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Indonesia: Floods and Landslides

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Torrential rain in Indonesia has caused flooding and landslides in many areas, the most affected being Central Java and East Java. In the two provinces, up to 12,000 houses have been destroyed or damaged with more than 80 lives lost, 24 people reported injured and more than 50 reported missing.

At the same time, the capital city Jakarta is also experiencing its seasonal plight, particularly affecting residents along the banks of the Ciliwung river.

In response to the flooding and landslides, the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) are carrying out evacuation operations, distribution of relief items, field kitchen operations, clean water and health services.

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The Situation

The flooding, caused by heavy rains in many parts of Indonesia since the last week of December 2007, continues to affect the community, particularly in Central Java and East Java and also in the capital city of Jakarta. Preliminary assessment carried out by the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) has identified urgent needs for its operation as well as relief needs for the affected communities. The community needs identified so far include food items, health services, hygiene kits, family kits, tents and tarpaulins.

The district coordination unit for disaster management (Satlak PB) of Karang Anyar, together with the local government, has assessed the location of floods and landslides, and set up emergency posts as well as field kitchens in the affected areas. The evacuation process continues to be carried out by the provincial coordination unit for disaster management (Satkorlak PB), the search and rescue (SAR) team, the military, police force and the local community, using two excavators.

Two additional excavators and other heavy duty equipment to assist in the clearing of roads have been made available from six other districts. The provincial government of Central Java has deployed 18 units of rubber boats to assist the evacuation process.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES IN CENTRAL JAVA

The heavy rains which caused massive flooding in the province of Central Java have now affected 17 districts, namely Karang Anyar, Sragen, Wonogiri, Sukoharjo, Surakarta/Solo city, Banyumas, Kudus, Pekalongan city, Pekalongan district, Demak, Blora, Cilacap, Pemasang, Grobogan, Pati, Tegal and Batang. Based on the data from the national coordination agency for disaster response (Bakornas) as of 2 January

2008, the flooding has destroyed or damaged some 10,785 houses to various degrees. Up to 77 lives have been lost, while 93 people have been injured and nine still missing. A reported 26,000 people have been displaced.

The national headquarters of PMI has sent necessary resources to Central Java, including 3,000 hygiene kits which were deployed from the warehouse in Yogyakarta, three rubber boats, 1,500 tarpaulins, 1,500 blankets, and 1,500 mats. At the provincial level, PMI Central Java chapter carries out the distribution of relief items.

At the district level, the PMI branches of Karang Anyar, Grobogan and Surakarta are working together with Satlak PB in the evacuation of victims using two excavators. At the same time, PMI branches of Sukoharjo with assistance from the Bantul branch of Yogyakarta are evacuating affected people using rubber boats.

Since 25 December 2007, the PMI branch of Malang has been operating a field kitchen with the capacity to serve three meals per day to 1,000 people. The field kitchen continues to operate at present. In Kudus, the PMI branch operated field kitchen from 27 to 30 December, having served a total of 6,440 meals by the close of the operation. The Surakarta branch, on the other hand, is still operating its field kitchen, serving two meals per day to some 2,000 people.

In terms of health services, the PMI branch of Karang Anyar provides its services to 40 patients per day in the sub-district of Tawang Mangu. The Surakarta branch has set up health posts in five locations, namely Pucang Sawit, Joyotatakan, Jagalan, Kampung Sewu and Manahan. Each medical team in these locations consists of one medical doctor, two nurses and two volunteers, providing services to some 2,000 to 3,000 patients per day in each location. The PMI branch of Kudus provides health services at the centre housing the displaced people located at the sports stadium. They have also deployed a mobile clinic to reach areas which are presently not receiving health services. The mobile clinics receive some 80 to 100 patients a day with the most frequent complaints being headaches, flu and colds, coughing and diarrhoea. The PMI Sragen branch is providing health services in five displacement centres and to date, has served up to 358 patients.

FLOODS IN EAST JAVA

Based on Bakornas' data as of 2 January 2008, the flooding in East Java has now affected 15 districts, namely Ngawi, Bojonegoro, Magetan, Trenggalek, Pacitan, Lumajang, Jombang, Ponorogo, Lamongan, Jember, Tulungagung, Madiun city, Mojokerto, Gresik and Tuban. It has destroyed or damaged 29,862 houses. The death toll so far lies at 16 people, while two have been injured and 25 reported missing. In Bojonegoro alone, 24,573 houses have been affected by the flood.

The PMI headquarters has sent necessary resources to the chapter in East Java, including 1,500 hygiene kits deployed from the warehouse in Surabaya, three rubber boats, 1,500 tarpaulins and 1,000 blankets. The PMI Chapter in East Java has requested its branch in Lumajang to assist in the disaster response operation in the Ngawi and Bojonegoro districts, and its Kediri branch to assist in the operation in Ponorogo. In Madiun and Bojonegoro, PMI continues to evacuate affected communities to safer places using rubber boats.

The PMI's field kitchen in Madiun operated from 26 to 29 December, serving three meals per day to 3,000 people while the one in Jember continues its services with a capacity of 800 meals per day, served three times daily. In Bojonegoro, PMI's field kitchen has served three meals per day to 1,000 people since 28 December, and continues to do so. In addition, PMI staff and volunteers provide health services at the branch office. The PMI in Pacitan assists the field kitchen provided by the local government, serving 1,500 people per day.

