

INDONESIA: LANDSLIDES

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The context

Heavy rains that have affected most of Southeast Asia is continuing to cause flooding and landslides in Indonesia. An estimated of 100 people are thought to have perished, with at least 4,200 families having lost their homes. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia - PMI) responded to these disasters and continues to support relief operations in several affected provinces. With the support of the International Federation, an appeal for CHF 252,984 was issued on 30 November to provide assistance to 4,000 families (20,000 people) for a period of three months.

Latest events

A new wave of floods and landslides hit Indonesia in the last seven days affecting, yet again, Central Java, North Sulawesi and Sumbawa. This comes after a spate of similar occurrences two weeks ago in Aceh, North and West Sumatra, and in the western part of Central Java last month, claiming dozens of lives and leaving thousands of people homeless. The local army and police are carrying out search and rescue operations.

In densely populated Yogyakarta, in Central Java, the landslides hit Kulonprogo district on Monday, killing eight people with six people still missing. The villages affected by these landslides are known to be prone to landslides, with similar occurrences in 1965, 1976 and 1986. This most recent landslide

surpassed the worst ever landslide which hit the area in 1986. The area is now covered with mud, stones and uprooted trees, and the local people are refusing to dig too deep for fear of triggering new landslides. Search and rescue activities are going on, but are halted periodically due to heavy rain.

It continues to rain heavily in West Sumatra, where there is a growing concern over contaminated drinking water in the affected areas. The local government is planning to accommodate affected people in a location designated under the government's 'Transmigration Project', as a site for new settlement.

In North Sulawesi, four districts (Manado, Minahasa, Bitung and Bolang Mongondow), were heavily flooded on Saturday 2 December. According to reports from the Manado Chapter of the PMI, four people were killed and six still missing. 5,154 houses and 7,774 families (33,217 people) were affected. 814 houses were completely destroyed. Access to Minahasa area was hampered by the collapse of a bridge. A temporary bridge has been built allowing the local government and aid organisations to conduct needs assessments. Manado is the worst hit area. The poorer people living in the low land facing the river are most affected. Skin disease patients have increased due to the use of contaminated water for bathing. According to a volunteer doctor he saw 900 patients in two days.

In Taliwan and Lunyuk, districts of Sumbawa province, six people have been reported dead, 19 injured and eight missing as a result of the disaster. A total of 2,000 houses were affected by the floods, of which 221 were completely damaged and 479 partially damaged. 6,635 people were evacuated to schools and other public buildings on safer ground. Roads were cut off in several locations and electricity was still unavailable at the end of last week. There is a dam and public water pipeline system, but the intake pipeline is damaged and not functioning. The villagers are cleaning up the local wells by themselves.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

As an initial response, the PMI headquarters, with the support of the International Federation's delegation in Jakarta, have distributed 500 family kits to flood victims in North Sulawesi. The family kits were procured in co-operation with the ICRC, which is active in Aceh, and transported on 7 December from the ICRC warehouse in Surabaya to Sumbawa, and from another warehouse in Ternate to Manado. Medicines for respiratory diseases, diarrhoea and skin diseases were also dispatched by the PMI to Manado and Sumbawa. A relief co-ordinator has been sent by the PMI, and is accompanied by a Federation Liaison delegate.

Java •

The PMI has sent two MT of rice to Yogyakarta on Wednesday and another three MT to Sumbawa. The Yogyakarta Chapter of the PMI readied 14 volunteers and an ambulance to partake in evacuation activities which were conducted in co-ordination with Satkorlak/Satlak.

The Sumbawa branch volunteers are currently assessing the situation in their area and staff have been put on standby in the branch office. The branch works closely with the *posko*, the village command office, and is involved in search and rescue, evacuations, running public kitchens, fund-raising and health activities. Seven MT of rice, 200 litres of kerosene, food items and 22 million Rupiah (USD\$2,600) were contributed by the local government for the victims of the disaster.

The distribution of family kits and tarpaulins, in Central Java, have almost been completed. The staff from the PMI headquarters have confirmed the proper distribution of these items. There is however, an urgent need for clean drinking water.

North Sulawesi •

Three MT of rice had been sent by the PMI, and the local Manado Chapter organised the local university Red Cross volunteer corps to clean up the affected homes and provide victims with

temporary shelter. A water pump was made available to provide clean water to the community. The Chapter also procured 5,000 litres of kerosene for cooking for about 600 families in two villages who could not afford to purchase the kerosene.

