



## Floods in DKI Jakarta Province, updated 2 February 2007

### Type of Emergency

Floods, triggered by heavy seasonal rain.

### Background

150 mm heavy rains down poured Bogor, Depok and southern parts of Jakarta since Tuesday, 23 January, caused Ciliwung River and Pesangrahan River to overflow. More than 2,400 houses in the north, south, east and west parts of Jakarta were flooded. The water level ranged from 2 centimeters to 3 meters.

Seasonal downpours cause dozens of landslides and flash-floods each year in Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago of 17,000 islands, where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile plains.

### Current Situation

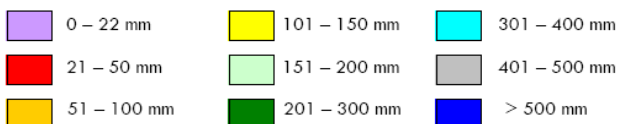
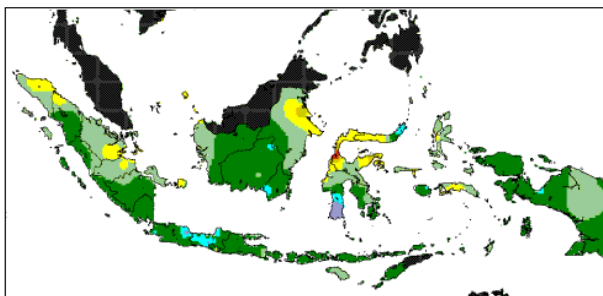
Floods inundate Indonesian capital, causing traffic chaos and misery. According to the city's flood crisis centre reported that the floods affected estimated 80 districts in Jakarta. It blocked roads and railways in Jakarta and thousands of people abandoned their homes in low-lying areas as torrential downpours virtually paralyzed the Indonesian capital on Friday, 2 February 2007. Streets normally jammed with traffic were much quieter as floods brought public transport to a near-standstill, preventing many people from getting to work or school.

**Caption:** Floods causing traffic chaos and misery.



BMG informed that within the next week, heavy rains and thunders would hit Jakarta and its surrounding areas, with downpours between 50 – 100 millimeters per day. As comparison, the big flood in 2002 was the result of 200 millimeters per day downpours.

Early warning systems through sirens and loud speakers have been prepared to ensure that all community is aware of and prepare for the upcoming situation.



**Caption:** BMG rainfall forecast map for February 2007.

### Causalities and Impact

As of February 1 morning, SATLAK reported that 2,406 houses were inundated with 30 - 150 cm high of water level, forcing ± 1,000 households to evacuate to emergency shelters or safer areas at higher ground level.

The floods caused deaths, as two children were swept away into a river in Bekasi District.



The floods blocked roads and railways in most part of Jakarta causing traffic chaos on Friday 2 February 2007. The key M. H. Thamrin highway, which runs north to south through the city, was flooded up to 50 centimeters, causing traffic jams.

State news agency Antara reported the main toll road connecting the capital with the city of Bogor was blocked with Jakarta-bound traffic forced to turn back 13 kilometres (eight miles) from the capital.

The main toll road connecting Jakarta and Tangerang was also closed and most train services were cancelled or running very infrequently.



**Caption:** Floods filled the Sudirman Street.

Some schools in Jakarta were forced to close until the floods recede.

### Government Action

SATKORLAK/SATLAK continued to provide emergency shelters, health clinics, mobile latrines, and public kitchens. They were in Alert III status and kept monitoring the situation through floodgates.

Based on needs assessments, PMI supported public kitchens in Kampung Melayu, Bidara Cina, Cawang, Cililitan and Kebon Manggis areas, and conducted food and NFIs distribution.

ACF (Action Against Hunger), which has flood preparedness programs in Kampung Melayu, Cipinang Besar Utara and Penjaringan Sub Districts, strengthened the capacity of SATLAK and related government officials for the coordination of emergency responses.

### MOH – WHO Actions

- Crisis Center MOH deployed staff to the worst affected areas (Bekasi, Cipinang, Cileduk, Kemang, Cakung and Otista).
- Crisis Center MOH has sent rubber boats to the affected areas.
- Medicines and baby feedings were sent to all evacuation sites.
- WHO, in close contact with MOH, are on alert and 24 hours closely monitoring the situation.

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