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YPIL Provides Shelter for 967 Families Affected by Lombok Earthquake

Jakarta, August 14, 2018 - Yayasan Plan International Indonesia (YPIL) as one of national independent humanitarian organizations together with the Government of Indonesia and other humanitarian organizations partners continues to work hand-in-hand to seek various assistance for communities affected by the earthquake in Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara. As of August 12, 2018, 681 relief set consisting of tarpaulins, blankets and mats were successfully distributed to victims in the North Lombok region.

Dini Widiastuti, Executive Director of Yayasan Plan International Indonesia, was in Lombok last weekend to see and coordinate directly with Plan Emergency Response Team (ERT), consist of YPIL staffs, Yakkum Emergency Unit (YEU), and GAGAS; both are YPIL local partners. "YPIL has on-going development program on child protection and WASH (water sanitation and hygiene) in the areas most affected by the earthquake. We are responding to emergency by ensuring that the specific needs of children, girls and boys, are taken care of." The findings from the Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) conducted in the aftermath of the 1st and 2nd earthquake, for example, highlight that girls feel uncomfortable staying together in the same tents with adults who are not their family.

For the Lombok earthquake response, YPIL focuses on Shelter (provision of tarpaulins, blankets, mats), Child Protection, WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), and Education (school kits). The relief operation is being implemented in 6 villages in North and West Lombok (Sambik Elen, Loloan, Senaru, Batu Rakit, Sukadana, and Karang Bajo).

Approximately 2,500 families or 10,000 people, including girls and boys, in North and West Lombok will receive intervention that will last for 6 months. Up until Monday (13/8) YPIL's team has distributed shelter kits for 967 families, or approximately benefiting at least 4000 people. As the next step, YPIL and partners will also build Children Friendly Spaces (Ruang Ramah Anak/RRA), a facility that provides psychosocial assistance to the affected communities, especially girls and boys.

Ridwan Syah, Head of Development Planning Agency at Sub-National Level (Bappeda) welcomed YPIL's response effort. "The earthquake followed one after another, and has made our (response) scenario keep changing, especially in distributing aids. We thank YPIL team for their responsive, quick and considerable act. We hope this partnership will last not only in the term of providing direct assistance, but also in designing a concise emergency response concept in the future. This will certainly change the mindset therefore Lombok can be a safe tourism destination," said Ridwan.

Azam, Head of Child Protection Agency at Village Level (Lembaga Perlindungan Desa Anak), appreciated the support with specific approach from YPIL. "The tents are divided into a number of families considering their needs. After the first earthquake we actually were going home already, but it hit again on Sunday. At the moment our need is food for infants and toddlers, such as milk, medicine and food. We also need medication for the elderly."

"The needs for immediate relief and recovery is very significant, but the rehabilitation and reconstruction will take months. We are preparing ourselves to support these efforts and to help the communities and the local government to build back a better and more resilient Lombok. We hope that more parties, both individuals and private sectors will support these joint efforts," Dini remarked.

A strong magnitude 7 earthquake hit Lombok, Bali, Sumbawa, and eastern part of East Java at 18.46 WITA on August 5, 2018. Indonesian's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) had activated the tsunami warning for northern part of Lombok Timur and Lombok Utara. Yet, the warning was ended on August 5, 2018 at 20.25 WIB. According to Indonesian's National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) data per August 11, 2018, the death toll reached the number of 387, 14.033 injured, and 387.067 people are currently seeking refuge.

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