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JAKARTA -- The year 2021 has just started, but the Indonesian National Disaster Management Agency has recorded 136 natural disasters from 1 to 16 January 2021, in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic, which continues to increase the number of cases. In detail, these natural disasters are 95 floods, 25 landslides, 12 tornado disasters, 2 earthquakes, 2 tidal events, and 1 volcanic eruption. All of these disasters caused 80 fatalities, 858 injured, and 405.548 displaced.

Caritas Indonesia has set an emergency response period from January 15, 2021 and lasts for the next 10 days. According to the scale of disasters in the Caritas Indonesia's Emergency Response Operational Procedure, there was 1 disaster recorded on the Orange scale and 1 on the Yellow scale. According to it, the communication and coordination will continue to be carried out together with Caritas Diocese where the disaster occurred. It also emphasized that Caritas Indonesia always includes the health sector to prevent the wider spread of Covid-19 in every humanitarian response.

EARTHQUAKE, WEST SULAWESI

According to Caritas Indonesia's Emergency Response Operational Procedure, the earthquake in West Sulawesi occurred on January 14 and 15, 2021 has entered an orange scale. Steps that have been taken were among others coordinating with the Caritas Archdiocese of Makassar. It came to a conclusion that it will be responded nationally. "Coordination, Facilitation and Animation which are the mandate for Caritas Indonesia take place in response to this disaster," explained Father Fredy Rante Taruk. The Caritas Network National Post for the Mamuju Earthquake was opened in Jakarta while the Caritas Humanitarian Service Post was opened in the Parish of the St. Perawan Maria Ratu Rosario, Mamuju. From these two posts, they then raise funds to help residents affected by the earthquake.

Makassar is the closest major city to Mamuju and is the centre for providing logistics and direct information from Caritas Makassar to national Caritas. The initial assessment conducted by the volunteer stated a list of urgent initial needs, namely food items, drinking water and clean water, mattresses and blankets, and PPEs to minimize the spread of Covid-19. Currently, January 18, 2021, there was an obstacle faced by the field team, the bridge connecting Mamuju and Majene was collapsed which made the team found it difficult to do the field assesment. Meanwhile, the distribution of aid to affected residents was carried out again after the day before the Soup Kitchen was opened at the Caritas Humanitarian Service Post. Logistics owned comes from the Parish of St. Maria Perawan Ratu Rosario, Mamuju with



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additional assistance from Makassar in the form of sleeping mats, food items, and drinking water.

Caritas Indonesia already had meetings with other CIMOs in Country to discuss and brief on current condition. The meetings held on Saturday, 16 January 2021, attended by the Country Manager Catholic Relief Service (CRS), the Head of DCV (Caritas Germany), Representatives of Caritas Australia, and Caritas Italiana. The meeting has discussed on probable future collaboration and cooperation responding to the event. Some of them already stated their commitment to help and support Caritas Indonesia in carrying out the humanitarian responses.

FLASH FLOOD, SOUTH KALIMANTAN

The floods that have occurred in South Kalimantan since January 12, 2021, have covered 10 districts, with details of the affected residents being around 39,549 displaced, 24,379 houses submerged, and 15 victims. The South Kalimantan Provincial Government has issued a Declaration Letter No. 360/038/BPBD/2021 which declaring the Flood Disaster Emergency Response Status as of January 14, 2021.

Caritas Diocese of Banjarmasin has conducted an assessment and responses to this disaster in coordination with local interfaith groups. *Pos Peduli Bersama* was opened in the *Sehati* Hall, Banjarmasin Cathedral, with the cooperation of *Gusdurian* (national Moslem organization), and Catholic Youth. This post aims to distribute relief items for basic needs, receive aid both in goods and funds. "For affected areas that cannot be reached, we send assistance in the form of funds so that they can use to buy goods and help the economy in the area," F.X. Rudy Djong, Director of Caritas Banjarmasin said.

Monday, January 18, 2021, is the second day of logistic distribution which is planned to be carried out until January 24, 2021. The relief items provided to the affected residents are basic necessities (450 kgs of rice, sugar, noodles, eggs, and snacks), suitable clothes, sanitary napkins, PPEs (masks and hand sanitizers) as well as medicines and vitamins. In addition to affected residents, Caritas Banjarmasin together with *Pos Peduli Bersama* provides assistance in coordination with the District Social Service.

Caritas Indonesia facilitating assistance and technical support in forms of how Caritas Banjarmasin produces Situation Report, Media Center, as well as coordinating within the National Network of Caritas to support Caritas Banjarmasin in responding the current disaster aftermath.

Caritas Indonesia (KARINA - KWI Foundation) was legally established on May 17, 2006 and is an official humanitarian organization belonging to the KWI (Indonesian Bishops' Conference) with a mandate as a centre for coordination, facilitation, and animation of the Catholic Church in Indonesia in carrying out humanitarian



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missions, especially to assist the victims of natural disasters or non-natural disasters caused by humans. Caritas Indonesia develops cross-commission cooperation in KWI and other ecclesiastical institutions, on issues of human rights violations, conflict and social violence, inter-religious dialogue in humanitarian action, gender injustice and various acts of social injustice. Also, Caritas Indonesia played a role in the formation of the Indonesian Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI), which is a forum for religious-based humanitarian organizations, to build relationships and cooperation with BNPB and other government and non-government agencies.

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Gallery

- A. Earthquake in Western Sulawesi
Caritas Humanitarian Post
Left: Logistics Warehouse
Right: Soup Kitchen



The aftermath of the earthquake in Friday, 15 January 2021 in Mamuju area



Storing and distributing supplies to survivor of the earthquake. The Caritas Humanitarian Post has distributed mineral water, blanket, sleeping mats and rice.



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B. Southern Kalimantan

Distributing supplies to 1600 households (8 neighborhood units) in Pingaran Ulu, Astambul District, Banjar Regency. The supplies were food items, NFI, hygiene kits, and vitamins.

