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SUMATRA ISLAND FLOODS & LANDSLIDES RESPONSE UPDATE

General Overview

After several days of heavy rain, flash floods and landslides struck Aceh, North Sumatra, and West Sumatra on November 26, causing fatalities, displacement, missing persons, and severe infrastructure damage that isolated communities and cut off access to essential supplies such as food and clean water.

The number of casualties resulting from floods and landslides across Sumatra Island continues to increase. While certain areas are now accessible, numerous regions remain isolated and can only be reached through river or sea routes and by air.

106.000 People displaced	53 Affected districts
1.204 Fatalities	301.012 Estimated number of houses damaged
140 People missing	4.546 Affected school
215 Health facilities damaged	252 Non-operational schools
33.456 Affected teachers	294.623 Affected students

Source: National Disaster Management Agency, 3 Feb 2026; Kemendikdasmen, 3 Feb 2026.

Our Response Summary

Save the Children Indonesia (SCIDN) and its partners are working to save lives and alleviate the suffering of children and families affected in **Aceh** (Aceh Tamiang, Langsa, East Aceh, Central Aceh, North Aceh, Pidie Jaya, Bireun, Bener Meriah, Aceh Besar), **North Sumatra** (Langkat, Central Tapanuli, Sibolga, Kota Medan, Deli Serdang), and **West Sumatra** (Agam and Padang) by restoring essential health, nutrition, protection, education, and basic services.

Save the Children Indonesia joined in several **clusters**, namely:

1. Education
2. Health and Nutrition
3. Child Protection
4. Logistics
5. Psychosocial Support

The following is our focus on the disaster response.

Health and Nutrition: We will provide health service, and ensure access to clean water, sanitation facilities, emergency latrines, hygiene kits distribution, and hygiene promotion to prevent the spread of waterborne and communicable diseases.

Child Protection: Children are at a heightened risk of separation, trauma, and exploitation. Our

response will establish Child-Friendly Spaces, deliver psychosocial support, strengthen reporting and referral mechanisms, and secure safe alternative care for separated or unaccompanied children.

teachers and facilitators, support temporary learning spaces, and engage parents and communities to ensure children can safely return to education.

Education in Emergencies: To restore learning and stability, we will provide learning materials, train

We aim to reach 300.000 people, including 153.000 children.



Our Works So Far

As of **3 February 2026**, Save the Children Indonesia (SCIDN), together with its partners, has been working intensively to respond to urgent humanitarian needs across Aceh, North Sumatra, and West Sumatra. In partnership with Geutanyoe Foundation, essential food and non-food assistance have been distributed to affected communities in Aceh and North Sumatra. In North Sumatra, Save the Children Indonesia also collaborated with medical professionals from the Indonesian Campus Mosque Association (AMKI) to deliver mobile health services. Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) have been established to provide psychosocial support for children, while Save the Children Indonesia, in collaboration with the Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs (Komdigi) and volunteers from Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU), continues to deliver psychosocial support to affected populations in Aceh and West Sumatra.

Since 15 December 2025, the response has expanded to include Education in Emergencies (EiE) alongside ongoing relief assistance. The field team has initiated coordination with the Provincial Center for Education Quality Assurance (BPMP) and the Provincial Education Office to support disaster and post-disaster education efforts. At the same time, teams continue to implement psychosocial support activities and install water tanks in selected locations. In partnership with Komdigi, Psychosocial Support (PSS) sessions were conducted between 5 and 20 December 2025 across multiple evacuation centers (posko) in Agam Regency, Padang City, Banda Aceh, Bireuen, Pidie Jaya, Medan, and Langkat.

On 24 December 2025, SCIDN finalized its Response Plan, covering interventions through December 2026. The plan aims to reach **300.000 people, including 153.000 children**, with a strong emphasis on early recovery. Priority areas include the rehabilitation of educational facilities, protection of children at heightened risk, particularly risks related to gender-based violence and sexual violence—and support for post-flood livelihoods. The response also focuses on strengthening coordination and governance mechanisms to improve alignment, minimize duplication, and enhance overall response effectiveness, while continuing to deliver essential health, nutrition, WASH, and psychosocial support services for children.

Starting in 2026, SCIDN serves as co-lead of the Education Cluster in both Aceh and North Sumatra, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, including Center for Teacher and Education Personnel Development (BBGTK) and Education Quality Assurance Agency (BPMP), and provincial and district education offices. In parallel, SCIDN is actively engaged in the development and implementation of a joint response plan with the Indonesian Humanitarian Coordination Platform (IHCP), under which SCIDN will lead the Education Cluster while also contributing to other key clusters, including WASH, Health and Nutrition, Psychosocial Support, Child Protection, and Livelihoods.



Coordination

In Aceh and North Sumatra Province, SCIDN provides technical expertise support and leads the coordination of multi stakeholders and organizations during and throughout the process of preparing the Post-Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Plan (R3P) as formally requested by Aceh and North Sumatra Disaster Management Agency.



