



Indonesia

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SITUATION

On Thursday the 15 July 2021, Indonesia entered the worst-case scenario in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. An additional 56,757 confirmed positive cases were reported. The capacity of government health facilities and isolation shelters government is incapable of coping with the increasing wave of positive cases. Hospitals located on the island of Java are over capacity, and the number of health workers exposed and dying continues to grow.

The current situation highlights five key challenges in the handling of Covid-19: 1) Human Resources: limited health workers in dealing with the surge in Covid-19 cases and the large number of health workers exposed to Covid-19 (burnout); 2) Logistics: the surge in Covid-19 cases affects the needs of hospitals in handling patients and protecting health workers themselves. The increased use of PPE, limited oxygen supply, and stock-outs of Covid-19 therapeutic drugs in the market are challenges in intervening with Covid-19 patients. This limitation of PPE is especially significant in hospitals located outside areas of Java and Bali, specifically in Eastern Indonesia; 3) Infrastructure to support Hospital Disaster Plan (HDP) implementation: the surge in Covid-19 patients makes hospitals unable to implement HDP properly in the field, one of which is due to limited treatment rooms for Covid-19 patients; 4) IEC and Health Promotion: decreased public compliance in implementing health protocols, resulting in a spike in Covid-19 cases. This condition is aggravated by the entry of the Covid-19 Delta Variant, which is more contagious than other variants. The Covid-19 Delta variant dominates the increase in Covid-19 cases in Indonesia; 5) Vaccination: vaccination coverage is still far from the national target, prompting the need for advocacy efforts to accelerate vaccination, including increasing supplies to the government. Data on Covid-19 vaccination coverage released by the government show that vaccine coverage in Indonesia is still low compared to the national vaccination target of 181,554,465 (source: <https://covid19.go.id/berita/data-vaksinasi-covid-19-update-15-juli-2021>).

NEEDS

The epidemic has put the county in a state of crisis. COVID-19 affected persons and their families find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | basic health services and facilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | livelihood activities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | protection services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | adequate nutrition |

The dire situation is further compounded for COVID-affected people with vulnerabilities.; more specifically for the elderly, considering the elderly are a group susceptible to infectious diseases such as respiratory infections, diarrhea, and pneumonia caused by the decline of the immune system. In addition, groups that are vulnerable to Covid-19 include health workers, people with a history of certain diseases (comorbid diseases) such as people suffering from chronic non-communicable diseases, and children. 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

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | National government | Coronavirus Disease 2019 Handling and National Economic Recovery Committee (KPCPEN) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | UN Agencies | UNICEF |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Red Cross Red Crescent Movement | Indonesia Red Cross (PMI) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Military presence | Indonesia National Army (TNI) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | National NGOs | ACT Indonesia Forum |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Faith based groups | Jakomkris, Churches, Synod, PGI, PGLII |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Affected communities | Elderly group, Health Worker, People with Comorbid Disease, Children |
| <p>The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Coronavirus Disease 2019 Handling and National Economic Recovery Committee (KPCPEN). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT Indonesia Forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (Crisis Center of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Indonesia National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB)) 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 | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ACT Alliance has been working in almost all sectors affected by the pandemic, mainly in the health sector and communities since the beginning of the pandemic, now helping/planning to help people affected by the epidemic | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the epidemic, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in the limited resources of health workers, logistic, infrastructure to support the hospital disaster plan implementation, IEC and health promotion, access to vaccination, challenge in Covid-19 tracing and testing outside Java and Bali, specifically in Eastern Indonesia, and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide medical resources and capacity in hospitals in delivering medical treatment for Covid-19 patients, capacity building to health provider, psychosocial support for health workers and hospital employees; and education to prevent COVID-19 transmission and assistance for Covid-19 patients who did self-isolating; vaccination campaigns for the communities to ensure that the epidemic affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to access to health services for Covid-19 patients, access to vaccinations and health promotion education for the communities, strengthening of health facilities, and support for health workers. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing support to health providers, health workers, and communities to 50,000 affected persons in the coming weeks. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the epidemic are amplified. | |

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