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INDONESIA: FLASH FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

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The Situation

Heavy flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains on 1 January 2006 have killed at least 57 and left thousands homeless in the district of Jember, East Java province. The flash floods, passing nine sub-districts of the district of Jember, have inundated thousands of homes and have forced residents (at least 6,500 people or 1,300 households) to seek shelter at mosques, schools, Islamic boarding houses, government buildings and other open spaces scattered at 11 different locations.

The affected sub-districts are Panti, Tanggul, Arjasa, Rambipuji, Kaliwates, Wuluhan, Patrang, Balung and Puger located in the slope of Mount Argopuro. Until 3 January 2006, reports from Satkorlak (provincial coordinating board for disasters) of East Java province put the total death toll at 57 persons – 51 in Panti, four in Arjasa, two in Tanggul and one death in Kaliwates. The dead toll may rise as some still listed as missing are feared dead. The Jember district spokesman also added that more than 30 are injured; they have been hospitalized in the local public hospital.

According to latest information from the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) rapid assessment team and the Kompas News Jakarta, the Satlak (district coordinating board for disaster) has identified damaged houses in four sub-districts. It is noted that 500 houses are damaged



An Indonesian rescue worker carries an elderly woman in the village of Kemiri near the town of Jember. Photo: Reuters/Sigit Pamungkas, courtesy www.alertnet.org.

in Panti, five in Argasa, 40 in Rambipuji and 55 are damaged in Tanggul. No reports from other affected sub-districts are available as the affected sites are still inaccessible. The PMI Satgana team and search and rescue team (SAR) reports that as of Wednesday morning, three villages in sub-district Panti are still isolated and there are no reports about population figures in those villages.

Immediate needs identified: food, non-food items (roofing material, hygienic items, sleeping material) and medical service.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The PMI Jember branch has deployed 40 Satgana volunteers assisted by 60 volunteers from three neighbouring branches, who are supervised by ten volunteers from the provincial task force. The Satgana team has joined forces with the local SAR team to organize the evacuation of the injured as well as the dead, to clean up locations housing displaced people and to organize a field kitchen. At the initial stage, the PMI Jember branch has distributed 1 MT of rice, instant noodles and ketchup for internally displaced families. The PMI chairman of East Java province, accompanied by two other board members, is now on the ground to coordinate the operation, working closely with the Satlak PBP Jember.

The PMI national office has sent two members of the national task force to augment the Satgana team of Jember, as well as a Federation disaster management programme officer sent to support information gathering. With the support from the PMI national office and the Federation, tarpaulin, hygienic kits, sleeping mats and sarongs for 1,000 household/families are on the way to Jember. Detailed assessments as well as close coordination with Satlak/Satkorlak offices and the governor office are ongoing to identify further needs and support will be provided accordingly. Regular information sharing is also ongoing, in regards to coordination with donors and foreign embassies. There is a strong possibility that USAID and AUSAID will support this ongoing emergency response operation.

