

ALERT**FLOODS****actalliance****Indonesia**

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SITUATION

On Sunday morning, April 4, 2021, flash floods and landslides caused significant damage in 11 districts of East Nusa Tenggara: Flores Timur, Malaka, Lembata, Ngada, Alor, East Sumba, Sabu Raijua, Rote Ndao, South Timor Tengah, Ende, and Kupang city. In Timor-Leste, over 76 percent of the affected population are in Dili, the country's capital.

Indonesia National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) reported around 55 casualties and 24 people missing in Indonesia and several areas are still submerged by floods and mud. UN agencies reported about 12,980 people were affected in both Indonesia and Timor-Leste. Seven other municipalities affected were affected in Timor-Leste with 21 reported casualties.

A total of 256 people were evacuated in the East Flores area. Seventeen houses were washed away, and 60 houses were submerged in mud, with five bridges became inaccessible in three affected villages. In East Sumba District, 54 households or 165 people were displaced, while another 109 households or 475 people were affected by the flood, and 19 villages were affected. In Malaka District, 22 villages are inundated by flash floods, and yet so far still no further information for any victims that has been recorded, but most of the community is still flooded.

NEEDS

The floods have put the region in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to food, shelter materials, household items (blankets, beds, tents, and tarpaulins), health services and medicines, safe drinking water, and protection services.

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities especially elder persons considering the relatively high elderly population and the large number of displacement due to uninhabitable places of residence. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

Indonesia National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB), National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas), Ministry of Public Work and Community Settlement, Ministry of Social Affair, and the Crisis Center of Ministry of Health are all working together to respond to the disasters in East Nusa Tenggara with the support from the Indonesia National Army and Indonesia Police.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Indonesia National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (health cluster, nutrition cluster, shelter cluster, etc) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

In Timor-Leste, UN agencies are collaborating with the government of Timor-Leste to assess the needs and provide assistance to the affected population. A secretariat was formed to coordinate emergency support from development partners. The secretariat is composed of representatives from Government of Timor-Leste, UN agencies, international humanitarian agencies, and local non-governmental organizations, among others.

ACT Alliance

ACT Indonesia Forum (ACTIF), through Indonesia Christian Association for Health Services (ICAHS/PELKESI) and YAKKUM Emergency Unit (YEU), plans to respond in East Nusa Tenggara through ACT Alliance's Rapid Response Fund (RRF). PELKESI is supported by their local partners, CD Bethesda,

GKS Synod, and Lindimara Hospital. They are conducting their rapid assessment and plans to provide health services, shelter materials, food, drinking water, and protection services. YEU has started distributing materials to provide soup kitchens in Flores in collaboration with GMIT Synod.

Church World Service is responding in Dili, Timor-Leste using their own funds initially distributing hygiene kits and household cleaning items to help the affected residents.

ACTIF has been responding to disasters in Indonesia including the Aceh tsunami in 2004 and more recently, the Central Sulawesi areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami in 2018. ACTIF has also an ongoing project of setting up their gender policy within their membership. ACTIF coordinates their humanitarian responses with JAKOMKRIS, a network of faith-based organisations in Indonesia and the Christian Church of Sumba (GKS), local disaster coordinators, and churches.

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