



## Flash Flood in South Aceh, Indonesia

### Highlights

- The flash flood struck at least 11 villages and devastated 15 hectares of farmland.
- The local government has distributed aid to the flood victims, including food and other necessities.
- The flood water, inundating parts of the road linking Tapak Tuan with Meulaboh in West Aceh regency, has caused a long traffic jam.

### Background

A flash flood affecting 11 villages in Meukek Sub-district, South Aceh Regency, Aceh Province, occurred on Wednesday inundating thousands of houses and seriously damaged dozens of others. It has also devastated 15 hectares of farmland. The area is prone to natural disasters.

### Time of Accident

Dawn, Wednesday, 30 August 2006

### Place

The flash flood took place in Meukek Sub-district, South Aceh regency, some 500 km from Banda Aceh, capital of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province, Indonesia.



Map of Sumatra Island: the yellow star shows the location of the flash flood.

### Current Situation

The flood water has inundated parts of the road linking Tapak Tuan with Meulaboh in West Aceh regency and has caused long traffic jams. Despite the unexpected flood, no casualties have been reported so far.



## **Government Action**

The local government has distributed aid, including food and other necessities, to the flood victims.

## **WHO Indonesia Action**

WHO Indonesia country office is in close communication with MOH in monitoring the situation.

## **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.

## **Contact people in Indonesia**

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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. UN system
3. Crisis Center (PPK), MOH
4. Local and international news media.