

Information bulletin



Indonesia: West Papua Flash Floods

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Latest reports indicate that 145 people have died, 853 people are injured, and 4,625 people are displaced as a result of the West Papua flash floods that hit city of Wasior on 4 October 2010. Indonesian Red Cross (*Palang Merah Indonesia*/PMI) continues to support the affected communities in first aid and relief distributions which include family kits and baby kits. The internally displaced people camp in Manokwari is a planned camp organized by the government where PMI is actively involved in delivering emergency health and public kitchen services for the affected people.



Indonesian Red Cross (*Palang Merah Indonesia*/PMI) is distributing family kits to the displaced people of Wasior flash floods at the internally displaced people camp in the military district command field of Manokwari on Saturday, 9 October 2010. (Halibab Halim/PMI)

The Situation

A week after the flash floods in Wasior city, Teluk Wondama district, West Papua province, transportation and communication pose the biggest challenges to humanitarian workers. To reach the affected communities in Wasior city, only air and sea transport are possible, with only monthly flights available from Manokwari (the capital of West Papua province) to Wasior. Local authorities have little option but to rent expensive airplanes with limited capacity to deliver relief items from Manokwari to Wasior.

In the meantime, the state electricity company is still trying to repair the electricity networking in Wasior. Also, the state oil company is repairing the fuel supply to Teluk Wondama district. The government of Indonesia has sent 60 tonnes of rice and cooking oil to Wasior and the local government is preparing a ship to evacuate the

survivors from Wasior to safer places. Despite the availability of safe water, affected residents are still in need of sanitation facilities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

To date, there are 44 volunteers active in the field, some continue to assess the damage and needs base on sectoral assessment. Their main activities include relief distribution and field kitchen operations. PMI has distributed 345 family kits in Manokwari and Teluk Wondama, and 90 baby kits in Teluk Wondama. In addition, it has dispatched relief items to Wasior from Manokwari, including as 200 family kits, 100 tarpaulins and 60 body bags. Volunteers are also helping to spray disinfectant in Teluk Wondama at several locations at risk of infectious diseases.

In the internally displaced people camp in Manokwari, PMI provides emergency health services and the field kitchen. As the local social department is also providing the meals for displaced, PMI supplements with lunch and dinner only.

Evacuation for injured people from the port of Manokwari to the local hospital and navy hospital is ongoing. Due to the heavy workload in the field, additional volunteers are now being arranged to be deployed from Sorong, Maluku, and Bali branches. The National Society is also conducting more detailed assessments to identify further needs, and is closely monitoring the situation for developments and potential action.

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2. Enable healthy and safe living.
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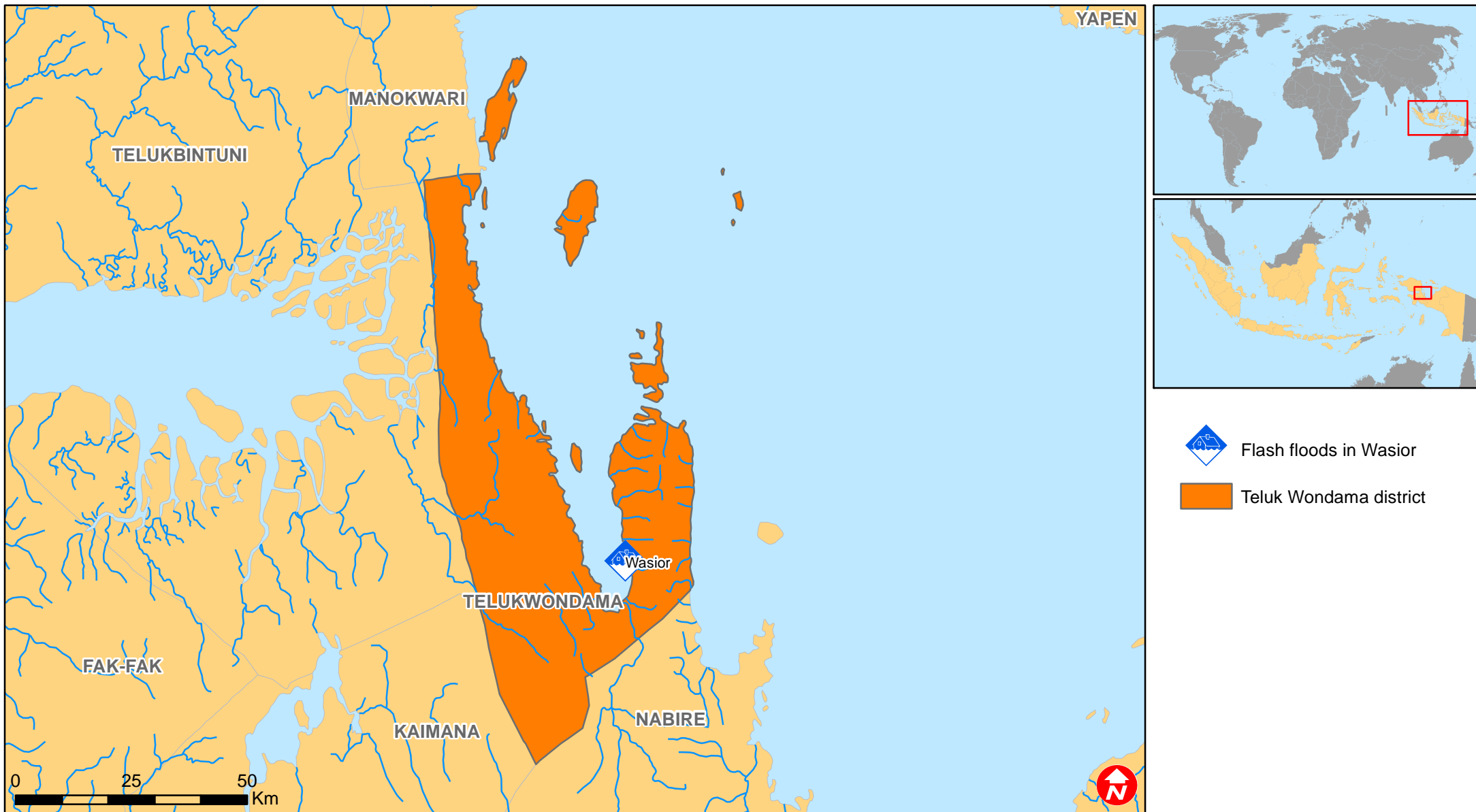
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