



INDONESIA: YOGYAKARTA EARTHQUAKE

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- The Yogyakarta Mayor announced his administration will start distributing building materials to enable the construction of temporary shelters. The initial target is stated to be about 7,200 families. The swift initiative calls for the delegation to identify opportunities to engage in a complementary or supplementary role. While it is a large contribution from the local government – it remains a long way from covering the massive need for shelter.
- The delegation is putting structures in place and is progressing well in recruitment of key staff to support PMI operations and extend their capacity. Work is underway to repair the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) chapter building and it is hoped that soon all PMI/Federation coordinators will work side by side in shared office space.
- Programme plans and detailed budgets are still being worked on with the activities of the partner national societies (PNS) taken into account to ensure maximum use of the collective resources.



PMI relief distribution in Klaten district.

Relief and Emergency Shelter

- At 17 June, the relief ERU announced 35,000 families had received relief goods.
- This week, Malaysian RC will be sending two regional disaster response team (RDRTs) members to replace the remaining two RDRT members that arrived immediately following the earthquake.
- Excellent coordination between PMI, American/Spanish Red Cross relief ERU, French RC and Swiss RC in Klaten area continues. All assessments and distributions are done jointly with PMI teams and activities are coordinated under a PMI/Federation/PNS district memorandum of understanding as per PMI and relief ERU standards. Relief items, as outlined in the Federation appeal, have been distributed by the French RC - which has completed distribution to 3,842 families in the Wede sub-district - and the Swiss Red Cross, which has distributed supplies to 3,373 families in the Gantiwano and Prampanan sub-districts.

Logistics

- Due to some delays in arrival of shipments by road and air, relief was ahead of the pipeline. However, this has now changed with the arrival of convoys from Medan and the delivery of food parcels assembled in Jakarta.
- A total of 24 flights have been received to date with the possibly final two expected next week.
- A letter of understanding has been signed between Federation and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for use of small trucks free of charge. Thirty-two IOM trucks presently in operation - 13 are used to transfer relief items from the central warehouse to branch warehouses or directly to distribution sites and 17 have been assigned to branches for distributions with two being used by German RC watsan to make water deliveries. All 32 are contracted for one month.
- In Yogyakarta, three warehouses and two Rubbhalls (temporary warehouse tents) are currently used for the emergency. These facilities are managed by the British logistics ERU with the support of PMI. One warehouse is a medical store and the other is a PMI warehouse currently being emptied as this warehouse has structural damage and could easily collapse after another tremor. The two Rubbhalls are donated by the Iranian RC and have been conveniently erected by them on a playing field opposite the central warehouse.



Health



PMI Mobile clinic in Klaten

- As expected, the incidence of tetanus has dramatically fallen off, this many days after the earthquake. There are some discrepancies in the number of total cases which is being investigated, but as of 19 June, the WHO is confirming 57 cases, with total number of deaths reaching 25 (crude fatality rate – 44%).
- The biggest challenge now facing the relief effort is the ongoing care of significant and infected wounds. Many of these people have returned to their homes, often in remote areas, where access to care is an issue. This is being approached by mobilizing national and international aid to reach those affected, with the Japanese RC mobile clinics working with the Hong Kong branch of the Chinese Red Cross and PMI playing a role in identification and treatment of cases. Statistics of health services will be

available in the next Operations Update.

- Turkish RC is developing a planning paper to address the issue of stress-related disorders.
- There is a potential threat of avian flu currently being investigated by the WHO.

Water and Sanitation

- Spanish and German RC are still delivering water to affected communities, with the German RC receiving approval to rehabilitate 1,200 wells in Gantiwarno. The Spanish RC has also submitted a proposal to recover wells and latrines in Pangangrejo (Pundong sub-district).
- PMI, supported by Spanish RC is distributing water to community camps in Sleman district.
- The first hygiene training was completed at the weekend and PMI is now identifying new communities to train from Klaten and Bantul districts.



Spanish RC at provision of safe clean drinking water at Bantul city.

IT/Telecommunications

- The Danish RC ERU is gradually handing responsibilities over to local resources.
- Formal approval for frequency use has been received. Radio training of radio operator and drivers has been completed. Thirteen VHF handsets are now being used by the PMI chapter.
- The internet connection is very slow. A new dedicated wireless IT connection and office equipment have been installed at the PMI chapter. Printers and dial-up modems have been purchased for the seven PMI branches and a computer has been installed in the medical warehouse.

Early Recovery

- The move on the early recovery is pressing ahead and planning is well underway. The challenges are to maximize the resources and capacities in the intact community structures to ensure a programme which fully includes these structures. Key to the success of the programme is the inclusion of beneficiaries in its design in order to steer clear of creating dependency.



- A timetable has been developed to mobilize and socialize communities on what this project is all about, but this may need to be reviewed in the context of other local government initiatives.
- Within the Movement partners there is an intensive discussion ongoing to develop a uniform approach to support effective long-term recovery for the affected communities.

Mt Merapi

- Over the last two days, more than 10,000 people returned to their homes with the assistance of PMI volunteers and transport, leaving the current number of people in IDP camps at approximately 5,000 located mostly in Sleman district. PMI, Federation and local government are readjusting their planned assistance to these returning people and part of this adjustment is the provision of clean water by Spanish RC to 7,000 people in three villages.
- Two mobile clinics are operational to support the IDP camps in Sleman and three PMI/local government field kitchens are providing meals.
- Ten-thousand masks have distributed to people in Sleman and 1,535 families are being supported by the hygiene personnel.
- The government, INGOs, UN, Federation and PMI will hold their next coordination meeting on 21 June to review information and contingency plan.