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The following table reflects the second distribution:

Location	No. of families	No. of persons
Kalumbatan	748	3,634
Sambiut	245	1,191
Palam	249	1,264
Dodung	336	2,487
Grand total	1,578	8,576

All families that received family kits were visited and records on each beneficiary family are kept on file at the PMI branch.

Suppliers for additional 2,000 family kits and 8,000 shorts and T-shirts were identified and shipping arrangements are being finalised in Surabaya. The shorts and T-shirts will be used as a supplement to the family kits. They are provided with the additional (ECHO) earmarked funds. The selection of beneficiaries was carried out with the local community and it targeted the most vulnerable families. The third and final distribution of 2,000 family kits is planned to begin at the end of August.

Outstanding needs

Presently, the Appeal is covered by 56.4% while the signing of the ECHO contract for this operation is pending.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Regular meetings are held with MSF (F), the only active agency on the island, distributing mosquito nets. They will also carry out training in basic hygiene in August and plan to close their operation in mid September.

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