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**Indonesia Floods/Landslides**  
**February 27, 1979**

**Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance**  
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**Washington, D.C. 20523**

## INDONESIA - Floods/Landslides

### Data

Date: February 27, 1979 (FY 79)

Location: The Larantuka area on the eastern end of Flores Island

No. Dead: 128

No. Injured: 350

No. Affected: 20,000 (of these, 3,901 or 713 families required total rehabilitation assistance)

Damage: Estimated at more than \$3.2 million, including the loss of 1,588 ha. of agricultural land, 865 head of livestock, and the destruction or damage of 11 public buildings and 540 houses

### The Disaster

On February 27, 1979, heavy rains inundated the Larantuka area of Flores Island. These rains triggered landslides where soil and rocks had been loosened during an earthquake in 1975. Most of the damage was caused by rocks, mud, and sand that came rolling down from Mount Ile Mandiri. About two-thirds of Larantuka City was destroyed and major damage was sustained in the villages of Postoh, Lohayong, Pohon Sirih, Balela, Watotutu, Lewohala, Riangkamie, Wailolong, and Lewoloba.

### Action Taken by the Government of Indonesia (GOI)

Following an on-site visit by representatives of the Ministry of Social Welfare (DEPSOS), a three-month emergency relief program was begun under the direction of DEPSOS and the provincial government. Temporary centers were established to house homeless victims and essentials (food, clothing, tents, and medicine) were provided by government officials, the Indonesia Red Cross, and the Catholic Church.

The Indonesian Red Cross donated \$16,000 in cash, 30,000 used garments, 39 MT of rice, 8,850 packages of dried noodles, 3 1/2 MT of milk powder, and other miscellaneous foods and medicines to the relief effort. The Atma Jaya Catholic Foundation provided \$20,800 in cash and 12 MT of medicines, vitamins, clothing, blankets, and skim milk powder.

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Assistance Provided by the United States Government (USG)

On March 15, 1979, the U.S. Ambassador declared that a disaster existed and made available \$25,000 from the disaster assistance fund. The money was donated to DEPSOS to help cover transportation costs of an airlift of relief supplies.....\$25,000

TOTAL \$25,000

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies \*

Catholic Relief Services - donated \$73,600 through the Larantuka Social Delegate

Church World Service - donated 720 kg. of non-fat dry milk, 17 bales of used clothing, and 18 bales of blankets

World Vision Relief Organization - gave plates, spoons, and schoolbooks valued at \$1,600

TOTAL \$75,200

Assistance Provided by the International Community \*

International Organizations

U.N. Disaster Relief Organizations (UNDRO) - \$7,840 for water handpumps

World Food Program - 354 MT of rice

Governments

Australia - \$5,000 in cash for relief supplies

Germany, Federal Republic - \$40,000 in cash

Malaysia - \$8,000 in cash

Netherlands - \$32,000 in cash

TOTAL \$92,840

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\* Please note: the figures for total U.S. voluntary agency and International assistance are an approximation. In many cases the value of in kind aid is unavailable.