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Kemendikdasmen Moves Quickly to Address Flores Earthquake Impact, Sends 50 Emergency Tents and School Aid

Jakarta, August 16, 2026 — The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (Kemendikdasmen) is moving quickly to address the impact of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake in the Flores Sea that struck East Nusa Tenggara on August 15, 2026. The earthquake damaged educational facilities across seven districts on Flores Island: Ngada, Nagekeo, Ende, Manggarai, East Manggarai, West Manggarai and Sikka.

As of August 16, 2026, a total of 253 educational units have been affected. They comprise 199 units at the early childhood education/kindergarten, elementary school, junior secondary school and Community Learning Center (SKB) levels under district authority, and 54 senior secondary, vocational high school and special education units under provincial authority. The affected facilities include new classrooms constructed under the 2026 education revitalization program, such as Wae Wulan State Elementary School and Lengko Randang Integrated Elementary School. The Education Quality Assurance Agency (BPMP) and the Agency for Teachers and Education Personnel (BGTK), which serve as field disaster-response hubs, continue to collect data and assess and address the damage.

Manggarai District recorded the most extensive damage, with 104 schools affected across various education levels, followed by East Manggarai with 52 schools, Nagekeo with 44, Ende with 39, Ngada with 35, Sikka with 27 and West Manggarai with 23. In addition to damage to buildings, the earthquake also claimed the lives of members of the school community: three students and one teacher — two students and one teacher in East Manggarai District, and one student in Manggarai District.

Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Abdul Mu'ti, expressed his condolences and deep concern over the disaster. He has communicated with the governor of East Nusa Tenggara to ensure that damage assessments are carried out so assistance can reach those who need it most. "The safety of school communities is our priority, and we will work with local governments to oversee the education recovery process until learning can resume safely and comfortably," he said in Jakarta on August 16.

As part of its rapid response to keep learning going while prioritizing the safety of school communities, Kemendikdasmen is preparing 50 emergency classroom tents to be delivered through two logistics clusters. The first cluster will send 30 tents from storage facilities in Jakarta and Yogyakarta to Labuan Bajo Port. The shipment will also carry 1,000 family kits, 200 general school kits and 2,000 school kits for senior and vocational high school students to support school communities in Manggarai, East Manggarai and West Manggarai.



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The assistance will depart Surabaya on August 20, 2026, aboard KM Dharma Rucitra 7 and is scheduled to arrive in Labuan Bajo on August 22. Kemendikdasmen is aims to begin installing of the tents on August 23. BGTK East Nusa Tenggara will receive and manage the assistance at the Kemendikdasmen Post at the Office of the Education, Youth and Sports Agency of West Manggarai District in Labuan Bajo.

The second cluster will send 20 tents from the storage facility of the Center for the Development and Assurance of Vocational Education Quality in Automotive and Electronics (BBPPMPV BOE) in Malang to Ende Port. The tents will support schools in Ende, Ngada, Sikka and Nagekeo. The shipment will depart Surabaya aboard KM Dharma Rucitra 8 on August 21.

The East Nusa Tenggara Education Quality Assurance Agency (BPMP) will receive the assistance at the Cluster 2 Post at the Ende Community Learning Center (SKB), which will serve as a logistics transit point before distribution to the targeted areas. The Special Education and Special Services Education Directorate (PKPLK), under the coordination of the Safe Schools from Disaster Team (SPAB), will oversee the delivery, distribution and installation of the emergency tents in the field.

Kemendikdasmen has instructed education units to suspend classes temporarily in damaged classrooms and move learning activities to safe spaces or learning tents, or suspend classes temporarily depending on local conditions. The ministry is also preparing psychosocial support in cooperation with the Indonesian Psychological Association (HIMPSI). The service will be deployed once the advance team confirms conditions on the ground. Further steps include supporting the cleanup of schools that remain safe for use and coordinating the use of additional budget allocations for facilities and school kit needs.

In addition to physical assistance, Kemendikdasmen is preparing connectivity support through Starlink for areas experiencing disruptions to electricity and communications networks. Cross-directorate teams within the ministry have also begun deploying to the affected areas to accelerate assessments, verify damage and coordinate the restoration of education services.

Regarding physical damage, Kemendikdasmen is also accelerating the identification of damaged schools based on preliminary data to be collected by the Education Unit Revitalization Team through August 18, 2026. Field verification and response through cooperation agreements are targeted to begin the following week.

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