



## West Sumatra Quake

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### Well-cleaning Rekindles Community Spirit

Pak Arifin is an active 57 years old man of Tanjung Medan hamlet in Durian Daun village, one of CWS project sites in Sungai Limau sub district, Padang Pariaman district. He helped us hauling a water pump with 3.5 horse power engine, several 5 inch water pipes and some gasoline onto a well in front of a mosque.

CWS quickly showed Pak Arifin how to operate the pumps, install the pipes and steps to clean wells. The man immediately caught on the ideas and got to work. He and the rest of the villagers are farmers who used to handle similar pump to irrigate their fields.

"We have cleaned five wells as of today," He said happily, adding that the villagers took their turns in using the pumps to clean their own wells. The process mostly took several times until the well water is no longer muddy and does not release odors.

"I used to have clear and clean water in my well. I didn't need to filter the water. After the earthquake, the water became muddy and smelly. We had to go to nearby river to get water for drinking, washing and cooking." Pak Win, a local villager explained. He has cleaned his well twice and now he can use it for washing, while drinking water is available from nearby pillow tank. He is looking forward to repeat cleaning his well to return to its normal condition.

CWS has added another unit of pump and another set of water pipes to speed up the well-cleaning process of 40 wells in for Tanjung Medan hamlet.

"Now that we have two pumps, I'm sure we can finish cleaning all wells in one week." Exclaimed Pak Arifin.

Involving disaster-affected community in various post-disaster activities is the key to rekindle their spirits and restore their hopes. Both Pak Arifin and Pak Win refused to get stuck in the rut of troubles the earthquake has caused. Well-cleaning has been an activity that also provides quick income before farmers like Pak Arifin and Pak Win could return to their paddy fields.

Up to third week after the earthquake, CWS has cleaned around 73 wells in several hamlets in Sungai Limau sub district, which has enabled around 455 individuals to access water for washing and cooking.

### Baby Kit is needed

In post disaster setting children and babies in particular became the most vulnerable ones among the affected community because their need for hygiene care are often neglected. Church World Service conducted an assessment to address this matter in Padang Pariaman district, West Sumatra.

Following the assessment, CWS has decided to provide baby kits, which

contains of 1 baby cloth, soap, and diapers. The kits were handed out to 20 midwives to reach 231 babies in the village. Another 175 baby kits will also be distributed to 13 midwives in South Pariaman sub-district. Based on request from Health Department, CWS also distributed 171 baby kits in 8 villages in Sungai Limau sub-district. Distribution has been conducted in collaboration with the village Community Health Center (PUSKESMAS).

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### **Water Team in Action in Padang Pariaman district**

The villagers of Sikapak village in South Pariaman sub-district has relied on water pump to obtain clean water. However the 7.9 R.S. has damaged the water pump and contaminated most of the wells. CWS will coordinate with Plan International to address this matter.

“I’m so happy with the pillow tank that gives us clean water,” said Mariana, a villager who currently stays nearby a pillow tank with 5,000 liters capacity that CWS has recently set up in Sungai Sirah village. After the earthquake, the villagers had to go to the river, which is located 150 m away from their temporary shelters to get water.

CWS has also distributed a total of 16,000 liters water in 11 locations in Sungai Limau sub-district on October 22, where water supply controller teams that consist of local villager have been established to monitor the pillow tanks and ensure the flow of water supply for the local community.

### **CWS continues to support well cleaning**

A sound and clean well is an important source of clean water in rural areas. Church World Service continues to assist the community in Padang Pariaman district to clean their contaminated wells. So far CWS has cleaned 73 wells in Sungai Limau sub-district, Padang Pariaman district, West Sumatra.

In addition to one water pump that CWS has distributed to clean wells, the

community in Sibaruas villager received another water pump, which they will use to clean their contaminated wells. The villagers will clean their well after receiving briefing from CWS on steps to clean the well.

The local community of Durian Daun village has cleaned 5 wells. CWS supports this initiative by providing one water pump to support the cleaning of 40 more wells in this village.

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