



INDONESIA: LANDSLIDES

Appeal no: 34/00
30 November, 2000

***THIS APPEAL SEEKS CHF 252,984
IN CASH, KIND AND SERVICES
TO ASSIST 4,000 FAMILIES FOR 3 MONTHS;
WITH CHF 62,337 RECEIVED, A TOTAL OF CHF 190,647
IS NEEDED***

Summary

The seasonal rains in southeast Asia routinely disrupt peoples lives, but the recent deluge of rain has provoked real disaster with landslides in Java and Sumatra bringing considerable loss of life and material resources. To support the Indonesian Red Cross relief and assistance operation, the Federation is responding by providing immediate relief assistance to 1,500 families in central Java and 2,500 families in west and north Sumatra while efforts continue to assess the medium-term rehabilitation needs of those effected by the landslides and to consider the need for a second phase of the operation.

The Disaster

The heavy rain that has effected most of southeast Asia, is continuing to cause flooding and landslides in the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Java. This unusual weather pattern, being linked by climatologists to possible changes in global weather patterns, is combining with increased deforestation of Indonesia's rain-forest to cause far more frequent and wide-spread land and mud slides than usual over the past generation. In the most recent landslide in West Sumatra province, an estimated 100 people are thought to have died with dozens of people still unaccounted for. While the rescue services continue to search for bodies at least 4,200 families who have lost their homes, remain with little food, and limited access to shelter and potable water. Furthermore, according to the most recent local media reports, up to 75,000 people have left their homes in Sumatra. The Indonesia Red Cross in Padang reports that people are fleeing upland areas and seeking refuge in the relative safety of low-lying regions. Extensive flooding has also been reported in the northern provinces of Aceh and in Medan.

According to the initial reports of the Indonesian Red Cross (see also *Information Bulletin No. 4*), this most recent disaster left many areas severely affected with loss of power and telephone lines. Information from the affected areas is still being confirmed - a joint Federation, ICRC, and Indonesian Red Cross team has visited most of the area and confirm that the landslides and floods have had a major impact. In West Sumatra, at least 9,600 hectares of rice and irrigated fields have been swept away by the floodwaters, over 2,000 homes are inundated and some 60 km of the road connecting Solok and Padang have been seriously damaged. In several places the floodwaters on the road are as high as one meter.

The Response so far

Government Action w

In the most recent floods and landslides, Bakornas PB, the government's coordinating body for disaster management, is monitoring the situation whilst also coordinating search and rescue, providing some initial relief assistance and are assisting in the evacuation and temporary shelter of the victims. In areas devested by earlier flooding the local authorities are working together with NGOs to provide relief and rehabilitation assistance.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Action w

In central Java, the Indonesian Red Cross, supported by the Federation officer, have, following an assessment, initiated a relief operation in those districts most effected by the flooding & landslides. In West Sumatra, as was reported in *Information Bulletin No. 4*, the Indonesian Red Cross Society (PMI) chapter has sent a mobile emergency vehicle unit to Pesisir Selatan district to assist the local PMI branch to set up a field kitchen for people who are being accommodated in temporary shelters. The PMI chapter has appealed to the community for assistance. Clothing and basic food items, donated by unaffected communities, have been distributed to victims in Pesisir Selatan. Furthermore, the PMI's head of relief and the Federation's liaison officer in Jakarta traveled to the disaster zone on Tuesday, 28 November to assess the situation (see 'Assessment of Needs' below) and facilitate the initial response. The ICRC have been working closely with PMI branch in Aceh as well as coordinating with the local authorities.

Upon the request of the PMI Chairman, the Federation will now coordinate the disaster response in cooperation with the ICRC and the National Society. The operation in Aceh will be coordinated by the ICRC which has a field office in the province and a close working relationship with the local authorities, PMI chapters and branches, while the Federation will coordinate the response in West Sumatra.

For the central Java operation, CHF 40,000 has been released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), and contributions have been received from the Australian Government and the Japanese Red Cross. The distribution of some 1,500 plastic sheets for shelter has been carried out to 1,500 beneficiary families. For the west Sumatra operation, the Federation has released CHF 67,500 for the initial procurement of relief materials.

In Aceh, in a concerted effort the ICRC and PMI commenced assessing the humanitarian needs of areas affected by the floods and landslides. In an initial response to needs identified, relief items for approximately 4,000 families will be distributed, including detergent / disinfectant agents, buckets and other utensils for cleaning purposes. In order to prevent or limit the spread of communicable diseases efforts will focus on addressing the problem of access to safe drinking water for affected communities.

Other Agencies' Action w

- Bakornas BP is sending an assessment team to Pandang, Medan and Aceh. It has also earmarked 100 mt of food commodities, 500 kg of medicine and rubber dingies for the operation.
- The UNDP/OCHA staff based in Jakarta currently joining the Government assessment mission to the affected provinces.
- As mentioned above, the ICRC and PMI will coordinate any Red Cross relief operation in Aceh.

- UNFPA will provide health care kits if required.
- WFP have access to high energy biscuits.

