



# Situation Update

## Response to COVID-19 in Indonesia

As of 1 March 2021

As of 28 February 2021, the Indonesian Government has announced 1,334,634 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in all 34 provinces in Indonesia, with 155,765 active cases, 36,166 deaths, and 1,142,703 people that have recovered from the illness. The government has also reported 71,668 suspected cases.

Recently, the bed occupancy rate (the number of filled beds and patients in Covid-19 referral hospitals) has decreased at the national level. There is no hospital occupancy rate that is above 70 percent, with the highest rate in Banten Province at 65 percent. as of 22 February 2021. Similarly, the occupancy rate of ICUs in COVID-19 referral hospitals in seven provinces of Java and Bali Islands has also decreased, with an average below 70 percent. This data shows an improvement in the situation, compared to that of January 2021.

Following a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that occurred in West Sulawesi Province on 15 January 2021, the provincial COVID-19 Task Force reported significant increases of the number of COVID-19 infections in the province; on 6 January 2,020 COVID-19 confirmed cases were detected, and the number skyrocketed to 5,042 confirmed infected people on 19 February. Earthquake survivors, community and humanitarian responders have been requested to strictly apply the health protocols of wearing masks, washing hands frequently and maintaining social distance.

On 18 February, the Head of the COVID-19 Response and National Economic Recovery team (PCPEN) announced that Indonesia has secured more than 420 million doses of the vaccine for 180 million people; for 2021 the total amounts to 340.5 million vaccines (consisting of 125.5 million of the Sinovac vaccine, 52 million of Novavax, 54 million Covax / Gavi, 59 million of AstraZeneca, and 50 million doses of Pfizer); in 2022 totals will amount to 86.3 million vaccines (Novavax 22 million, Covax / Gavi 24 million, AstraZeneca 23.8 million, and Pfizer 16.5 million doses).

Vaccinations for medical workers are ongoing, and the implementation of the second phase of vaccination targeting 21.5 million elderly people and workforce in selected sectors started in mid-February 2020. As of 26 February, about 2.6 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine have been administered in Indonesia. As many as 1.6 million citizens have received the vaccine, with around one million of them having received the second shot of the vaccine that is co-produced by the state-owned pharmaceutical company Bio Farma and Sinovac Biotech.

The private vaccination scheme (*Gotong Royong or Mandiri*) will run alongside with the national programme, following the Regulation by the Minister of Health, Number 10 of 2021 concerning the Implementation of Vaccinations in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic, stipulated on 24 February 2021. The private scheme will target employees, family members and other related individuals. Currently, more than 8,000 companies have signed up for the private scheme, with procurement to be done through PT Bio Farma and PT Kimia Farma.

After evaluating the Restrictions on the Conduct of Public Activities (PPKM) in Java and Bali, which began on 11 January 2021, the Government implemented a micro-scale PPKM that started on 9 February 2021 and is based on the Minister of Home Affairs Instruction Number 3 of 2021. In micro-scale PPKM, there are provisions for the establishment of a Command Post for the COVID-19 response at the village level, which is tasked to manage the following zoning at the neighborhood (RT - *Rukun Tetangga*) level:

- Green zone: no cases of corona virus transmission in one RT area.
- Yellow zone: there are 1-5 houses that have confirmed positive for Covid-19 in one RT during the last seven days.
- Orange zone: there are 6-10 houses with positive confirmed cases in one RT during the last seven days.
- Red zone: there are more than ten houses with positive confirmed cases in one RT during the last seven days. In this red zone, a ban on crowds of more than three people and out-and-out activities starting at 8:00 p.m.

and the closure of public facilities such as places of worship, children's playgrounds and other public facilities are implemented.

The Micro-scale PPKM also adjusts operating hours of restaurants and shopping centers to 21:00 hours, and a maximum of 50 percent work from office. The micro-scale PPKM will last until 8 March 2021, with a possible extension.

Programs on the COVID-19 response and national economic recovery in 2021 continue, with an adjusted Government budget of IDR. 699.4 trillion. The budget includes four aspects:

- Health: IDR. 176.3 trillion,
- Social protection: IDR. 157.4 trillion,
- Financial support to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and cooperatives: IDR. 186.8 trillion,
- Business and taxes: IDR. 53.9 trillion, and
- Priority Program: IDR. 125.1 trillion.