Distribution of Food Items & Non-Food Items

December 2025

- On 7 December, as part of the advocacy effort, Save the Children and Geutanyoe Foundation, together with Najwa Shihab met with the Aceh Provincial Government to discuss the logistical challenges and solution delivering aid—especially food supplies—to communities still isolated after the late-November floods and landslides.
- During December 2025, SCIDN, in partnership with organizations including Geutanyoe Foundation, distributed 1.250 aid packages to communities affected by floods and landslides across Langkat, Aceh Tamiang, Central Aceh, North Aceh, Bener Meriah, and Central Tapanuli (across 19 sub-districts and 34 villages). The assistance, totaling around 2.432,5 kilograms, comprised essential food items—such as rice, drinking water, canned fish and beef, and instant noodles—as well as non-food items including mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, buckets, foldable jerrycans, medicines, and baby blankets, potentially reaching **54.590 beneficiaries (29.261 adults and 25.329 children)**.

January 2026

- During January 2026, our food and non-food items distribution has reached **2.559 people, including 1.127 children**, in Aceh Tamiang (four sub-districts and four villages) and Central Tapanuli (three sub-districts and four villages).



Education

Co-Leading Education Cluster

- On 13 December 2025, following discussions with the Head and Secretary of the Tapanuli Tengah (Tapteng) Education Office, they agreed to collaborate with Save the Children. Currently, temporary learning posts (TLS) exist in several locations, but no teachers are available due to the impact of recent events. The Education Office has offered to prepare learning posts and provide transportation support as needed.
- On 19 December 2025, coordination was carried out with the Head of the Aceh Tamiang Education Office to co-lead the Education Cluster in Aceh Tamiang. As a co-lead in the education sector, SCIDN will initiate school clean-up activities, back to school program, map available resources, and establish coordination mechanisms. The same activities will also be implemented in other districts, such as East Aceh, Lhokseumawe, and North Aceh.
 - Met with the Regional Secretary of North Aceh Regency, Mr. Djamel Jamaluddin, who recommended Save the Children, in collaboration with Geutanyoe Foundation, to provide education support in emergency situations in North Aceh.
- We have managed to incorporate the *We Thrive* Manual—an integrated package of group activities developed by Save the Children to support children's and adolescents' protection, learning, and psychosocial wellbeing in rapid-onset humanitarian emergencies—into the *Technical Guidelines on the Implementation of Learning in Disaster-Affected Education Units* issued by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (Kemendikdasmen), which emphasize flexible, safe, and child-centered learning arrangements as well as the provision

of psychosocial support to ensure the continuity of education and wellbeing during emergency situations.

Training of Trainer

Between December 2025 and January 2026, a series of Training of Trainers (ToT) activities were conducted to strengthen psychosocial capacity among education stakeholders in Aceh and North Sumatra, involving BPMP Aceh (Widyaprada), Regional Center for Teachers and Education Personnel Development (BBGTK) of North Sumatra Province, and Aksara Pandan Elementary School teachers. A total of 99 participants were involved.

Back to School

- SCIDN initiated the Education Cluster in Aceh Tamiang to support school recovery efforts through the cleaning of flood-affected schools. A total of 22 personnel from the Student Regiment (Menwa), the Young Volunteers of Syiah Kuala University (RMU), and the Environmental Forestry Farmer Group (KT KL), together with six teachers, conducted school clean-up activities over five days starting on 28 December 2025.
- Since 23 December 2025, a total of **1.702 back-to-school kits** have been distributed to schools in four districts, eight sub-districts, and 18 villages: Aceh Tamiang (Teluk Haliban, Teluk Kemiri, Teluk Kepayang, Bukit Rata, Suka Mulia, Sidodadi, Sungai Iyu, Sungai Liput, Cinta Raja, Bundar, Babo, Bekelang), North Aceh (Alue Ano Barat, Alue Ano Timur), Central Aceh (Alur Nunag, Delung Sekinel, Atu Payung), and Central Tapanuli (Lopian).



