

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

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SITUATION
<p>Continuous and heavy rainfall caused flooding in Jakarta and its surrounding cities for two days during new year. Poorly maintained rivers, lack of water infiltration and littering has resulted in the rise of the water levels at many points in Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi (Jabodetabek). As of 4 January, there are about 173,000 people have been displaced with 53 dead, in 207 sub-districts of Jabodetabek as reported by National Disaster Management Authority of Indonesia (BNPB).</p> <p>The floods affected 409,000 people which disrupted community activities such as offices, markets, shops and health facilities. And for safety reason, electricity was cut off by National Electricity Company in most of the flooded areas since most of the casualties were caused by electrical shock. Material losses were also considered high in Jakarta and its surrounding areas.</p>
NEEDS
<p>The floods have put Jakarta 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 as people continue to stay in evacuation centers. Some have opted to stay close to homes and would need temporary shelters as well as blankets and sleeping items. People also need health services as they continue to stay in unsafe and insecure shelters.</p> <p>The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities. 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.</p>
STAKEHOLDERS
<p>BNPB is leading the coordination of response activities to support their local disaster management authorities. The agency has dispatched relief items and established new evacuation centres. The agency is also coordinating with the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT) for weather modification operations to decrease rainfall intensities in Greater Jakarta.</p> <p>To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>
ACT Alliance
<p>The ACT Indonesia Forum has been coordinating and sharing updates. Jakarta-based Indonesian Christian Association for Health Services (ICAHS/PELKESI), in partnership with Salvation Army and Gereja Kristen Indonesia (GKI), has started its relief operations by providing medical services in selected Jakarta areas and have already served 158 people. They will continue their work in Bekasi in the coming days.</p> <p>PELKESI plans to access ACT Alliance's Rapid Response Fund to continue their health services in flood-affected areas.</p>

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)

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