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Information bulletin Indonesia: Drought



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Host National Society: Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)	
Number of people affected: 48,491,666 people in nine provinces	

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The situation

According to Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency (BMKG), the dry season in Indonesia has culminated back in August 2019. About 92 per cent of the country is currently experiencing drought due to El Nino cycle at the end of 2018, resulting in a drier and harsher dry season. BMKG also noted that meteorological (climate) drought in most of Java, Bali and Nusa Tenggara potentially will suffer long to extreme drought.

The government predicted the situation to impact the lives of 48,491,666 people in 28 provinces. Nine provinces are severely affected by the drought which are Banten, Central Java, West Java, East Java, Yogyakarta, Bali, West Nusa Tenggara and Sulawesi and Borneo and the Government of Indonesia has declared an emergency drought alert status in seven provinces; Banten, Central Java, West Java, East Java, Yogyakarta, West Nusa Tenggara and East Nusa Tenggara.

A number of regional governments have reported scarcity of clean water, declining supply of irrigation water and crop failure. According to BNPB report, as of August approximately 20,269 hectares of crop field damaged and facing crop failure because of the drought. In addition, based on various media reports, people in Mount Kidul village located in Jogjakarta province started to sell their livestock for clean water. BMKG predicted that the raining season will start at the end of November until beginning of December 2019. As a response, PMI has been distributing clean water in Banten, West Java, Central Java, DI Yogyakarta, East Java, Bali, NTB, and Central Sulawesi Provinces.

Based on initial information from BNPB and PMI POSKO, the current immediate needs are access to clean water and drinking water.

The government through National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) has been providing drinking water to severely affected by the drought for a total of 28,576,400 litres. BNPB together with the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), BMKG and Indonesia National Army have been co-coordinating the operation using Weather Modification Technology (WMT). This technology will be used in Jakarta for Java region and Kupang for Nusa Tenggara Barat and Nusa Tenggara Timur. Local Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) in each region continues working with local governments, non-governmental organizations, social institutions, the business world, and the community to provide clean water for their communities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI has been on the ground of this event, mobilizing a total of 176 volunteers and 58 water trucks from affected PMI provincial chapter and branches to distribute clean water to the communities. Latest report shown that PMI has been distributing 21,063,200 litres of water across nine provinces in Indonesia. In total, 390,729 people benefited from the activity. Please refer below for detailed PMI activities per area across Indonesia. PMI responses to the drought-affected people per region are detailed out below.

Drought in Java Island

In West Java province, PMI mobilized five water trucks as well as 15 personnel and managed to distribute 434,800 liters of water for 37,387 people in Bandung, Bekasi, Cirebon, Bogor Districts and Depok City.

Responding to the situation in Banten province, PMI mobilized two water trucks and eight personnel. 82,000 liters of water have been distributed to eight villages to support 4,172 people.

Central Java is the most affected province by the drought, since more than 26 districts and cities experienced water scarcity. These areas are namely Banjarnegara, Banyumas, Blora, Boyolali, Brebes, Cilacap, Demak, Grobogan, Kebumen, Kendal, Klaten, Kudus, Pati, Purbalingga, Purworejo, Sragen, Sukoharjo, Tegal, Temanggung, Wonogiri, Jepara, Pekalongan, Semarang, Magelang, Surakarta and Salatiga. Twenty-two (22) water trucks with additional 66 personnel mobilized by PMI to respond to the situation. PMI has been distributing 15,721,000 liters of water as of 15 October 2019 and approximately 318,808 people benefitted from the activity.



PMI volunteers distributing clean water in Ponorogo District, East Java. (Source: *Palang Merah Indonesia*)

In East Java province, PMI has mobilized 14 trucks and 42 personnel to distribute 1,582,400 litre of clean water in several districts such as Blitar, Magetan, Malang, Mojokerto, Ngawi, Ponorogo, and Sampang. 10,900 people have benefited from this activity.

In Yogyakarta, PMI mobilized three water trucks with nine personnel and have been distributing 1,582,400 liters of water in seven districts in the province. Approximately 9,320 people supported with clean water in the area.

Drought in Bali, West Nusa Tenggara, Sulawesi and Borneo Island

PMI responding drought in Bali Province by mobilized one water truck with additional three personnel. As of 15 October 2019, 105,000 liters of clean water have been distributed to 4,663 people mainly in Karang Asem district.

While PMI earthquake operation is still ongoing in West Nusa Tenggara, PMI also responding to the drought situation in the area. PMI mobilized eight unit of water truck and managed to distribute 410,000 in three districts namely North Lombok, East Lombok and West Lombok.

In South Sulawesi and West Borneo, PMI mobilized one water truck for each province. PMI distributed 65,000 liter of clean water in South Sulawesi supporting 2,362 people.



One of the affected crop field (Source: *Antara News via web*)

PMI National Headquarters standby 14 water trucks ready with additional two water trucks on standby at PMI regional warehouse in Gresik.

IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta is providing technical support to PMI, monitoring and analysing disaster impact, supporting communications and media relation needs if necessary as well as maintaining close coordination with BNPB, HCT and other humanitarian actors to monitor and responding to the needs on the ground.



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