

INDONESIA: LANDSLIDES

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Floods and landslides have persisted, with rains causing further landslides in January and February in the four provinces targeted by the Federation/Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) appeal. In North Sulawesi, it is estimated that an additional 7,800 people have been affected. Distributions of relief supplies have been delayed as a result of the isolation of the affected areas and the programme has therefore been extended until 31 March 2001. Given continued flooding and landslides and increasing numbers of vulnerable people, expansion of the relief phase of the operation is under consideration. A revised budget will be issued with the next situation report.

The context

The heavy rains in early December 2000 caused extensive flooding and landslides in several provinces of Indonesia. An estimated 100 people were killed and thousands of people lost their homes. The rains have continued in to February 2001.

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), with support from the Federation, launched an appeal to assist 4,000 families in the four provinces of Central Java, North Sulawesi, West Nusa Tenggara and West Sumatra. The objectives of the appeal were:

- To provide immediate relief assistance, in line with the Sphere 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 affected by the landslides and to consider the need for a second phase of the operation.

The 3 month operation was planned in full coordination with the government as well as with OCHA.

Latest events

The rains have continued into February with the city of Gorontalo in North Sulawesi being hit by flooding; initial reports suggest that as many as 7,800 people have been affected. Moreover, there have been further floods and landslides in West Java between 8 and 10 February. Thousands of people have become homeless in the Lebak district. According to the PMI, initial reports indicate that as many as 94 people may have been killed by this recent landslide and 110 houses totally destroyed. Whilst an assessment team is on its way to the area, plans are underway to dispatch plastic sheets and tarpaulins (donated by the Danish Red Cross), 3 mt of rice, 50,000 packets of instant noodles and 1,000 blankets from Jakarta to the area. The PMI will also send two mobile emergency units (funded by the Japanese Red Cross) to assist with the operation.

Meanwhile in other areas, whilst many people have begun to receive some relief assistance, the full impact of this protracted disaster is only now becoming clear as roads and bridges are rebuilt and communication systems repaired.

Whilst a recent assessment has shown that as many as 8,120 houses have been destroyed in North Sulawesi, reports from the district of Minahasa, suggest that some villages remain isolated and that as many as 10 people have died and 2 persons are registered as missing. Additionally, according to local government officials, five out of ten villages in the sub-district of Ranoyapo have been isolated since early December.

In West Sumatra, where initial relief distributions were completed in December 2000, small-scale landslides have continued into early January. Three persons were reportedly killed by the unexpected landslide in the district of Solok, which brings the total death toll to 76 persons in West Sumatra.

In West Nusa Tenggara, the latest information indicates that a further 8 people from the district of Sumbawa have died, bring the totally affected to an estimated 7,000 families.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

The first objective of the appeal, the relief operation, is now 80% complete. However, the ongoing rains and remote location of the areas affected by landslides has meant that the operation will be need to be extended until 31 March 2001.

Meanwhile, the ongoing assessments made by PMI staff and the Federation delegate, have identified medium term roles for the PMI in cleaning water sources, however, there are no plans at this stage to enter an extensive rehabilitation phase (which was the second objective of the Appeal).

As the rainy season continues into 2001, the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) has increased its relief operation to focus on an estimated 6,473 families (an increase of 2,473 families from the original Federation appeal) and due to strong donor support has been able to procure and partially distribute 6,473 family kits, 4,000 tarpaulins, 700 emergency lamps (Petromax) and 5,000 litres of kerosene fuel. A water pump has also been procured to clean up wells and muddy houses.

Implementation and monitoring support will continue to be provided by the Federation relief/logistics delegate. It is planned that he will remain until 31 March 2001.

A total of 6,473 family kits have been procured by the Federation. The family kits consist of one cooking pot, five tubes of toothpaste, five toothbrushes, five spoons, five plates, five cups, five body soaps, five laundry soaps, one jerry can, five sarongs, two mats, one pack of candles and a box of matches. The status of distributions is as below:

Distribution Area	Family Kit Allocation	Family Kit Delivered to Distribution Point	Distribution Completed	Distribution in progress
Central Java	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
North Sulawesi	1,973	993	413	1,560
West Nusa Tenggara	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
West Sumatra	2,000	2,000	943	1,057
TOTAL	6,473	5,493	3,856	2,617

NOTE: All figures are as of 27 January 2001.

