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Hands On Disaster Response Launches Volunteer Response Project

PADANG, INDONESIA 10/25/2009 – Nearly one month after massive earthquakes devastated Sumatra, Indonesia, the needs are still great. Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a US-based volunteer-driven nonprofit is on the ground operating a four-month-long response project in Padang Pariaman, Sumatra to mobilize volunteers from throughout the world to help earthquake-affected residents get back on their feet. Doors open to volunteers at HODR's Project Sungai Geringging today, October 25, 2009.

The recent earthquakes damaged over 200,000 homes and survivors now struggle to remove rubble and erect shelter as the rainy season quickly approaches. Through February, HODR volunteers will be assisting residents with debris removal, demolition of damaged homes, erecting shelters and general recovery efforts, providing the “human power” needed to get devastated families bridge the gap between rescue and recovery.

CRITICAL DISASTER RESPONSE INFORMATION:

- **Volunteer:** Lend a hand to those in need. HODR creates a platform for anyone interested to directly get involved in the recovery efforts. In return for volunteering their time HODR supports volunteers with housing, meals, tools and on-site training at no cost. Volunteers pay their own way to project site. Contact Tom Taylor at info@HODR.org for more information on volunteering with HODR in Indonesia.

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- **Donations:** To support HODR's Indonesia earthquake response efforts with a tax-deductible donation, visit www.HODR.org/SouthPacific or mail your contribution to HODR, PO Box 546, Carlisle, MA 01741.
- **More Information:** See on-site photos, video and more online at Hands On Disaster Response's website, www.HODR.org.

“HODR was built by and for people whose instinct is to show up and help when they see others in need,” said David Campbell, Founder and Executive Director, HODR. “In a situation where there's so much work to be done, there's no greater resource than capable hands to help.”

When the earthquake struck, the whole world was aware of the devastation. For weeks, months, and beyond the recovery efforts will continue. HODR provides volunteers with housing, meals, tools, and organized work opportunities at no charge – allowing affected communities to benefit from the outpouring of goodwill and able hands as they take the first steps toward recovery.

About Hands On Disaster Response:

Hands On Disaster Response (HODR) is a MA-based 501(c)3 nonprofit built specifically to harness the power of volunteers to provide direct assistance to disaster-affected communities around the world and in the US. HODR welcomes both returning volunteers as well as spontaneous volunteers, people not previously affiliated with any disaster organization, but who are willing to show up and help with whatever needs to be done – from clearing rubble to building homes and schools, from sanitation projects to children's programs. Previous projects include: New York (2009 Flooding), Arkansas (2009 Tornado), Haiti (2008-2009 Hurricanes), Iowa (2008 Flooding), Missouri (2008 Tornado), Arkansas (2008 Tornado), Bangladesh (2007-2008 Cyclone), Peru (2007-2008 Earthquake), Philippines (2006 Typhoon), Indonesia (2006 Earthquake), Mississippi (2005-2006 Hurricane Katrina), and Thailand (2004 Tsunami). For more information or to donate visit www.HODR.org.

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