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### In Brief

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Village inundated with water after the river bursts its banks.

### The Situation

Heavy rains since 1 February 2007 caused massive flooding in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta. About 60 percent of the city was inundated at the height of the floods. According to the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia, or PMI), over 40 people have died and nearly 400,000 people are now displaced.

Although a respite in the rains has resulted in receding water levels in some parts of the city, many areas remain flooded and the meteorology and geophysics agency (BMG) has warned that rains are expected to resume within two – three days. Thousands of residents now able to return to their homes face the mammoth task of cleaning up. Houses are caked in mud and streets lined with stinking debris and even dead animals.

Many schools, shops and businesses remain closed due to the high water levels, particularly in areas close to the rivers. In the smaller towns near Jakarta, villages remain submerged in water with many people camping out in makeshift tents in addition to seeking shelter in mosques and other community buildings. Telecommunications, electricity, and water supplies remain cut in some areas, while some roads are impassable due to landslides.

A rise in dengue and diarrhoea cases has been reported due to stagnant and contaminated water, and the number of people experiencing respiratory problems and skin infections has increased. Authorities have initiated “fogging” activities with hand-held sprayers to limit the mosquito larvae, and are disinfecting areas to prevent the outbreak of disease.

People have been evacuated and temporary shelters have been established by local authorities, civic organizations, and the local community. Facilities such as mosques and public schools and buildings are being used for this purpose. The current needs include tents, clothes, blankets, medicines, sleeping mats, sand bags, food, rubber boats and drinking water.

The government, with the help of the communities themselves, continues to evacuate those affected by these floods to safer ground. Local governments have established field kitchens, mobile health services and temporary shelters to respond to the overwhelming needs. Helicopters from BAKORNAS were mobilized to distribute relief in the more isolated areas. The army continues to assist in evacuating people and in air dropping relief items.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Tens of thousands of people affected by the floods are receiving immediate relief and evacuation support from over 500 PMI volunteers. Relief and rescue activities are currently channelled through twelve PMI branches in Jakarta, Bekasi, Tangerang and Bogor, with the headquarters and relevant chapters providing additional coordination, material and technical assistance.

Affected communities are served with 46,000 hot meals a day through 31 PMI field kitchens that have been in operation since the disaster’s onset. In the immediate aftermath of the floods, food distributions have been a necessity in some of the worst-hit areas, and the PMI has effectively carried out food kit distribution, with some 6,000 delivered. On 6 February 2007 the national society also initiated hygiene kit distribution to families in the affected areas. In addition to food and hygiene kits, the PMI headquarters has dispatched 6,600 sarongs, 1,700 sleeping mats, and six rolls of plastic sheeting to Bekasi, Kerawang and Subang.

To attend to the health needs of the affected population, the PMI is working with a local partner – Danamon Peduli Foundation – to provide health services in Jakarta and Kerawang, treating 2,000 patients to date. Based on a recently completed water and sanitation assessment, PMI has been recommended to provide clean water to 22,777 people through water bladders and water reservoirs that will be established at 17 distribution points.

While the PMI plan of action is being finalized, the national and international response has been overwhelmingly positive. Cash contributions and in-kind support has been pledged directly to the PMI and through the Federation secretariat to support the delivery of assistance to vulnerable persons. Contributions to date are summarized below:

**Table: Cash and kind contributions to the PMI and the Federation secretariat**

Through the Federation secretariat		
Donors	Value (CHF)	Remarks
AUSAID	CHF 145,446	5,000 food packages, 5,000 hygiene kits
Australian RC	CHF 48,482	hygiene kits & operational expense
New Zealand RC/NZAID	CHF 86,000	cash
USAID	CHF 31,202	2,000 food packages
OPEC	CHF 250,000	cash
Direct to PMI		
Donors	Value (CHF)	Remarks
Canadian embassy	CHF 37,100	cash
Danish RC/Danish embassy	CHF 62,500	2,250 hygiene kits & operational expenses
German RC/government	CHF 149,850	5,000 baby kits, food & operational expense
Japanese RC	CHF 171,250	2,500 hygiene kits, 2,500 food kits, 7,500 school kits
Netherlands RC/government/ private donor	CHF 1,053,000	cash for relief and early recovery
Swiss RC/Swiss embassy	CHF 93,750	2,000 food packages, 2,000 hygiene kits
Spanish RC/ Spanish embassy	CHF 162,000	
Total value of contributions	CHF 2,290,580	