North Sulawesi •

The district and town of Gorontalo in North Sulawesi is the latest area to be hit by further rains. The PMI is currently considering the procurement of emergency food (instant noodles) and the distribution of 700 family kits and 200 tarpaulins.

Meanwhile, through the month of December, 413 family kits were distributed to the most affected families in the districts of Manado and Minahasa, along with three tonnes of rice and medicine (the latter outside of the appeal and organised through the local Red Cross chapters and branches). An additional 493 family kits have been delivered from the ICRC warehouse in Surabaya, and 500 tarpaulins have also been sent to the PMI chapter of North Sulawesi.

Under supervision of the Red Cross chapter, a water pump, which was made available to pump clean water and to clean up muddy houses, continues to be used by the villages in Manado. A total amount of 5,000 litres of kerosene has been distributed to 1,600 families.

There are ongoing discussions to consider a joint programme with either IMC or MSF to implement a shallow-well and drain cleaning programme.

West Sumatra (and Jambi) •

The PMI chapter of West Sumatra has, through its 22 volunteers, as well as volunteers from the PMI branch in Kerinci, distributed 943 family kits and a number of tarpaulins in West Sumatra and Jambi. The balance of family kits is being held at the extended distribution point pending clarification of the beneficiary numbers and further assessment.

West Nusa Tenggara •

A day after the flood occurred, the Red Cross branch of Sumbawa delivered three tonnes of rice, 100 boxes of instant noodles as well as candles to the victims in the sub-district of Taliwang.

In December, 1,000 family kits, which were delivered from the ICRC warehouse in Surabaya, were distributed to 1,000 families in Taliwang and Lunyuk. Despite the late delivery of 700 emergency lamps (Petromax), 607 lamps were distributed in December. The balance of 93 lamps is stored at the Sumbawa Red Cross branch.

Outstanding needs

There has been a positive to the initial Federation appeal which is 174.6 per cent funded. The budget is currently being revised to meet the new needs in West Java and other areas and further support may therefore be required.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Red Cross chapters and branches are working closely with the local government in project implementation, information sharing as well as monitoring further needs as the rainy season continues. Furthermore, the branches have also been working closely with OCHA, government donors and some international NGOs.

At an early stage of the operation, the quality of water was a concern. However, after contacting MSF (France) and the local health authority, it was agreed that the water remains potable. However, MSF, IMC and PMI continue to monitor the situation.

The television station, 'TVRI Station Padang', in West Sumatra, joined and filmed the Red Cross distributions on 16 December 2000. The story was broadcasted during prime time evening news. Additionally on 22 January 2001, a newspaper in Sumbawa wrote an article about the International Federation activities in the area.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

Conclusion

Given strong donor support, the PMI, with Federation assistance, has been able to continue to provide relief supplies to those people worst affected by the ongoing disaster. Although the PMI has demonstrated its ability to reach remote areas, the widespread scale of the disaster has resulted in delays in both information gathering and in the distributions. The operation continues to unfold: distributions of relief supplies continue whilst rehabilitation activities related to the second objective are underway. However, recent flooding may give rise to the need for a further extension of the relief phase of the operation.

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INDONESIA: Landslides						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 34/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED			02/12/01	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				325,826		TOTAL COVERAGE 174.6%
AMERICAN - GOVT		25,000	USD	44,250	08.12.00	FOR SUMBAWA & SULAWESI
AMERICAN - GOVT		25,000	USD	44,250	30.11.00	CENTRAL JAVA
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		50,000	AUD	46,015	08.11.00	EMERGENCY RELIEF ITEM
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		50,000	AUD	46,015	04.12.00	
BRITISH - RC		30,000	GBP	75,900	04.12.00	RELIEF ITEMS
CANADIAN - RC		10,000	CAD	11,446	04.12.00	
JAPANESE - RC		1,000,000	JPY	16,322	27.11.00	
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				30,000	05.12.00	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT		200,000	NOK	37,855	06.12.00	WEST SUMATRA
NORWEGIAN - GOVT		539,374	NOK	102,089	12.12.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				454,142	CHF	139.4%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DANISH - GOVT		490,000	DKK	99,911	12.12.00	4000 TARPULINS, TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
Korea Rep.	Delegate				12/21/00	Federation contract
Japan RC	Delegate			15,000	12/21/00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				114,911	CHF	35.3%
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:						
PID509						