



# Emergency Post (Posko) Bina Desa

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The new year in Jakarta began with a severe floods since last Friday, 2 February 2007 which covers more than 70 percent of its area flooded with range between 30 cm and 5 m high. Thousands of houses, public facilities and offices were covered by water. Electricity and telephone went out for the whole week and many parts of the road broken off leads to terrible traffic jam everywhere, Jakarta is totally paralyzed. The government reported that the economic lose out is about Rp.4,1 Trillion. Equivalent with around USD 4 billion.



The impact is horrifying. Up to day, 8 February 2007, not less than 47 persons died in this disaster (caused by the cold, fever, missing in the flood, electricity accident in the water, etc) while thousands of people including pregnant women and children have lost their houses and injured. Around 300 hundred thousands of victims have to leave their home and stay at the safer or higher places.



Unluckily, there is lack of preparation from the Jakarta government authority to anticipate the floods such as providing shelter for the victims and prepare the troops with all needed means, although the meteorology and geophysics body has announced before that Jakarta and its surrounding would be splashed by heavy rain up to March. The help from the government in due time therefore difficult to be found and has caused the high number of died and injured persons. The victims then found beneath of the toll roads as safer place to stay although without food and drinking water, lights and cloths to change.



Yesterday, 6 February the condition was better with the sunshine till late in the afternoon and therefore some of the victim went back to their houses which still under water up to 60 cm high. However, since last night the rain falling again and forced them to stay back at the beneath of the toll roads.



### **Bina Desa's Respond:**

Responding the situation, Bina Desa founded a Posko (Emergency Post) immediately on 3 February 2007 to provide assistant to the victims at least within two weeks (it depends on the situation). The staff and the people surrounding the office and IRMA (Ikatan Remaja Gang Mulia-Youth Association of Mulia Alley) manage the Posko with its activities including the establishment of public kitchen to provide *nasi bungkus* (ready- to eat- food) and drinking water, packing the aid consist of used cloth, lights, food, infant milk, medicines and blankets. With regards to the area of service, the Posko before deliver it services to 6 kampongs but since yesterday we were focusing on 3 kampongs only namely Cipinang Besar, Kebon Sayur and Pasar Gembrong, East Jakarta with total victim is 900 people. They have not got any support from other NGOs or other parties yet .While the other 3 kampongs we channeling into other NGOs working in those places.

Considering that problem on fresh water has also been facing by the victim, while we found that there are 2 jet pump owned by the victim are safe from the floods, hence, we have planned to provide 2 generator sets to use the jet pump in order to provide fresh water. In line with this, we had approached the owners in Cipinang Besar flood area, East Jakarta and they responded positively. Besides, we will continue provide food and drinking water, provide medicine to anticipate the post floods diseases, books and other school kits for those schooling children.