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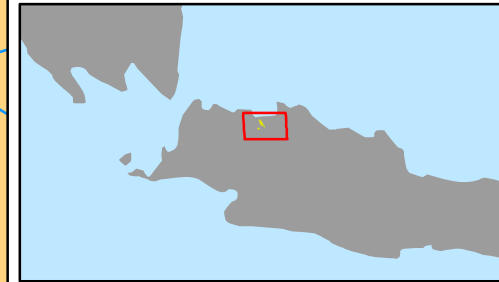
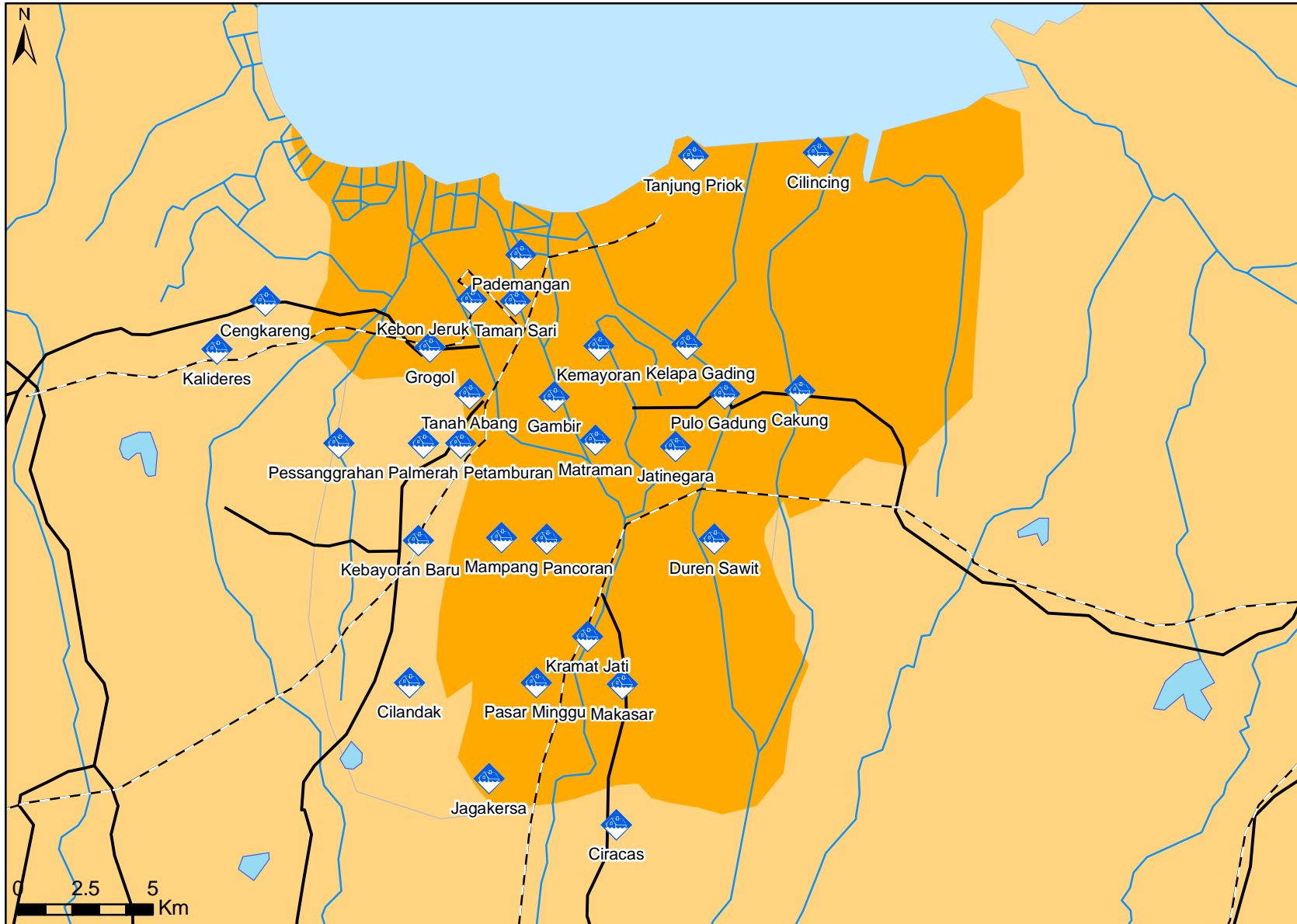
- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*







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