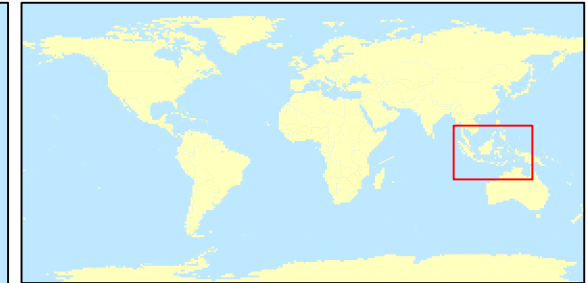
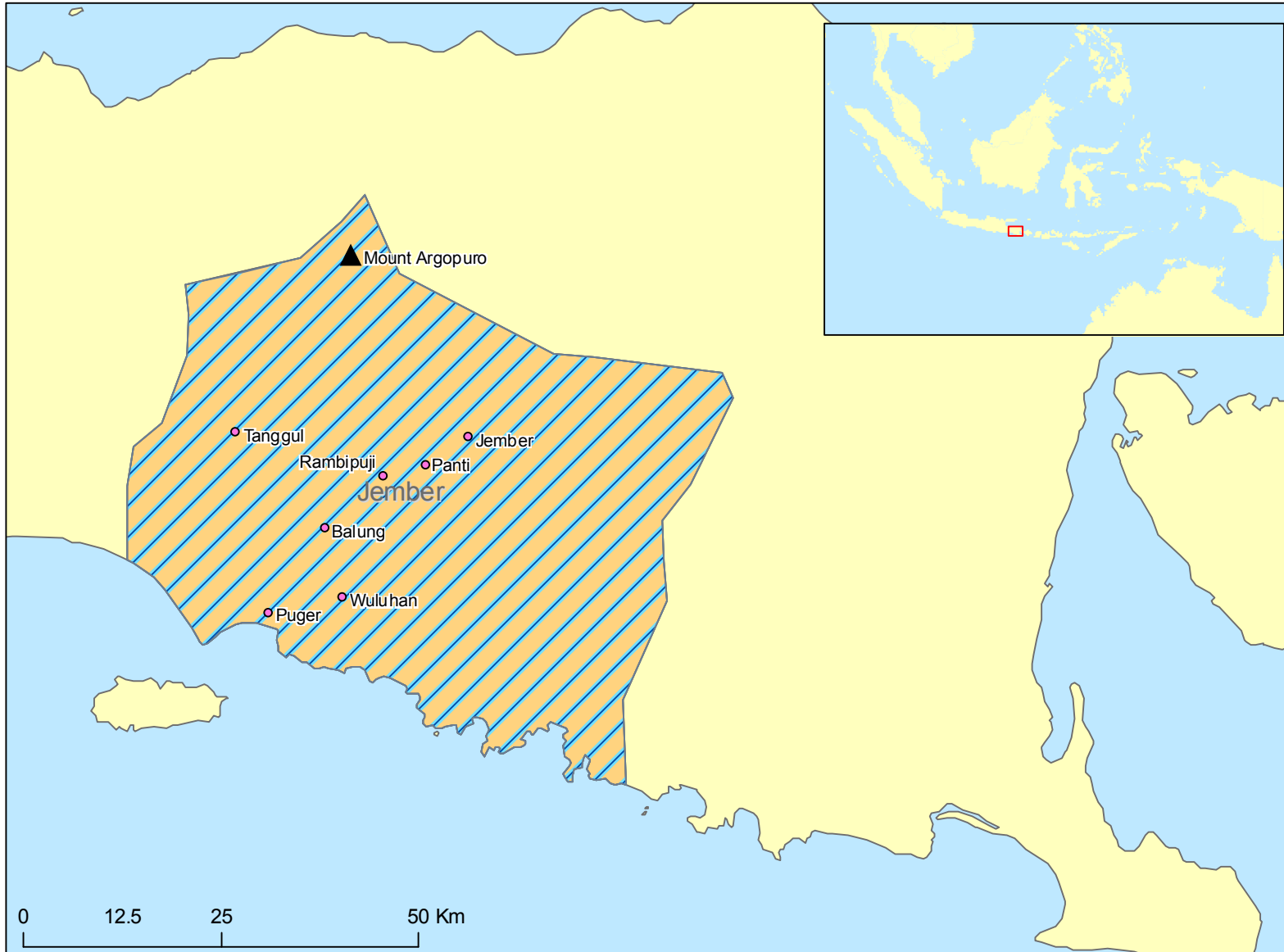
Coordination

The local authorities organizing the rescue and evacuation teams are conducting regular meetings with all parties involved in the operation and are arranging referral services with the local public hospital. Three helicopters have been deployed to support evacuation efforts (reports from the field indicate that this is insufficient). The local government has also sent IDR 200 million (CHF 27,047), 20 MT of rice, 500 kg eggs, medicines, tents and life insurance. A local women's organization has sent 40 packages of bread and 50 boxes of instant noodles. In the meantime, the coordinating ministry of social welfare has sent 400 box of used clothes, while the ministry of social affairs has sent 5,000 sarong and IDR 500 million (CHF 67,618).

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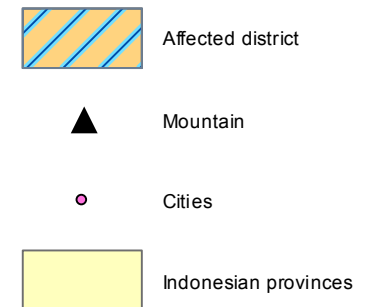


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