



Landslide in Nusaniwe, Ambon, Maluku Province, Republic of Indonesia

Date of Incident

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

General Information

A landslide triggered by incessant rains buried alive at least four people and injured two others in Amahusu village, Nusaniwe Sub-District of Ambon, the capital of the eastern Indonesian province of Maluku, on Wednesday. The landslide also seriously damaged 18 homes, cutting off roads, isolating Eri village, and affected at least 233,000 people at risk. Landslides and heavy floods are frequent in Indonesia, where tropical downpours can quickly soak hillsides deforested.

Affected Areas and Incident Site Mapping

The arrow shows areas affected by the landslide:





Caption:

Landslide in Amahasu village

Casualty

4 people died
2 people major injury

IDP

Victims were evacuated to their relative's house

Damaged Facility

14 houses were heavily damaged

Damaged Health Facility

No health facilities damage

Communication

Communication is still working

Transportation

The landslide had cut off roads, isolating Eri village from the main road

Electricity Power

Electricity power is still working

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.

Response

MOH – WHO Indonesia

- Victims evacuation and provide medical services.
- Established health posts and activated mobile clinics in the affected areas.
- Coordination with District and Provincial Coordination Units for Disaster Management (BPBD).
- WHO is in close communication with Crisis Center MOH in monitoring the situation through Regional Crisis Center of Maluku, as well as District and Provincial Health Office.

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Source of Information from Indonesia

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