

## **INDONESIA - LANDSLIDES**

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#### ***The Disaster***

Following a period of heavy rain, several landslides have caused extensive damage and loss of life in Central Java. The worst landslides, which occurred on the morning of Monday, 30 October, hit the districts of Cilacap and Banyumas, about 350 km east of Jakarta, killing at least 34 people (according to local media) and covering hundreds of houses with several metres of mud. An estimated 4,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes. As more information from the affected areas is available, it appears that the landslides have had a major impact, inundating no less than 1,492 hectares of paddy fields and damaging a total of 9.7 km of road. Approximately 40 to 60 centimetres of flood waters have fallen and several dams have broken, causing damage to thousands of houses.

Reports from the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) chapter in Central Java indicate that 40 villages scattered in 8 sub districts of Cilacap have been affected by floods: 9,135 houses have been buried, 72 damaged and 83 heavily damaged. So far, 21 people in Cilacap and 6 in Banyumas have been confirmed dead and 1,100 persons were evacuated to the safe areas. These people are now accommodated with relatives and neighbours and in available space at the local government office. The number of victims will increase as the rescue team reaches remote areas.

#### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

The search and rescue team set up by the local army and police will be working on the spot for one week. Transportation for the evacuees will be provided by the local government. The government of Central Java Province will assist the affected people with subsidy costs for housing about of some USD 45 per household. The number of target beneficiaries for this subsidy is yet to be clarified. The local health department is providing medicines and medical personnel and the public health centre is on 24 hour standby.

The Cilacap PMI Branch has provided 2 tonnes of rice, 70 kg dried fish and donated USD 225 to the victims through the Satkorlak, the sub-provincial body of the Indonesian disaster management co-ordinating board, Bakornas PB. The PMI branch in Banyumas immediately sent a representative to the area to assess the situation. A group of PMI volunteers in Cilacap are supporting Satkorlak for the distribution of relief material provided by the local government. The PMI chapter in Central Java will be working to help the victims together with the Cilacap and Banyumas branches. PMI will provide plastic sheeting for 200 families, 3 platoon tents for reception centres and 2 sets of kitchen utensils for 1,000 households.

The Federation, which has an office in Jakarta, is continuing to gather information and is ready to respond if called upon.

## *Needs*

The needs are currently being identified and if necessary, a further information bulletin will be launched in the coming days.

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