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The procurement and delivery of relief assistance to the intended beneficiaries is underway, and while this disaster has been overtaken by the subsequent earthquake which struck Sumatra on 4 June, funds are still urgently required to provide the assistance planned in the appeal.

The context

An earthquake triggered a tsunami in Indonesia's Central Sulawesi province on May 4, leaving 41 dead, 228 injured and 10,500 families homeless in the districts of Luwuk and the Banggai/Peleng islands. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) and the Federation assessed the area from 7-11 May, visiting 4 affected villages on Peleng island by boat. The Appeal was launched on 16 May, 2000. Since then, the PMI has carried out additional detailed assessments of a dozen villages in 4 sub-districts of Banggai district.

Latest events

The PMI and Federation have targeted assistance to a total of 3,500 of the worst affected families with shelter materials, water containers and other essential household items. Food remains available in the area. A Federation relief delegate was assigned to the area on June 1 to work with a team of PMI staff and 10 volunteers. Good contacts have been established with local authorities.

The only outside assistance delivered to the stricken area consists of farming tools distributed by CARE. These items were destined for N-Maluku, but were re-directed to Banggai.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

The PMI Federation has now finalised the detailed assessment in seriously affected districts, with the following results:

Sub-district	Affected		Population Affected				Houses Damaged		
	Families	Persons	0-5	5-15	16-55	55- >	Heavy	Light	Sub-total
Bangai	936	3,901	278	791	2,453	203	568	376	944
Totikum	1,730	6,772	687	1,150	4,450	462	1,497	14	1,511
Tinangkung	836	3,328	460	471	1,937	141	277	256	533
Liang	508	2,108	391	280	1,146	95	194	163	357
Grand Total	4,010	16,109	1,816	2,692	9,986	901	2,536	809	3,345

The delegation received an initial quantity of 1,000 family kits on loan from ICRC's warehouse in Surabaya, which have been received in Luwak. The Federation Relief Delegate has been operating in Luwak since June 1. A warehouse has been identified, staff and volunteers have been organised, and are currently being trained in Luwak to carry out the distribution of the family kits. Co-ordination and support from local authorities is excellent. In addition to the shipment of 1,000 family kits, a consignment of 1 mt of medication was contributed by the Singapore Red Cross. Although originally intended for N-Maluku, this medication will now be made available to the local health service in the affected sub-districts on Peleng and Banggai islands. A detailed distribution list has been prepared and immediately upon arrival of the kits from Surabaya, distributions will be carried out using locally hired vessels and PMI volunteers.

Shipments in this part of Indonesia need to be planned well ahead of time and agreements made with shipping lines. In order to follow the operational timetable established in the appeal, it is extremely important for the delegation to arrange relief supply purchase orders, book shipping space, and make the necessary preparations in Luwak.

Outstanding needs

While this disaster has been overtaken by the subsequent earthquake which struck Sumatra on 4 June, funds are still urgently required to provide the planned assistance to the targeted beneficiaries.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Contacts have been made with MSF-France which is planning medical activities in Banggai, and discussions have focused on a three month project to support the local health structure. Contact has also been established with the Bupati (Head of District), and effective collaboration is taking place with the ICRC.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

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