Co-ordination w

The Federation will work closely with the National Society and the ICRC to co-ordinate all international Red Cross Red Crescent assistance. The Federation will also join the Indonesian Red Cross in co-ordinating with the Indonesian government's Bakornas as well as with UNDP and OCHA.

The Intended Operation**Assessment of Needs •**

In Mid-November, the PMI and the Federation carried out an extensive assessment of needs in Central Java; this operation is now ongoing (see previous *Information Bulletins*).

In Sumatra, the Jakarta PMI/Federation team, who have been on the ground since the 28 November, are working with the PMI branch as well as the local authorities, in carrying out an assessment in 8 districts. PMI/ Federation will also have to cover the needs in Dairi, North Sumatra, Crinci and Jambi. The PMI chapter in Banda Aceh, assisted by the ICRC's field office personnel has been collecting information in that province.

Immediate Needs •

The immediate needs in Central Java have largely been met with the ongoing relief operation. In West and North Sumatra, the immediate needs are for shelter, food, household items and lighting. The overall situation for potable water is still to be assessed.

Anticipated Later Needs •

While the assessment is ongoing, in both Java and West Sumatra, the later needs are likely to include more permanent shelter materials and the rehabilitation of water sources.

Red Cross Objectives •

The objectives of the operation are:

- to provide immediate relief assistance, in line with Sphere minimum standards, to 1,500 families in Central Java and 2,500 families in West and North Sumatra.
- to continue to assess the medium-term rehabilitation needs of those effected by the landslides and to consider the need for a second phase of the operation.

National Society/Federation Plan of Action**Emergency Phase: November 2000 - January 2001 •**

In west and north Sumatra, the PMI will distribute 2000 household kits (containing two blankets, two sleeping mats, one 10 litre jerry can and 5 glasses, spoons, forks and plates and tarpaulins for shelter) to 2000 displaced families. In addition to these relief items and temporary shelter, 500 petrol lamps and 500 cooking pots will also be provided to a further 500 families, who have been homeless. A subsequent phase of the operation will depend on the outcome of the ongoing assessment.

Capacity of the National Society •

PMI was established in 1945 and has chapters and branches, supported by 900,000 volunteers, throughout the Indonesian archipelago. As an auxiliary to government, PMI is highly recognised for its disaster management role including disaster preparedness. The national society's strengths are its countrywide coverage and volunteer network based on highly active university and school volunteer corps. Areas requiring improvement are its varying capacity and limited funding base.

PMI is the primary non-governmental emergency response organisation in the country and is a member of the government's disaster management co-ordination bodies at national and provincial levels. PMI has a long tradition of emergency response against floods, earthquakes (including 2 major quakes in 2000),

volcanic eruptions and armed conflict. It has worked closely with ICRC in East Timor and in Irian Jaya and is currently developing a role in Ambon.

Present Capacity of the Federation in Indonesia •

Since the establishment of an International Federation Representative in Jakarta in January 1998, the Federation is working closely with the Society in promoting its development and in providing assistance during disasters. The Federations office, which is based within the PMI headquarters has four staff. Substantial technical support is also provided from the Regional Office in Bangkok. A Federation Relief/Logistics Officer will be recruited for this operation.

Evaluation •

Based on the objectives, the operation will be monitored by the PMI and by the Federation. While no formal evaluation is expected, the final operational report will draw out the strengths and weaknesses of the relief operation. The regional disaster management officer based in the Bangkok Regional Office, will also provide support to the operation.

Budget summary

See Annex 1 for details.

Conclusion

While seasonal rains in southeast Asia routinely disrupt peoples lives, the deluge of rain in 2000 has brought real disaster. The landslides in Java and Sumatra have profoundly worsened, bringing considerable loss of life and material resources. This modest Appeal seeks funds to assist those who have been worst effected in Java and west and north Sumatra.

Jean Ayoub
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<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>		APPEAL No. 34/2000
INDONESIA: Landslides		
TYPE	VALUE	
RELIEF NEEDS	IN CHF	
Shelter & constructions (Tarpaulines)	43,770	
Clothing & textiles	99,000	
Food & seeds		
Water	2,958	
Medical & first aid (ORS/Cholera kits)		
Teaching materials		
Utensils & tools (Cooking pots)	20,325	
Other relief supplies (Petrol lamps)	3,695	
TOTAL RELIEF NEEDS		169,748
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u>		
Telecom. equipment	2,956	
<u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u>		
Programme management (automatic calculation)	17,059	
Technical support (automatic calculation)	5,106	
Professional services (automatic calculation)	5,663	
<u>TRANSPORT STORAGE & VEHICLE COSTS</u>	12,476	
<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
Expatriate staff	14,779	
National staff	8,469	
Training		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL SERVICES</u>		
Travel & related expenses	10,578	
Information expenses	3,750	
Administrative & general expenses	2,401	
Professional fees		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS		83,236
TOTAL APPEAL CASH, KIND, SERVICES		252,984
LESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES (-)		62,337
NET REQUEST		190,647

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APPEAL No. 34/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				12/04/00
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				252,984		24.6%
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		50,000	AUD	46,015	08.11.00	EMERGENCY RELIEF ITEM
JAPANESE - RC		1,000,000	JPY	16,322	27.11.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				62,337	CHF	24.6%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:						