FLOODS IN JAKARTA

In the country's capital city, the annual flooding seems to have arrived earlier than predicted. Media have reported flooding in several areas, particularly along the banks of the Ciliwung river in East Jakarta. Around 600 residents of the Kampung Pulo village are sheltered at Santa Maria school's parking area, as their village was flooded more than one metre deep.

According to the capitals' crisis centre manager, North Jakarta which has been flooded by sea water due to high tides since the end of last year will not be flood-free for several more months. The water level at several flood gates has been reported to have risen above the safe levels.

The PMI chapter of DKI Jakarta reported that all districts of Jakarta are affected by the flooding. Responding to the floods, the PMI branch of South Jakarta are operating two field kitchens serving approximately three

meals per day to 800 people. The East Jakarta branch has erected three field kitchens with the capacity to serve 3,000 people in the affected communities in Cawang, Bidara Cina and Kampung Melayu. Additionally, they have erected two tents to shelter the displaced communities. The North, Central and West Jakarta branches are standing by, ready to deploy their resources as needed.

The PMI national headquarters has deployed 2,000 hygiene kits, medicine for 1,000 people and 2,000 tarpaulins. The German Red Cross is also planning to mobilize their resources to assist PMI with the response, by providing 4,000 household cleanup kits to the affected communities in Central and East Java.

The Federation delegation and PMI are monitoring the situation, and will provide further updates.

How we work

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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.
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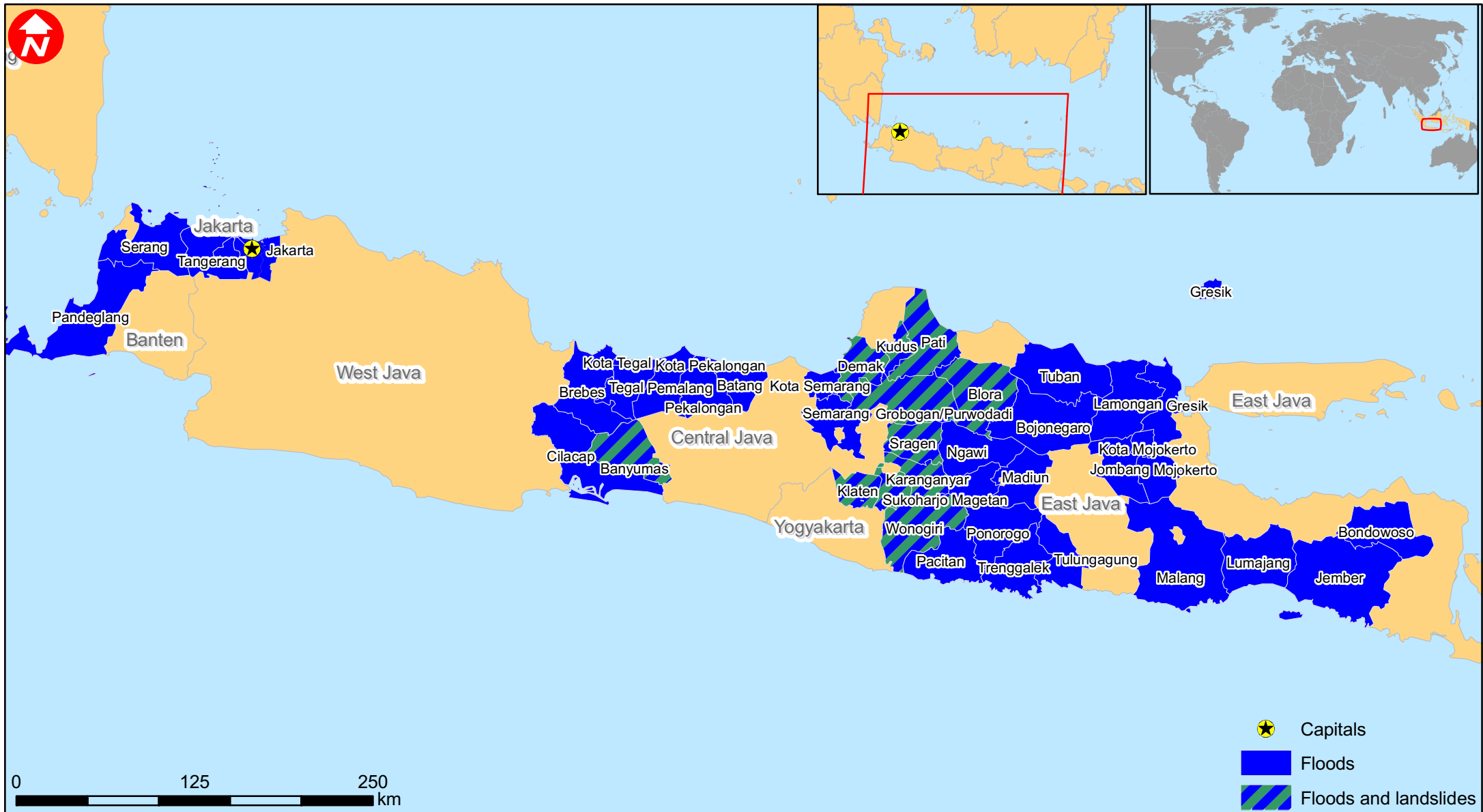
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