



Flash Flood in Mandailing Natal, North Sumatera Province, Republic of Indonesia

HIGHLIGHTS

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- The continuous rains had caused the overflow of Sulangaling River, a creek of the Muara Batang River, and inundated six villages in Muara Batang gadis district. Water level reached up to 2 meters high.
- Official numbers from the Crisis Center, Ministry of Health, state that 8 people died, 2 people still missing and 2,000 families became internally displaced.
- The floods destroyed hundreds of houses located along the banks of the Batang Gadis River. There is still a lack of communication with the village as the transportation to the affected areas is difficult.

Affected Areas and Incident Site Mapping

MAP OF North Sumatera





Caption:

Floods inundated houses in Mandailing Natal District, North Sumatera.

Cause and Effect

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- The floods inundated the villages of Rantau Panjang, Lubuk Kapondong I, Lubuk Kapondong II, Saleh Baru, Tabilang, and Manuncang.
- The floods destroyed hundreds of houses located along the banks of the Batang Gadis River. There is still a lack of communication with the village as the transportation to the affected areas is difficult.

Casualties and Damages

- 8 people died, 2 missing.
- 2,200 families became internally displaced.
- The floods destroyed hundreds of houses located along the banks of the Batang Gadis River..
- Exact number of inundated buildings not yet detected.

Source: Crisis Center (PPK), MoH

Communication, Transportation and Electricity Power

Communication with the people in the affected areas is disrupted. Transportation to the disaster sites is still difficult because the cross roads and bridges over Batang Gadis River are currently filled with debris, such as trees.

Response

MOH – WHO Indonesia

- MOH, Crisis Center, Provincial Health Office and District Health Office are in close collaboration with WHO Indonesia, provided integrated Emergency Health Services according to Standard Operating Procedures.
- Medan District Health Office staffs deployed to the disaster sites to provide medical service.
- The regional crisis center North Sumatra, Medan provided, medical team with 3 ambulances, 75 body bags, 75 packages of high energy biscuit, drugs, water purifier as well as medical supplies. Also pediatrician and internist have been deployed as well as additional drug supplies.
- Adam Malik Hospital provided additional medical supplies.



- Health Posts have been set-up in Lubuk Kapundung I, Lubuk Kapundung II, Hutaimbaru & Rantau Panjang village.
- The drug stock is reported to be sufficient & adequate.
- The crisis center team has been sent to the site along with the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) team
- WHO is monitoring and facilitating operational strategies with Crisis Center-MOH.
- It has been stated that the health situation is under control.

Table showing the Emergency Aid Provided by MOH & Regional Crisis Center Medan

No	Items	Amount
1	High Energy Biscuit	75 packages
2	Drugs	1 package
6	Body bags	50
7	Chlorine	90 kilograms
8	Water purifier (Air Rahmat)	2 cans (30kg)
10	Health Post	3
11	Boat with health staff (doctors, nurses & midwives)	1

(Source: Monitoring and Information Unit, Crisis Center-MOH)

National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB)

- The Mandailing Natal Satlak PB has already distributed non-food items including: four tons of rice; 500 boxes of instant noodle, 100 kilograms of sugar; three boxes of bottled chili; five packages of tea; one box of coffee, 235 sheets of blankets, 500 sheets of sarongs.

Status of International Aid

So far the government has not officially requested any international aid. The local authorities, with support from central government and ministries, are trying their best to manage the situation so far. Agencies and Donors are welcome to provide support through on-going programmes.

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Source of Information from Indonesia

Information is gathered from the following sources. This report is for reference only and should not be quoted as factual accuracy can change.

1. WHO



2. Crisis Center (PPK), MoH
3. UN System
4. BNPB
5. Local and international news media