Mt. Slamet Volcano Eruption, Central Java, Province, Republic of Indonesia

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since 23rd of April 2009, the volcanic activity of Mt. Slamet in Central Java Province has been increasing, as 333 times of lava eruptions had been recorded, reaching up to 600 meters high.
- The eruptions affected 5 District in Central Java Province as the volcanic ashes spread out to 5 villages in 3 sub-districts in Tegal District.
- The Center of Volcanology and Disaster Management has raised the alert level from alert level 2 become 3.
- No casualties reported so far. Numbers of outpatients are 75 persons.
- Communication and electricity powers are still working.
- MoH set up the 24 hours health post, distributed 10,000 masks, medical supply and tents for the local residents in the affected areas.
- MOH, Regional Crisis Center of Central Java, 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

Major Volcanoes of Indonesia
(with eruptions since 1900 A.D.)

Level 1: Normal, basaltic activity.

Level 2: Vigilant, Low activity.

Level 3: Ready, Possibility of major eruption within weeks.

Level 4: Alert, major eruption is imminent (within 24 hours).
Emergency Situation Report  
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30 April 2009

Situation Analysis

- Mt. Slamet has been erupting frequently over the last 100 years, and the last eruption was in 1999.
- The volcanic activities keep increasing since 23rd April 2009 as ash from the volcano was deposited further East, reaching Purbalingga District.
- Preparations have begun by the Indonesian government to distribute the masks for the residents in the affected areas, considering the danger of volcanic ash to human respirations.
- The local residents have been told to stay out of a 2-km exclusion zone and remain 24 hours alert to evacuate.
- If major eruption occurs, the most affected areas are: Purbalingga, Bayumas, Pemalang, Tegal and Brebes Districts in Central Java Province.

Casualties and Damages

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Communication, Transportation and Electricity Power

Communication and Electricity Powers are still working.
No disruption for transportation.
Response

MOH – WHO Indonesia
- Rapid Health Assessment Team formed and deployed
- Establish Health Post and referred the injured victims to the District hospitals.
- Distribute medical supplies, tents and 10,000 masks.
- WHO and MOH up-dating the situation and filling the gaps in collaboration with National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB)
- WHO is in close communication with MOH in monitoring the situation through Crisis Center as well as District and Provincial Health Office.

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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