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Indonesia: Flash Floods and Landslides in South Sulawesi Province



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Host National Society: Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)	
Number of people affected: 6,596 People	

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The situation

Due to heavy and non-stop rainfall in South Sulawesi area from Monday, 21 January 2019, the water volume in Bili-Bili water reservoir increased up to 101.9 metres from normal level. According to South Sulawesi province government head of public relations, this water level escalation is indicated as alert-status. Therefore, on the next day (Tuesday, 22 January) the government decided to open the Bili-bili reservoir spillway to normalize the water volume in the reservoir.

However, the decision caused Jeneberang river to become overflowed and flooded the area of Gowa District. Furthermore, the overflowed Jeneberang river caused Manuju bridge to collapse. The bridge used to connect Gowa district and Moncongloe village.



PMI volunteers are supporting the rescue of people affected by the floods in South Sulawesi, (Photo: PMI)

According to the National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB) official report on 25 January, the flood has affected 106 villages within 13 districts (Jenepoto, Maros, Gowa, Makassar-city, Soppeng, Wajo, Barru, Pangkep, Sidra, Bantaeng, Takalar, Selayar and Sinjai district). Furthermore, according to the report:

- 59 people reported dead, 25 people are missing, 47 people injured, 3,481 people evacuated and a total of 6,596 people affected by the flood;
- 79 unit of houses are damaged (32 unit washed away by the flood, 26 heavily-damaged, 2 medium-damaged, 14 lightly-damaged and 5 buried by landslides);
- 4,857 houses covered by flood water;
- 11,876 hectare of farm field covered by flood water;
- 10 bridges damaged; the floods covered 16.2 km of road in the area, 2 markets, 12 praying houses, 6 government facilities and 22 schools.

Response by the provincial disaster management agency (BPBD)

BPBD together with the military, police, the National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas), local government office, Ministry of Social Welfare Volunteers (Tagana), Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), volunteers and the community are providing emergency response support to the affected people. Relief aids are being delivered to the areas from various governmental organization and ministries or agencies such as BNPB with BPBD, Indonesian Military and Police unit, Basarnas, Social Ministry, Health Ministry, Ministry of Public Work and Housing. Furthermore, Head of BNPB has released in total of IDR 1.15 billion (on-call) Emergency Funds and in total of IDR 828.9 million worth of logistics to the Governor of South Sulawesi (24 January 2019). Relief items such as 250 tents, 425 clothes, 560 blankets, 100 family kits, 202 baby kits, 240 sleeping mats, 30 body bags, 300 sand bags, 540 packs of instant food, 714 packs of ready food and 690 packs of vitamins and nutritious food have been dispatched.

As of date, the situation keeps on improving. The water level (flood level) keeps on decreasing as well as the rainfall has stopped. Main activities in the affected areas are evacuation; search and rescue for the landslide affected area.

The Government has declared emergency status for South Sulawesi province. The emergency status started from 22 January 2019 and will last for 7 days or until 29 January 2019. The emergency response for Gowa, Jenepoto, Maros and Makassar-city districts carried out and coordinated locally through BPBD along with the establishment of command post, field kitchen and displacement site.

Response by PMI and IFRC

PMI and the IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta are coordinating with each other and also coordinating with BNPB to monitor and carried out emergency response needs in the field.

Immediate needs

Based on initial information from secondary sources as well as from PMI teams on the ground, immediate needs include evacuation and management of injuries, medical and health services including referral services, food and non-food items and cleaning community water resource.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI has been on the ground from the onset of this event, with a total of 351 volunteers from provincial chapter and branches on the ground to support search and rescue efforts, delivery of immediate assistance and undertake rapid assessment and coordination with BNPB and other stakeholders. As of today, PMI has mobilized:

- Six units of ambulance for referral service; one team medical team consist of three paramedical experts; two rescue boats;
- Three water trucks, one unit of field kitchen and one Huglund;
- Deployed four emergency posts; five IT field equipment.

The medical team has served 120 people in Samata sub-district (Somba Opu District), 140 people in Pangkabinaga (Pallangga district) and 30 people in Kampilli sub-district (Pallangga district).

Furthermore, PMI has dispatched the following relief materials; 40 family kits, 225 hygiene kits, 20 body bags and 100 tarpaulins. PMI also identified further immediate need relief item such as hygiene kits, family kits, clothes, rescue boats, raincoats, life jackets, medications, water pump (for cleaning community water resources) and cleaning equipment (for cleaning houses).

The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta is providing technical support and working in coordination with PMI on needs assessment and to support communications and media relations needs. The CCST is also set to provide financial support to enable the mobilization of personnel and supplies by PMI. While evacuation, monitoring and needs assessment activities are carried out, PMI and the CCST are calculating funds requirement to support the emergency operation for longer term if needed.

The situation is evolving as more information on the extent of damage and needs emerge. A detailed plan of action for the PMI response will be developed over the coming days based on rapid assessments and analysis of secondary data. The CCST in Jakarta, with back-up support from the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO), will continue to provide technical and coordination support to PMI, with personnel placed on standby in Kuala Lumpur for immediate deployment. Additional IFRC surge capacity can be mobilized from the global system in coordination with PMI.



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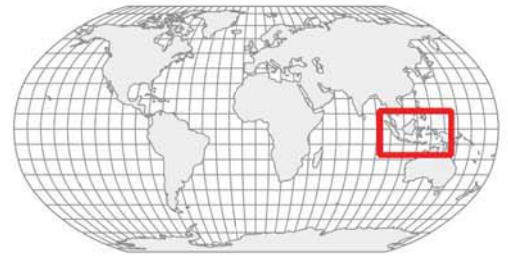
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