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## **INDONESIA: ACTION AGAINST HUNGER ADDRESSING URGENT NEEDS ALONGSIDE LOCAL PARTNERS**

Toronto, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 –Action Against Hunger is responding to the 7.4 magnitude earthquake and devastating tsunami that hit Indonesia on September 28th. Action Against Hunger is sending staff to Palu, in the Sulawesi region and will partner with the local organisation YEU to address the most urgent needs of the local population.

The epicentre of the earthquake was 10 km deep and hit about 27 km East of the Donggala coast, in the Sulawesi region. Subsequently, a tsunami struck the cities of Palu and Donggala. Power supplies and telecommunications have been crippled, and aftershocks are still ongoing. The first reports mention 844 fatalities, 48,000 displaced and 1.5 million people affected by the disaster. These numbers are expected to rise.

Urgent humanitarian needs include evacuation and management of injuries, support of medical and health services, access to food and clean water, blankets and emergency shelters distribution for affected people. The response is coordinated by the government which is taking a strong lead in ensuring that basic infrastructure is restored, and that humanitarian access is guaranteed.

*“Over the last 3 days, we have been working in coordination with the Indonesian government and other agencies in Jakarta to have as much information as possible on the impact of the disaster. We are also working in close collaboration with a previous local partner, YEU, to have a better understanding of the needs and to set up an emergency intervention including nutrition, water and sanitation”* said Shashwat Saraf, Regional Operations Director at Action Against Hunger.

Action Against Hunger has worked in Indonesia since 1998 and has projects in the Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) region. A 16 people-team work in the country in close collaboration with the authorities to prevent, detect, and treat malnutrition through a multi-sectorial approach. Action Against Hunger has been involved in the humanitarian response to multiple other natural disasters affecting the country over the years.

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### **About Action Against Hunger**

Action Against Hunger saves the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its vision of a world without hunger for more than three decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disaster, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 8,000 staff in more than 50 countries, our innovative programs in nutrition, food security, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and hygiene, reach more than 14.7 million people each year, restoring self-sufficiency to vulnerable populations throughout the world.

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