

Indonesia Ministry of Health Response 25 June 2009

Indonesia announced the first two confirmed cases of Pandemic H1N1 2009 virus on 24 June 2009. These were cases imported from other countries. A number of activities have been undertaken in Indonesia to prepare for pandemic influenza and to enable a comprehensive response.

After the initial detection of the H1N1 virus globally, and before the spread of the virus to Indonesia, the following measures were undertaken by the Ministry of Health to prepare the country for response:

1. Strengthening Port Health Office surveillance capacity.
2. Hospital Preparedness
3. Preparing health facilities and diagnosis capacity.
4. Preparing logistics and supplies, including medicine and personal
1. protective equipment (PPE)
5. Strengthening influenza like illness (ILI) surveillance
6. Community communication, information and education activities

Once Indonesia detected the two imported cases of Pandemic H1N1 2009, the Ministry of Health immediately implemented the following steps:

1. Strengthen the awareness of all health personnel and authorities. On 25 June 2009, the Minister of Health issued a Circular to stakeholders including all Provincial Governors, the Director General of Disease Control & Environmental Health, all the Heads of Provincial/District Health Offices and all the Port Health Offices.
2. Enhance Port Health Offices' response through distribution of education materials such as posters and increasing the numbers of thermal scanners to detect further imported cases.
3. Enhance ILI surveillance through weekly reporting.
4. Provide further supplies and equipment, including PPE & medicine.
5. Increase awareness and response capacity of health personnel at the 100 referral hospitals.
6. Increase the laboratory diagnostic capacity through further provision of test primers and sample collection kits.
7. Increase response capacity by distributing various Pandemic influenza response guidelines to all Provincial and District Health Offices in Indonesia.
8. Enhance community awareness through distribution of posters about hand hygiene and flu detection and management, Ministerial press conferences, and making information about the outbreak available on the Ministry of Health websites:

www.depkes.go.id

www.penyakitmenular.info

The public can also seek information through the Ministry of Health's Directorate-General of Disease Control and Environmental Health's Command Post:

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