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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in 185 countries.

In Brief

This Bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the situation and the information available at this time. The Federation is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

The Situation

Mount Gamkonora, located in West Halmahera, North Maluku, about 2,700 kilometres northeast of Jakarta, was placed on a level four alert last Monday, which is the top warning signal for volcanic eruptions. The first eruption occurred Tuesday (10 July 2007) at 14:50 hrs East Indonesian time, spewing towering columns of ash and smoke, and spitting out rocks and showers of sparks. According to the provincial executing unit for disaster management (SATKORLAK), there have been several eruptions since.

More than 8,000 village people have already been evacuated. However, there is no report of any casualties or injuries yet.

According to the national coordination board for disaster management (BAKORNAS), SATKORLAK of North Maluku Province and other agencies working in Maluku, the local government is helping with the evacuation of villagers. It has provided six tons of rice, 13 platoon tents, 100 plastic sheets, ten latrines, one mobile truck for water supply, 50 boxes of instant noodles, etc.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Indonesian Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia, PMI) has deployed 30 volunteers from the North Maluku chapter. These volunteers, jointly with the local government, have set up five field kitchens at the temporary shelters in West Halmahera, where PMI does not have a branch office. The field kitchens are now established in the villages of Goal, Tosoa, Togola, Wayoli and Tongute Ternate.



*Smoke spews from Mount Gamkonora.
REUTERS/Handout (INDONESIA) INDONESIA*

The PMI headquarters has provided operational costs of the field kitchens and sent 10,000 masks and 1,000 medicines to North Maluku for immediate distributions. In addition, it has made contingency arrangements for relief items by placing 2,000 hygiene kits and an additional 10,000 masks in Manado, North Sulawesi, the closest neighbouring chapter from North Maluku.

The Federation country delegation is working closely with the disaster management department of PMI and will continue to monitor the situation.

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How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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.

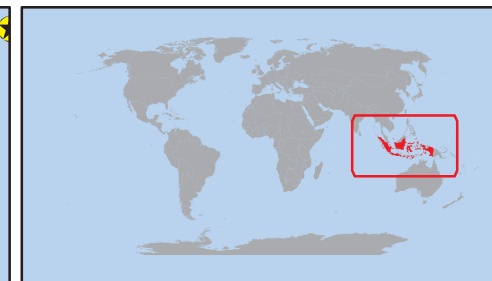
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