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**Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable
development, measures taken and proposed for the
implementation of resolutions**

**Toponym usage in response to the earthquake disaster in
Cianjur Regency**

Summary**

A devastating earthquake with a magnitude of 5.6 struck Cianjur Regency, West Java Province, Indonesia, on 21 November 2022, resulting in casualties and severe damage to buildings. During the disaster response and recovery, geographical names helped stakeholders to identify locations, plan evacuations, visualize the affected area and communicate the disaster situation to the public.

The report describes how geographical names in the Indonesian geographical names information system, Sistem Informasi Nama Rupabumi (SINAR), were shared and utilized in response to the earthquake disaster in Cianjur Regency. Furthermore, the stories, histories and reasons behind the coining of geographical names in the affected area are explained in order to offer any interrelated information that may be beneficial to disaster management.

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