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Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami: EU Solidarity in Action

"The EU and its Member States are working relentlessly to alleviate
the damage of the Sulawesi double disaster and help in the recovery efforts. I am proud of the European solidarity from its peoples, civil society and public institutions."

Vincent Guérend
EU Ambassador to Indonesia

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At this stage, the total collective EU aid amounts to more than € 18 million. Appeals in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK have raised over € 43 million showing the generosity of Europeans.

The EU deployed civil protection and humanitarian experts (in Jakarta and disaster areas) to participate in the assessment and help coordinate the EU's relief efforts.

On 2 October the EU Civil Protection (EUCP) Mechanism was activated following an official request for assistance from the Indonesian government. The mechanism channels EU Member States' offers of assistance to the Indonesian authorities. It also co-finances EU Member States efforts.

For an update on aid from the EU & EU Member States, see the fact sheet HERE

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