OVERVIEW

Still reeling from the effects of a major flooding just a few months ago, Bogor & Banten Regency now face a new threat of a community outbreak after Indonesia reported its first case of COVID-19 in March 2020. With many still living in transitional shelters after having their homes swept away by the flood, these communities are at a higher risk of being exposed to the virus.

The impact of the global health pandemic continues to strain the economy and dampened the community’s efforts to recover from the natural disaster. The poor living conditions only exacerbated the problem.

Mercy Relief responded by implementing the COVID-19 Relief Aid & Assistance Initiative from 22 April 2020 - 18 May 2020, aimed to assist the recovering communities in safeguarding their wellbeing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19.

34 Provinces
16,802 Active Cases
1,496 Fatalities
6,240 Recovered
(as of May 2020)

Distribution of hygiene kits to ten villages benefiting 577 households.

Set-up up of hand washing stations and clean water tanks in five villages, benefiting 460 households.

Disinfection of transitional shelter and evacuation sites in five villages, benefiting 388 households.

“Survivors of the Jakarta Floods 2020 living at the evacuation sites are not aware of the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, they are still focused on rebuilding their lives after the floods and landslides. The survivors lost all their belongings during the floods and those working as rice field laborers have lost their jobs as well. With the assistance, everyone has become more aware and understands the severity of the virus. It is now easier for us to create public awareness of COVID-19 and educate the community in safe hygiene practices.”

Mr Maman (37), Chief Neighborhood Association, Cipandawa Evacuation Site