



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

### HIGHLIGHTS

- On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2009, at about 2 am local time flash floods, triggered by two days of heavy torrential rains in Mandailing Natal regency, destroyed hundreds of homes.
- 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.
- The floods inundated 6 villages, namely Rantau Panjang, Lubuk Kapondong I, Lubuk Kapondong II, Saleh Baru, Tabilang, and Manuncang.
- 15 people died, 25 missing and 200 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.
- 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.

### Affected Areas and Incident Site Mapping

#### MAP OF North Sumatera





**Caption:**

*Floods inundated roads in Mandailing Natal District, North Sumatra.*

## Casualties and Damages

- 15 people died, 25 missing.
- 200 families became internally displaced.
- Exact number of inundated buildings not yet detected.

## 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

- Medan District Health Office staffs deployed to the disaster sites to provide medical service.
- The regional crisis center North Sumatra, Medan provided body bags, high energy biscuit and medical supplies.
- The crisis center team will soon be deployed to the site along with BNPB team
- WHO is monitoring and facilitating operational strategies with 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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