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### **ADRA and Water Mission Partner to Deliver Safe Water to Pombewe, Indonesia *Communities in the hardest hit regions are being served through this collaboration***

**N. Charleston, South Carolina – November 1, 2018** – [Water Mission](#), a nonprofit Christian engineering organization based in North Charleston, has collaborated with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency ([ADRA](#)) to fund and install four Living Water Treatment Systems – Water Mission’s patented filtration solution – that will serve up to 20,000 people per day. After site investigations and assessments, the community of Pombewe is the first to have a Living Water Treatment System installed.

“ADRA is pleased to work with Water Mission. The level of expertise Water Mission brought in emergency and technical capacity managing and maintaining water activities made it possible for the Pombewe community to receive safe drinking water,” says Jason Brooks, senior technical advisor for Water and Sanitation at ADRA. “ADRA continues to work closely with Water Mission, and together devote time and effort to helping those impacted by disasters internationally with compassion and technical excellence.”

“Water Mission is grateful for the partnership with ADRA which demonstrates our combined commitment to empowering those in need with safe water,” said Mark Baker, Director of Disaster Response for Water Mission. “While communities mourn the loss of loved ones and begin the painful process of rebuilding, access to safe water is absolutely critical and we are excited to be working with ADRA to meet these needs during this difficult time.”

Water Mission is prepared to send additional equipment to Indonesia as needed and as resources are available. Donations to the organization’s Indonesia disaster response can be made at [watermission.org/indonesia-response](http://watermission.org/indonesia-response). Supporters can also create their own [fundraising campaigns](#) to help the people of Indonesia. One hundred percent of donations will be restricted to the Indonesia disaster response. Stay tuned for updates on Water Mission’s response at [watermission.org](http://watermission.org), @water\_mission ([Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)), and @WaterMissions ([Facebook](#)).

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## Latest Response Timeline and Background from ADRA

- **Background:** ADRA Indonesia has been in the country since 1982 and is headquartered in the capital, Jakarta. To date, there are nine full-time staff members and 100 trained volunteers who provide needed support in response to natural disasters. Additionally, since October 3, 10 emergency response team members have been deployed so far to assist in the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami response. ADRA Indonesia has partnerships with 21 church missions and conferences in Indonesia to enable rapid needs assessments and establish coordination with local authorities.
- **October 4:** ADRA began a water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project in Pombewe to reach over 6,400 households with water systems, hygiene promotion, and safe containers for household-level water transportation and storage.
- **October 11:** ADRA began distributing shelter kits to 3,000 households in Palu and Donggala. Relief efforts to distribute kits are ongoing.
- **October 14:** ADRA provided tarpaulins for 1,000 families.
- **November 1:** ADRA began distributing 3,550 shelter kits, installed 250 toilet and water systems, and distributed food packages to over 3,800 families and hygiene kits to over 2,500 families at camp sites for internally displaced and affected communities, serving over 5,000 households in Donggala and the Sigi regency. ADRA is also supporting over 380 families to regain their livelihoods.
- **Ongoing:** ADRA continues to deliver much needed food assistance and WASH projects, and is strongly looking to help communities setup transitional shelters.

## Latest Response Timeline and Background from Water Mission

- **Background:** Water Mission has been present in Indonesia since 2005 and has completed more than 152 safe water projects, serving more than 307,000 people. There are three Water Mission offices in Indonesia — Pekanbaru (HQ), Medan, and Kupang — with 20 full-time staff members currently being deployed to the disaster zone.
- **October 1 and 2:** Water Mission shipped more than 1,100,000 P&G Purifier of Water packets from its headquarters in North Charleston, South Carolina, to Indonesia.
- **October 1 and 2:** Water Mission shipped two Living Water Treatment Systems and supporting equipment from its headquarters in North Charleston, South Carolina, to Indonesia.
- **October 1 and 2:** Water Mission deployed 10 prepositioned Living Water Treatment Systems in Indonesia to Palu, Indonesia.
- **October 20:** Water Mission, in partnership with ADRA, installed a Living Water Treatment System in Pombewe, a community with 764 households and safe water is now flowing.
- **Ongoing:** Over the next three months, Water Mission will work with ADRA to identify three additional communities in need of Living Water Treatment Systems.
- **Ongoing:** Water Mission has the following Living Water Treatment Systems currently in Indonesia:
  - Ten systems are in the affected area ready to be installed.

- Two systems that were shipped from North Charleston on October 1 and 2 have been released from customs in Indonesia and are being sent to Makassar for transport to Palu.
- **Background:** Logistics remain challenging and Water Mission is working with several partners and its staff in Indonesia to deliver clean water to Sulawesi as quickly as possible.

## About

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the global humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through an international network, ADRA delivers relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 130 countries — regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, or religious association. By partnering with communities, organizations, and governments, ADRA is able to improve the quality of life of millions through nine impact areas. Learn more about our impact at [ADRA.org](http://ADRA.org).

[Water Mission](http://WaterMission.org) is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for more than 3.6 million people in 55 countries. Water Mission has over 250 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Notably, Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating 12 years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of the charities rated by the organization. To learn more, visit [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

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