



Flood in West Java Province, Republic of Indonesia, February 2007

Type of Emergency

Floods, triggered by heavy seasonal rain.

Location

All eight inundated villages were located in four districts -- Bojongsoang, Dayeuhkolot, Pameungpeuk and Baleendah of Bandung Regency, West Java Province, Republic of Indonesia.



Background

Flood water inundated resident houses since Monday night, 19 February 2007. It subsided slightly on Tuesday afternoon, but started rising again later in the evening. The affected areas are prone to floods. The floods hit the area almost every year.

Cause

The overflow of Citarum River, the biggest river in West Java, triggered by heavy seasonal rain down poured Bandung for the last couple of days is considered to be the cause of the flood.



Caption: Resident of Baleendah Sub-district in southern Bandung.

Current Situation

- As of Wednesday, 21 January 2007, the flood water level stood at 0.5 to 2 meters deep.
- Part of the Muhammad Toha thoroughfare also flooded up to 50 centimeters deep, causing heavy traffic jams in the area.



Casualties

- No information about casualties is available yet.
- A total of 11,381 people were affected.
- Bandung Community Protection Agency data showed Wednesday that a total of 3,061 houses were owned by 4,242 families were flooded.
- Prolonged flood is potential to endemic diseases.

MOH – WHO Action

- Has alert early warning to the referral hospitals to be on standby position and make ready for immediate support.
- Closely monitoring the situation and standby for emergency supplies.
- Early warning disease surveillance and out break control.

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.

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