief supply distribution.
- USAID/OFDA deploys Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Indonesia.

Oct. 3
- Landslides destroy several villages in the affected districts of Sumatera Barat province.
- Local government officials estimate that up to 400 people could have perished in four villages alone.

Oct. 4
- IFRC launches appeal and identifies the foremost need as water and sanitation services. The earthquake and recent rains contaminated rivers and limited access to clean water.

Oct. 5
- Govt. of Indonesia calls off rescue efforts.
- Indonesian Health Ministry estimates death toll could top 3,000. Official death toll rises to 724.

Oct. 6
- As of Oct. 6, nine members of the 11-member USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) are based in Padang, and two members remain in Jakarta.
- US DoD authorizes $7m for relief operations and deploys Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team.



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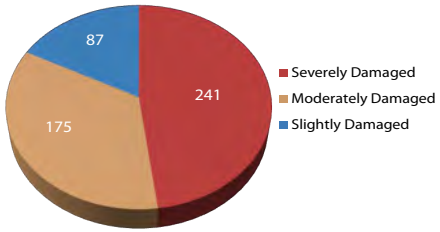
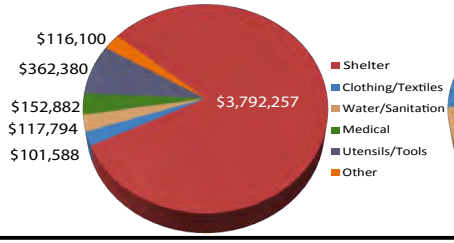


Intl. Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Appeal (Relief Needs)



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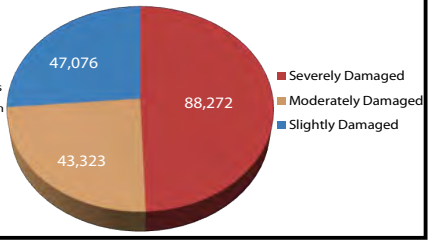

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