Child Protection

- Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) have been established in three provinces (Aceh, North Sumatra, and West Sumatra). SCIDN is also currently assessing several potential locations and exploring opportunities for new collaborations to activate more CFS. These spaces provide psychosocial support and disaster education for children. Activities focus on helping children cope with the current situation, learn self-protection strategies, and interacting safely with peers in evacuation shelters.
- Engage in the activation of the national Child Protection Cluster to encourage the activation of Child Protection sub-clusters at the local level and strengthen the Child Protection system by initiating case management services in Aceh and North Sumatra provinces.
- As of 19 January 2026, CFS have engaged **6.426 children (3.060 boys and 3.366 girls)** in Aceh, North Sumatra, and West Sumatra. This session is conducted in collaboration with our partner Yayasan Geutanyoe and volunteers from USU, Komdigi, and the Army (TNI).
 - **Aceh:** CFS has been conducted in four districts (Aceh Tamiang, Pidie Jaya, Bireuen, and North Aceh), 11 sub-districts (Karang Baru, Banyak Payed, Sekerak, Kota Kualasimpang, Meureudu, Meurah Dua, Samalanga, Jangka, Kuta Blang, Kejuruan Muda, Bendahara, Baktiya, and Langsa Timur), and 38 villages (Bukit Tempurung, Tualang Cut, Pantai Tinjau, Sriwijaya, Kesehatan, Lubuk Sidup, Kampung Dalam, Masjid Tuha, Geunteng, Meunasah Raya, Tanah Terban, Lintang Bawah, Lhok Seumira, Air Tenang, Kuala Cerape, Tupah, Banai, Blang Panjo, Johar, Bukit Rata, Seliput Tanah Datar, Suka Mulia, Teluk Hallban, Teluk Kemiri, Teluk Kepayang, Antara, Sekerak Kanan, Bandar Mahligai, Purwodadi, Sungai Liput, Tanjung Karang, Menanggihini, Alue Anoe Timur, Sungai Iyu, Cinta Raja, Bundar, Kota Lintang, and Sidodadi) which reached **3.839 children (1.818 boys, 2.021 girls)**.
 - **North Sumatra:** CFS has been conducted in five districts (Central Tapanuli, Sibolga City, Medan City, Deli Serdang, and Langkat), 13 sub-districts (North Sibolga, Pandan, Amplas, Medan Maimun, Badiri, South Sibolga, Sunggal, Tanjung Pura, Gebang, Babelan, Sarudik, Pangkalan Brandan, and Tukka), and 14 villages (Pandan, Angin Nauli, Harjosari I, Kampung Baru, Aek Manis, Paya Geli, Teluk Bakung, Pematang Cengal, Lopian, Sangga Lima, Securai, Kebun Pisang, Sarudik, and Sei Lapan), which reached **1.959 children (966 boys, 993 girls)**.
 - **West Sumatra:** CFS has been conducted in two districts (Agam and Padang City), five sub-districts (Palembayan, Koto Tengah, Tanjung Raya, Nanggalo, and Malalak), and six villages (Salerah Aia, Lubuk Buaya, Bayua, Lubuk Minturun, Tablang Banda Gadang, and Malalak), which reached **628 children (276 boys, 352 girls)**.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Water Tanks

The installation of **12 water tanks** has provided access to clean water for more than **27.934 potential beneficiaries, including 4.338 children** (based on villages population) across seven villages and four sub-districts in Aceh Tamiang and Central Tapanuli. Each tank functions as a communal water storage point and can be refilled either by Save the Children Indonesia (SCIDN) or by other agencies supporting clean water provision, ensuring continued and coordinated access to safe water for affected communities.

Water Distribution

- Collaborating with Geutanyoe Foundation in distribute clean water for 7000 people (approximately 1570 households, including 100 children in the Dusun Utama Orphanage) in Paya Bujouk Seulemak Village, Langsa Baroe Sub-district; Sidodadi Village, Langsa Lama Sub-district and Sukarijo, Langsa Timur Sub-district.
- As per 24 January 2026, a total of 52.000 liters of clean water was distributed to 11 villages in Aceh and North Sumatra reaching approximately **3.466 beneficiaries, including 1.733 children**, based on the Sphere Standard of 15 liters per person per day for basic water needs.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

One Water Treatment Plant (WTP) with a capacity of 4 m³/hour has been installed on 9 January 2026 at the Regional Drinking Water Company (PDAM), Babo Village, Bandar Pusaka Sub-district, Aceh Tamiang. As per 20 January 2026, 20.170 liters of clean water has been produced and distributed to Pantai Cempa Village, Jambo Rambong Village, and Babo Village in Aceh Tamiang.



Health & Nutrition

December 2025

- In December 2025, mobile clinics in Aceh Tamiang delivered medical check-ups, basic healthcare, and medication to a total of **1.108 people, including 208 children** across 12 villages—Purwodadi, Sukajadi, Tanjung Karang, Sungai Liput, Menang Gini, Bandar Mahligai, Lubuk Sidup, Kota Lintang Bawah, Seumadam, Sekerak Kanan, Tualang Cut, and Sekerak Kiri—covering five sub-districts: Kejuruan Muda, Karang Baru, Sekerak, Kota Kualasimpang, and Manyak Payed.
- In delivering health and nutrition services, SCIDN is working to create new opportunities, including collaborations with the Indonesian General Practitioner Association (Perhimpunan Dokter Umum Indonesia/PDUI), Universitas Sumatera Utara (USU), and Malikussaleh University.

January 2026

- Medical check-up services were provided through a mobile clinic in collaboration with the Indonesian General Practitioners Association (PDUI) across six districts (Aceh Tamiang, North Aceh, Central Aceh, Pidie Jaya, Bener Meriah, and Gayo Lues), 24 sub-districts, and 37 villages from 3–8 January 2026 with a total of **2.868 beneficiaries, including 689 children**.

Total Beneficiaries

The intervention is designed to reach 300.000 beneficiaries. As of 3 February 2026, the response reached 122.417 people, comprising 50.399 children and 398 people with disabilities.

Intended	300.000 people, including 153.000 children	
Reached	41 %	122.417 people, including 50.399 children

Number of beneficiaries, segregated	50.399 children		72.018 adults		398 people with disabilities	
	24.800 girls	25.599 boys	37.778 female	34.240 male	213 adults	185 children