

Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation¹ Request for Help with the recent Disaster in Indonesia

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Tsunami and Earthquake

On **28 September 2018**, a shallow, large earthquake struck in the neck of the Minahasa Peninsula, Indonesia, with its epicentre located in the mountainous Donggala Regency, Central Sulawesi. The magnitude 7.5 quake was located 77 km (48 mi) away from the provincial capital Palu and was felt as far away as Samarinda on East Kalimantan and also in Tawau, Malaysia. This event was preceded by a sequence of foreshocks, the largest of which was a magnitude 6.1 tremor that occurred earlier that day.

Following. A localised tsunami struck Palu, sweeping shore-lying houses and buildings on its way. The combined effects of the earthquake and tsunami led to the deaths of at least 2,100 people. This makes it the deadliest earthquake to strike the country since the 2006 Yogyakarta earthquake, as well as the deadliest earthquake worldwide so far in 2018, surpassing the previous earthquake that struck Lombok a few months earlier, killing more than 600. The Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics (BMKG) confirmed that a tsunami had been triggered, with its height reaching an estimated maximum of 4 to 7 metres (13 to 23 ft), striking the settlements of Palu, Donggala and Mamuju along its path.

The earthquake caused major soil liquefaction in areas in and around Palu. In two locations this led to mudflows in which many buildings became submerged causing hundreds of deaths with many more missing.

Message to Rivers of the World members and friends –

Hello All,

Thanks to a number of you from India, China, Nepal, and USA who registered recently and before for the ROW Annual Meeting. I am not sure if Iloilo province got impacted by the Typhoon that caused serious damage in Palu City and the nearby areas in Indonesia. Bill Roper and I went to Balikpapan, Indonesia, about 100 miles west of the area, in 2006 for providing some technical help and guidance on their Municipal Solid Waste Management and site selection for a new Landfill.

Our heart and prayers go to the people who lost everything in this natural disaster. Many of them have lost most of their family members and all belongings.

I have included a map showing the Palu city, Indonesia area below.

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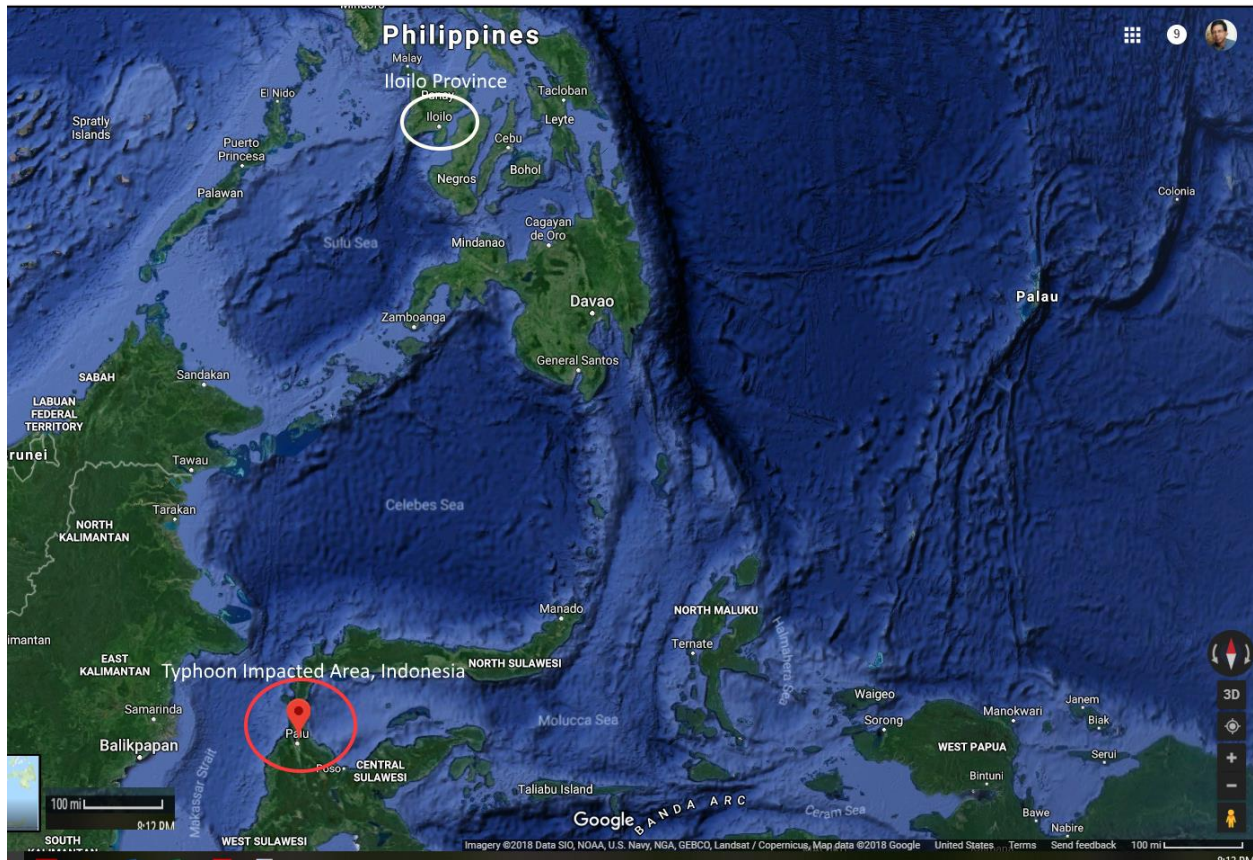
ROW Foundation plans to send –

- Water Purification kits – for Drinking and Potable Water
- Dry Fruits
- Other emergency needs
 - lights,
 - T-shirts etc.

To help with the Indonesia effort, please click on the donate button here:



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I have connected with our Balikpapan(Indonesia) Engineer, Lilis Marwiani there and she sent a confirmation note that our support items will be of help to the impacted people. She confirmed that she will arrange to distribute the shipment to the impacted area.

We would like to send some support items (water purification kits, supplies etc.) to Ms. Lilis Marwiani, Engineer with the Indonesia Environment Department.

If anyone would like to help with the Indonesia effort, please donate online on our website or above *Quick Donate*

Please go to <https://rowfoundation.org> scroll all the way down and click on the donate button on the right. Indicate in the message box “Indonesia help” for your Tax-deductible donation.