West Sumatra •

A Federation relief delegate from the Republic of Korea has arrived in the country and has set up a base in Padang, Java, to support the relief operation. The delegate will be handling the local procurement process and also assessing the situation and needs of the victims in this area.

The PMI branches in West Sumatra have finalised their beneficiaries' lists. The beneficiaries have been selected based on the following criteria:

- A) Families who have lost their house;
- B) Families with damaged houses; and
- C) Families living in dangerous areas.

Dedicated PMI volunteers, working 12-hour work days, have made it possible to distribute the first 1,000 family kits and tarpaulins at the end of the week to the selected beneficiaries.

Assistance is urgently required in the worst affected areas of Pesisir Selatan, Tanah Datar and Pasaman. Local PMI branches are on standby to carry out distribution of relief items to the victims.

Aceh •

The PMI, supported by the ICRC, distributed hygiene items to a total of 8,000 families following the flooding in North Aceh and Bireuen. In addition, goods for 2,000 families have been sent to Banda Aceh. The distribution in Bireuen went smoothly due to the extensive preparations made by the PMI/ICRC for the distribution in 10 sub-districts. The PMI volunteers were well organised and enthusiastic.

The PMI/ICRC will rent a mechanical back-hoe and two dumper trucks to excavate dead animals and other contaminants in the river to prevent future health problems. The community will be involved in this activity, with the PMI volunteers coordinating it.

Mr Marie Muhammad, Chairman of PMI, visited several of the affected areas in Central Java, West Sumatra, North Sumatra and Aceh. Press conferences were held in each location which resulted in much media coverage by the local TV stations, newspapers and radio stations, profiling the collaborative relief activities of the PMI, International Federation and the ICRC for the floods and landslide victims.

Outstanding needs

The appeal is fully covered, there are no outstanding needs. The delegation and PMI are reviewing the relief operation to assess how relief supplies or beneficiary numbers may be extended in light of the current appeal coverage.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

The Indonesian Government, accompanied by UNDP and OCHA field staff members, conducted assessments in the affected provinces from 29 November to 1 December. Barkona BP contributed 100 MT of food supplies, 500 kg of medicine and 14 rubber dinghies to be distributed to the victims of the disaster.

3 billion Rupiah (USD\$318,000) has been channelled by the Central Government of Indonesia to the administration in West Sumatra. These will be used for the repair and rebuilding of infrastructure damaged by the floods and landslides. The local government also provided relief assistance in the form of medicine, shelter, clean water, sanitation, food and cash. Cleanup teams were also mobilised to remove debris.

OCHA has allocated US\$39,4000 (drawn from the OCHA Emergency Cash Fund and the Emergency Grant reserve) to the Government to assist the affected population in West Sumatra and Aceh.

Family kits were provided by MSF France, who are now conducting assessments on the quality of water in the wells in North Sulawesi. Likewise, assessment missions were also conducted by World Vision International.

Several local NGOs have also distributed instant noodles and other foodstuff and helped the community in cleaning up their houses by making water pumps available in Manado.

Contributions

See Annex 1 for details.

Conclusion

With the seasonal heavy rains peaking in December and January, more floods and landslides are expected. The PMI and Federation will continue to monitor the situation in the areas listed most vulnerable to flooding and landslides. This will be done through close contact and with the chapters and branches in these areas.

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INDONESIA: Landslides						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 34/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				12/28/00
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				252,984		TOTAL COVERAGE 224.9%
AMERICAN - GOVT		25,000	USD	44,250	08.12.00	FOR SUMBAWA & SULAWESI
AMERICAN - GOVT		25,000	USD	44,250	30.11.00	CENTRAL JAVA
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		50,000	AUD	46,015	08.11.00	EMERGENCY RELIEF ITEM
AUSTRALIAN - GOVT		50,000	AUD	46,015	04.12.00	
BRITISH - RC		30,000	GBP	75,900	04.12.00	RELIEF ITEMS
CANADIAN - RC		10,000	CAD	11,446	04.12.00	
JAPANESE - RC		1,000,000	JPY	16,322	27.11.00	
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				30,000	05.12.00	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT		200,000	NOK	37,855	06.12.00	WEST SUMATRA
NORWEGIAN - GOVT		539,374	NOK	102,089	12.12.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				454,142	CHF	179.5%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DANISH - GOVT		490,000	DKK	99,911	12.12.00	4000 TARPULINS, TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
Korea Rep.	Delegate				12/21/00	Federation contract
Japan RC	Delegate			15,000	12/21/00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				114,911	CHF	45.4%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:						
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