

Indonesia

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**SITUATION**

In the evening of Friday the 22 September 2017, the district of Karangasem where Mt. Agung in Bali Island situated, was declared on its highest alert (red alert), followed by the instruction to exclusion zone of 9 to 12 kilometres from the summit. National and provincial authorities reported the significant increase of volcanic activity and by 23 September 2017 the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) deployed initial team to assess and set up the command post.

**NEEDS**

The high volcanic activity has put some districts in a state of emergency with any potential eruption in the future. The authority reported that there were 484 temporary shelters distributed in 9 districts with total 134,229 displaced people<sup>1</sup>. They find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to safe shelter and basic non-food items, basic health services and facilities, livelihood activities, and safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure.

The dire situation is further compounded for displaced people with vulnerabilities, more specifically for the elderly and people living with disabilities. There is a pressing necessity to provide assistance especially to those staying in temporary shelters, 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:

- The National Disaster Management Agency has installed 5 emergency sirens iRADITIF Telehouse, and IDR 1 billion from the national government has been allocated to support the provincial government, activate command post and media centre together with Karangasem authority, and install emergency signposts.
- Ministry of Health has set up a call centre for health cluster, blankets, tents, mattresses, face masks and supplementary feeding for infants.
- Ministry of Social has distributed public kitchen, clothing , rice stock.
- Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) supported the information update on the sites of the temporary shelters.
- The military is providing an assistance in the evacuation process and secure the exclusion zone preventing people from entering the evacuation zone.
- INGO groupings such as the Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI) is providing health assistance in several shelters, face mask, food supply, non-food items.
- Faith Based Organizatioare now mobilizing local resources to assess and provide basic supplies to several shelters.
- Some traditional villages in Bali have communal rice stock.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the district government with direct assistance from BNPB. 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 (cluster) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bnpb.go.id/agung/rekapitulasi/rekap.html>

**ACT Alliance**

ACT Alliance members (ICCO, LWR and YEU) work in areas affected by the volcanic eruption, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities, ACT Alliance is now monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.

In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT Indonesia forum has identified a gap in meeting the basic supplies in temporary shelters, especially water supply, sanitation, medication and shelter management to accommodate the needs and accessibility of vulnerable groups, and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap. Therefore the ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide necessary support in the shelter management in order to accommodate the needs and accessibility of vulnerable groups to ensure that any potential volcanic eruption affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to Health, WASH and Shelter.

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

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