

The lives of the people in the Indonesian regions, which were hit by earthquakes and a tsunami during the last months, are still at a risk. More than 70 thousand people became homeless, just in the region of Palu, Sulawesi, and media reported about even more than 150 thousand homeless people in Lombok last month. Help is urgently needed, especially because the rainy season is complicating the situation. Unfortunately, international NGOs are still not allowed to help with projects at the spot. Therefore, it is even more important to support local NGOs that are already active in the scene right now.

For this purpose, two students of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia at the University of Hamburg organized a charity event on the 25th of October at the nightclub Hörsaal in Hamburg, Germany. With the support of the DIG (Deutsch-Indonesische Gesellschaft e.V.), an Indonesian artist, a resident DJ and a local venue, it was possible to collect 900€ in donations - although the planning of the project took only one week. Special thanks go to Areu Pendul, who offered hand poked tattoos for donations during the whole night.

The event was not meant to be a cultural exhibition. Rather, it was intended to be an opportunity to acquire donations through a party at a spot, which was expected to be visited by many nightwalkers anyway. Nevertheless, it was a pleasure to meet so many interested people sharing the idea and taking part in creating an atmosphere of charitable thoughts to alleviate the suffering at the other side of the globe.

We hope that this topic will not be vanished by the fast pace of the media. The situation in Sulawesi and Lombok will need serious attention over the upcoming months and even more. It will remain important for us to keep this topic in the public discourse.

All the donations are going to projects of the NGO Kopernik and the grassroot organization lifepatch. Those who still feel the need to help, are able to donate directly on the websites of these organizations (<https://kopernik.info> or [XXX](#)).

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