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Information bulletin Indonesia: Floods

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Operation start date: 14 January 2014	Expected timeframe: One month
Host National Society: Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI)	
Number of people affected: 75,000 people	Number of people to be assisted:



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Affected community members wait for evacuation from their flood-submerged home.
Photo: Palang Merah Indonesia

The situation

Jakarta Floods

Since 12 January 2014, Jakarta and outlying areas have experienced continued rains causing river overflows and flooding. Fourteen sluice gates including Katulampa in Bogor, upstream of Jakarta, are closely monitored for flood management. Thousands of houses and buildings have been flooded, while hundreds of kilometres of roads are inundated and other infrastructure, such as drainage systems and bridges, damaged or destroyed. The Provincial Agency for Disaster Management (BPBD) DKI Jakarta reported that as of 21 January 2014, approximately 134,662 persons or 38,672 households in 100 urban villages are directly affected by the current floods. Twelve fatalities have been recorded. At total of 62,819 persons are displaced and are sheltered in 253 displacement centres spread around the city proximate to the affected areas. Telephone lines and electricity networks are functioning; however, floodwaters have blocked major roads. Flood water levels were fluctuating from 0.2 metres up to 1.2 metres in low-lying areas adjacent to the rivers and around two metres at the river banks. The Government of Indonesia has declared a 30-day emergency readiness phase from 13 January until 12 February 2014.

The Jakarta BPBD, in collaboration with the National Agency for Disaster Management (Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana – BNPB) Rapid Response Team, the military, police, Social Ministry, provincial PMI and other government agencies conducted evacuations and provided relief assistance to the displaced families. BNPB also provided IDR 20 billion for weather modification in cooperation with BPPT, BMKG and TNI-AU (Air Force).

North Sulawesi floods

Continuous rain on 14-15 January 2014 caused flash floods from four rivers (Tondano, Malalayang, Bahu and Singkil) that met and inundated most of Manado City on 15 January 2014. As of 19 January, BNPB reported 19 fatalities and that at least 15,000 citizens of Manado and Tomohon cities, as well as six other districts are displaced. The affected population is taking refuge in churches, mosques, schools and village offices. Information on the humanitarian impact of this disaster is collected by local authorities and reported to the Incident Command. The number of damaged houses is estimated at around 1,000. The Governor of North Sulawesi declared provincial emergency phase from 15 to 28 January 2014.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The provincial government of DKI Jakarta has mobilized emergency response supplies including food, non-food items and water supplies. Supplies were pre-positioned in villages prior to the rainy season based on contingency planning assessments. Additional relief supplies were mobilized based on identified needs. The Government of Indonesia has indicated that it has the capacity to respond to both short and longer-term needs created by the floods including emergency shelter.

In Manado, PMI responded by assisting in the evacuation of residents from flooded areas, establishing shelters, opening field kitchens, and distributing hygiene-, baby- and other emergency kits. They have mobilized a number of local personnel to distribute water. BNPB deployed rapid response teams, mobilized relief aid and provided IDR.3.13 billion for emergency response. Further, a number of humanitarian agencies including Dompot Dhuafa, World Vision and Plan International have provided relief aid to the affected people. At least 200 PMI volunteers have been involved with these efforts. IFRC and PMI headquarters staff travelled to the disaster site last week to assess the needs. An operational plan is being prepared by PMI to provide further support.

Floods have also inundated many northern areas of Java island, and PMI staff and volunteers have assisted the local government in temporary (short-term) evacuations, distribution of relief items, health and psychosocial support. No additional support has been requested at this stage.

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