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Indonesia: Floods in South Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi,
Central Sulawesi and East Kalimantan Provinces



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Operation start date: 3 June 2019	
Category of disaster:	
Host National Society: Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)	
Number of people affected: 55,495 people in three provinces	

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The situation

High intensity rainfall triggered flooding in several areas of Sulawesi and Kalimantan in early June 2019. Three provinces in Sulawesi, namely South Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi and Central Sulawesi; and one province in Kalimantan – East Kalimantan, still suffer flooding from significant increase of water discharge, worsened by the high tidal wave.

Flood in Southeast Sulawesi

According to Indonesian Disaster Management Authority (*Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana* (BNPB)), Konawe, North Konawe, Konawe island and East Kolaka district are the worst affected by the flood with 67 villages covered by the flood. Furthermore, according to the latest report, the flood caused 1,391 houses, eight school facilities, three public health facilities, 970-hectare rice field, 83-hectare corn field, 420-hectare fishpond covered by water and mud; 202 houses washed away and three bridges damaged. There are approximately 9,788 people forced to evacuate themselves and the flood has assumed a 4-day old baby.



Flood Situation in Southeast Sulawesi. (Photo: Palang Merah Indonesia)

Responding to the situation, Head of North Konawe Regent declared the “emergency” status for the area from 2 – 16 June 2019. Afterwards, Head of Konawe regent revised the “emergency” status for the area to be from 5 – 11 June 2019. Since most of the main road to the affected area covered by water, BNPB sent relief supplies by cargo plane and distributing the relief supplies using helicopter. As of today, BNPB has distributed IDR 218 million worth of relief supplies.

Flood in South Sulawesi & Central Sulawesi

According to BNPB report there are two districts affected by the flood that is Sidrap and Wajo districts in South Sulawesi. In Sidrap district, there are 16 villages located in three different sub-districts (Dua Pitue, Pitu Riase and Pitu Riawa sub-district) covered by the floods. On the other hand, 2,107 houses covered in seven sub-districts located in Wajo District. According to the latest report, 2,278 families or approximately 7,729 people are affected by the flood. Several public facilities such as schools, mosque, public health facilities have been affected, while 3,676 hectares of farm field are covered by mud and flood waters.

In Central Sulawesi, 45 houses are affected by flooding and seven houses heavily damaged by the floodwaters. In total, there are 561 families evacuated from Lele and Dampala villages in Morowali Regency. Other than houses, the floods also damaged one bridge, cutting the access to the villages. Therefore, most of the evacuation efforts are done by boats. However, flood levels are slowly receding in both provinces.



Evacuation process in South Sulawesi. (Photo: PMI)

Flood in East Kalimantan

One of the main and largest rivers in East Kalimantan the Mahakam river overflowed due to heavy and intense rainfall in the area, causing flood in three different areas, Samarinda City, Kutai Kartanegara district and Paser district. As of today, Samarinda city is the only area still affected by the flood waters.

The floods have started to recede in the northern part of Samarinda city. However, flood level is increasing in the southern part of Samarinda city with the average height ranging from 30 – 125 centimeters. There are 11,652 - 35,684¹ people affected by the flood. As of today, there are 626 houses covered by flood (number could escalate since assessment is still underway). “Emergency” status has been declared until 12 June 2019 in order to speed up the flood response.



Flood situation in East Kalimantan. (Photo: PMI)

Immediate needs

Based on initial information from BNPB and PMI POSKO, the current immediate needs are clean water, emergency tents for displacement, tarpaulins, blanket, mattresses, medicines, food items, family and baby kits, emergency lamps, cleaning tools and hygiene kits.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI has been on the ground and supporting local government in responding to the situation such as:

- **Southeast Sulawesi Floods:**
PMI Southeast Sulawesi has mobilized 86 personnel to conduct assessment, evacuation, distribution of relief items and coordination with relevant stake holder; 11 paramedic and medical staff; one water truck; two operational vehicle and one ambulance. PMI has also distributed 200 packs of family kit, 200 packs of hygiene kit, 200 packs of baby kit, 400 pieces blankets, 100 raincoats and 100 sleeping mats.
- **South Sulawesi Floods:**
PMI South Sulawesi has mobilized 53 personnel to conduct assessment, evacuation, distribution of relief and coordination with the relevant stakeholders. In addition, two units of ambulance were deployed to affected location to support health needs of other affected.
- **East Kalimantan:**
PMI East Kalimantan mobilized 28 personnel, one unit of ambulance, one unit of water truck and

¹ Note: there are conflicting reports quoting different numbers at the time of this information bulletin was written. Confirmed figures are being finalized.

one operational vehicle. As of today, PMI has distributed 20,000 litres of clean water to various affected locations (PMI still counting number of beneficiaries) and setting up public kitchen.

Furthermore, PMI NHQ has mobilized relief supplies from Jakarta to Konawe (Southeast Sulawesi) on 11 June 2019 by air transportation. Local field reports provided by PMI POSKO are available, and infographics for affected areas are underway, based on the on-going needs assessments.

IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta is providing technical support to PMI, monitoring and analysing the disaster impact, supporting communications and media relation needs as well as maintaining close coordination with BNPB, HCT and other humanitarian actors to monitor and responding to the needs on the ground.

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