Below are the main highlights of the activities conducted by the National Clusters in February 2021:

#### **Coordination:**

- On 22 February, the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture chaired the National Clusters meeting, which was attended by all Ministries and Institutions including the TNI and Police as the coordinators of the National Clusters of Search and Rescue, Health, Logistics, Displacement and Protection, Education, Facilities and Infrastructure, Economy and Early Recovery, the National Cluster partner organizations and representatives from private institutions. On the meeting, each cluster coordinator shared their achievements and activities. An agreement was reached to update the regulation for the National Clusters.
- On 18 February, supporters of the National Cluster discussed lessons learned and follow-up actions from the coordination during the West Sulawesi Earthquake emergency response, proposed priority activities on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, finalized plans for the National Cluster Week of Displacement and Protection, and prepared a joint advocacy for disabilities and elderly affected by the disaster.

#### **Displacement and Protection:**

Between 22 February and 2 March 2021, the cluster is hosting a National Cluster Week of Displacement and Protection, with a series of discussions as follows:

- Evaluation of MoSA's TAGANA online Training, conducted in 10 provinces.
- Cash and voucher assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons learnt and completion of 2021 work plan.
- Stories from Central Sulawesi for Indonesia related to capacity development measures.
- Shelter: not just a place to stay and survive.
- Contingency plans and intervention standards in WASH sector.
- Standard operating procedures for displacement during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- West Sulawesi Lessons including community feedback mechanisms from the and completion of 2021 work plan.
- The Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (KPPPA) regulation on protection from gender-based violence.
- Various psychosocial support activities during disaster.
- Finalization of the National Cluster Guidelines and 2021 work plan.
- Sensitization of Age and Disability for disaster-affected areas and mainstreaming efforts.
- Multi-stakeholder coordination and the Cluster outreach.

#### **Cash and Voucher Assistance:**

- On 19 February The Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Culture hosted a preparation meeting for monitoring and evaluation of the West Sulawesi Emergency Response, which is planned for early March 2021. In the meeting, the CVA Working Group briefed on the draft guidelines on Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance for the province, which is being finalized with the West Sulawesi Provincial Government. After

conducting the analysis, considering lessons learned from the 2018 earthquake and tsunami disaster response in Central Sulawesi and consulting with the West Sulawesi Provincial Government, the Working Group recommended multipurpose transfer assistance for disaster management in West Sulawesi amounting to IDR. 700,000 / month with the following conditions:

- The assistance is for three months, with either a monthly or one-time transfer.
- Should there be a remaining unallocated fund, additional assistance for another month is recommended.
- The cash-based assistance should be unrestricted, and in accordance with the prevailing social, cultural and legal norms.

At least nine humanitarian organizations were recorded providing non-cash assistance in 41 villages in two Mamuju and Majene Regencies.

#### **Education:**

The regular meeting of the Education Post in West Sulawesi continues. Save the Children Indonesia is helping coordination in Mamuju District, Wahana Visi Indonesia is conducting psychosocial support activities for 230 teachers in Majene and Mamuju Districts, and Baznas supports the establishment of Child Friendly Spaces at 5 points in both districts.

#### **WASH:**

The implementation of 3M (wearing mask, washing hands and physical distancing) observations in public places continues weekly by more than 4,000 COVID-19 Task Force volunteers in 26 Provinces and additional observers from the Sub-cluster members. The latest observations revealed a decreasing trend in 3M practices. The behavior of hands washing with soap (HWWS) in the community is at 53 percent, the use of masks is at 46 percent, while the practice of keeping a distance is 45 percent. Access to HWWS facilities or hand sanitizer in public places remains low and around 31 percent on average, with the lowest locations in bus terminals and public transportation.

#### **Gender-based Violence and Women Empowerment:**

In February, the sub-cluster focused on the socialization of KPPPA Ministerial Regulation No. 13 of 2020 concerning Protection of the Rights of Marriage and Children from Gender-Based Violence, Education and Community Awareness targeting religious leaders and men, in the Greater Jakarta, East Java and Banten.

#### **Shelter:**

There are at least 16 organizations that help handle shelters in West Sulawesi, by distributing emergency assistance for shelters, non-food items, and independent temporary shelters, compiling standards for handling shelters in times of disaster with the COVID-19 pandemic situation and proposing shelter handling options for emergency and transition to recovery period.

#### **Information Management:**

National clusters and sub-clusters that respond to humanitarian needs in West Sulawesi carried out updates on the mapping of earthquake disaster response in their respective sectors and monitor progress through field assessments and coordination meetings.