



Floods and Landslides in Sangihe Island, North Sulawesi Province occurred on 12 January 2007

Type of Emergency

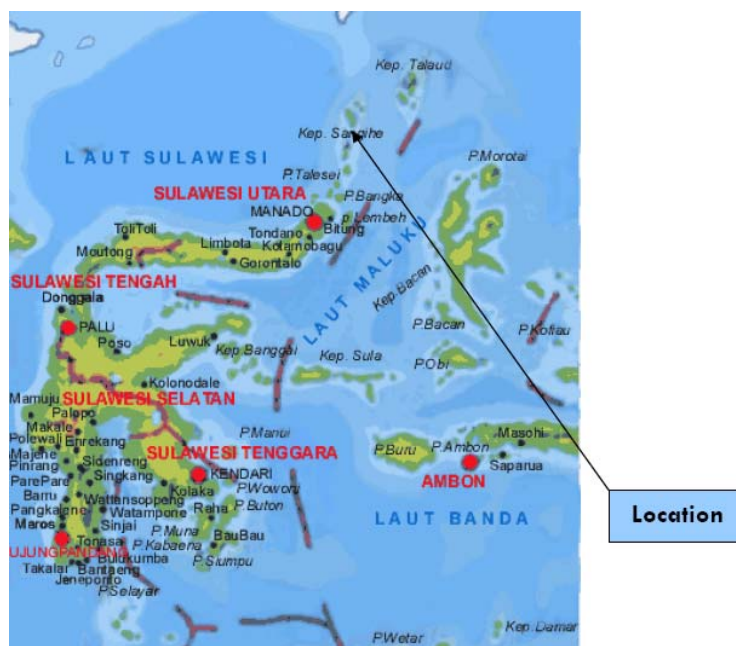
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Date of Emergency Incidence

Friday, 12 January 2007, ± 15:00 hrs local time, (Indonesian local time equals to + 7 hrs GMT)

Location and Incidence Site Mapping

The floods hit Tahuna, capital district of the Sangihe Islands, about 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Manado, capital city of North Sulawesi Province.



Background

The floods and landslides that were triggered by heavy rain over the rainy season struck two districts in Sangihe Islands, Soa Taloara and Dumuhung Districts, forcing hundreds of residents to flee for safety.

Current Situation

Official reported to the media that the rescuers have found 24 bodies and 10 people are still missing after the disaster.

Telephone communications to the island were virtually cut off.

Casualties and Impact

Up to date, the floods and landslides have caused 24 deaths, 12 in treatment and 10 other people are missing.

The floods have also damaged 64 houses. It is estimated that 453 households (2,264 people) fled their homes and took refuge from the floods in schools and government buildings.



Below is the summary table of casualties based on Ministry of Health report as of 14 January 2007:

	Death	Missing	In treatment	IDPs	House Damaged
Total	24	10	12	2,264	64

MOH – WHO Action

- MOH has conducted victim's evacuation.
- MOH has provided medical services for the IDPs.
- MOH has mobilized health staff from Ratumbuisang Hospital.
- North Sulawesi PHO deployed 2 surveillances, medicines, disinfectants and body bags to the affected population.
- WHO MOH and WHO, in close contact with local PHO and DHO, are on alert while closely monitoring the situation.

Status of International Aid

So far the government has not requested officially for any international aids. The local authorities with the support from central government and ministries concerns so far are trying their best to manage the situation.

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. BAKORNAS
4. Crisis Center (PPK), MOH
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