

SULAWESI

#2 / End-Of-Year Report

Little Baby Regains Strength

“I come here every day because Deva likes the food,” said Novela, mother of 10-month-old baby Deva. She is referring to the infant and young child feeding kitchen where World Vision provides hot meals for children under two-years-old, especially those at risk of malnutrition.

After the earthquake and tsunami, Deva and Novela were staying at an evacuation camp. There, Deva developed fever, influenza, and cough and stopped eating.



Novela and 10-month-old Deva, happier and healthier now

With the feeding programme for young children, Novela feels more assured, and Deva has put on weight since. At the kitchen, mothers gather with their children and are sensitised to nutrition and proper feeding practices to avoid malnutrition in their babies during this crucial period after the disaster. For example, Novela now understands the importance of adding protein to her baby’s diet.

Children at this feeding programme receive food such as porridge with meat and carrots and fruit. These meals which children are provided with must contain a diversity of nutrients.

Overview of disaster/crisis

On 28 Sep, an earthquake of magnitude 7.4 hit Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, causing massive destruction in Donggala, Palu and Mamuju. A 2-metre high tsunami struck the coast in the aftershocks. According to reports, more than 2.4 million people are affected, 2,113 people have lost their lives, 4,612 people are injured and 223,751 people are displaced, and 67,310 homes are damaged. The most vulnerable groups are 629 child-headed households and adolescent mothers.



Current Situation

Many families are still living in temporary shelters, children and women continue to form part of the most vulnerable groups. The Indonesian Government has been coordinating aid efforts, and World Vision’s work on the ground through Wahana Visi, registered in Indonesia, has been on-going and meeting the urgent needs of more than 46,000 people.

World Vision Humanitarian Response

World Vision has responded to the urgent needs of families affected by the disaster, reaching about 46,279 people¹. Those most vulnerable have also been prioritised, including children and pregnant women. The response covers multiple sectors as needs are great.

1. Some **34,603 people benefited from family kits essential for survival**, including shelter materials like tarpaulins, mats, blankets and hygiene materials
2. **Some 284 children benefited from children kits with basic necessities**, including items like blankets, swaddle cloths, socks and baby hygiene supplies to avoid hygiene-related diseases
3. **4,174 children received child protection, psychosocial support and temporary learning opportunities** in Child-Friendly Spaces
4. **18,502 people were supported with nutritious food** (e.g. meat, vegetables, rice and fruit), especially for 5,963 infants and young children to avoid malnutrition in post-disaster situations
5. **7,440 people received access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene** through water points and latrines installation, and hygiene promotion



Families with young children receive family kits



World Vision Child-Friendly facilitator supporting children in a Child-Friendly Space (top); Affected children happy in a Child-Friendly Space (bottom)

Moving forward

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your gift to send hope and help in this emergency.

The Survival Fund by World Vision Singapore allows us to reach out to disaster-stricken victims and is a way to allow us to stand in the gap while both bracing at-risk communities and providing relief to those recovering from disasters. To learn more, visit www.worldvision.org.sg/disaster.

¹ Total beneficiary frequency