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GMIT SYNOD SEROJA CYCLONE RESPONSE TEAM
SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) #6, 17-20 APRIL 2021

CHRONOLOGY

The Seroja cyclone disaster struck most of GMIT service areas from 3 to 8 April 2021. Heavy rain, accompanied by strong winds caused flash floods, landslides, and big waves. This tragedy resulted in casualties and material loss.

IMPACT

The Seroja cyclone caused trees to collapse and damages of residential houses and other buildings, agricultural land, livestock and fishing facilities. Many people suffered minor to serious injuries, some victims disappeared or died. Families were evacuated, including children, elderly, diffable and pregnant women. Public facilities such as office buildings, hospitals, markets, waterways, roads and bridges, electricity, cellphone network and the internet were damaged.

DATA UPDATE

(TRANSLATION of CUMULATIVE DATA in MAP BELOW)



HUMAN VICTIMS

died: 15
disappeared: 1
wounded: 12
displacement:
- individuals: 3,267
- households: 556



**DAMAGE TO
HOME/BUILDING/
ASSETS**

homes: 11,717
churches: 137
parsonages/manses: 39
GMIT schools: 19



**DAMAGE TO
LIVELIHOODS**

rice paddies: 40
corn & bean fields: 82
fishing equipment: 3
damage to other
livelihoods: 541



Highlighted: East Nusa Tenggara Islands

**DATA on the IMPACT of EXTREME WEATHER DISASTER TROPICAL CYCLONE SEROJA
in REGIONS SERVED by the PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH of TIMOR
(data compiled by the GMIT Synod's Disaster Response Team)**

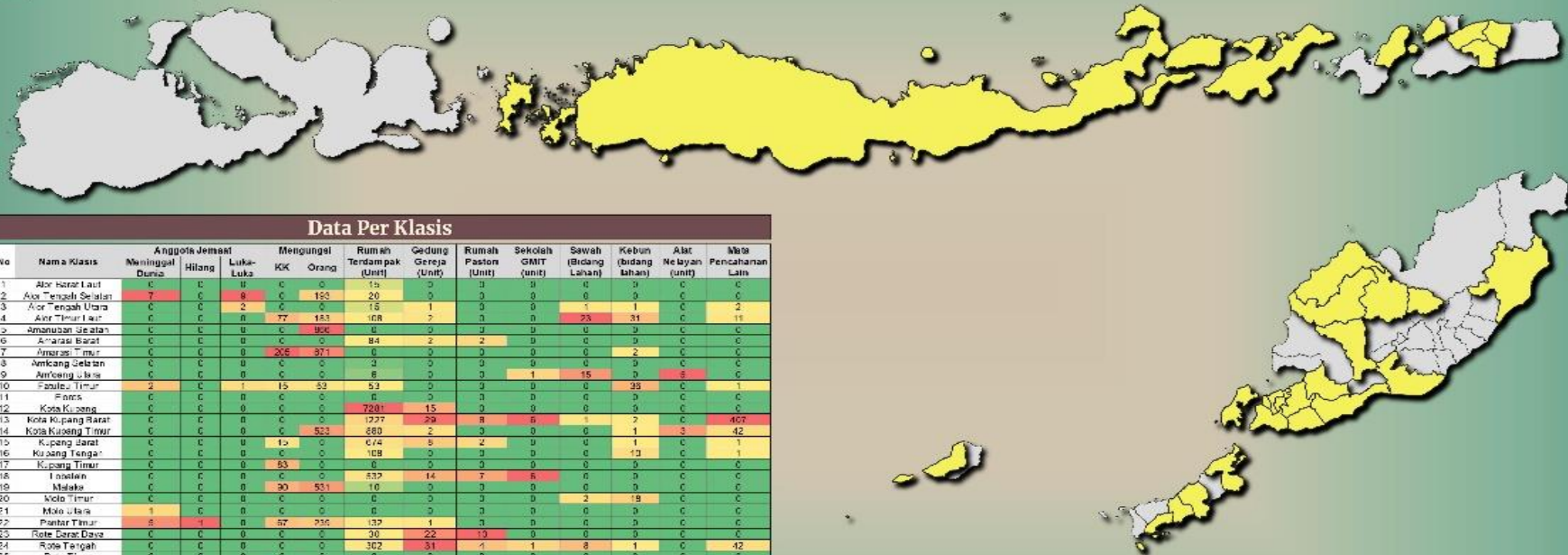


DATA DAMPAK BENCANA ALAM CUACA EKSTRIM SIKLON TROPIS SEROJA PADA WILAYAH PELAYANAN GEREJA MASEHI INJILI DI TIMOR

Update : 17 April 2021, Data Bersumber dari Laporan Klasis/Jemaat yang diolah Tim MS GMIT Tanggap Siklon Seroja

Keterangan :

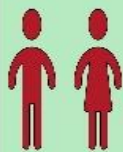
- Klasis yang telah mengirim data dan dianalisis = 27 Klasis
- Klasis tidak terdampak/belum mengirimkan data/belum dianalisis = 25 Klasis



Data Per Klasis

No	Nama Klasis	Anggota Jemaat			Minggungi KK	Meninggal Orang	Rumah Terdampak (Unit)	Gedung Gereja (Unit)	Rumah Pastori (Unit)	Sekolah GMIT (unit)	Sawah (Bidang Lahan)	Kebun (bidang lahan)	Alat Nelayan (unit)	Masa Pencabutan Lain
		Meninggal Dunia	Hilang	Luka- Luka										
1	Alor Harau Laut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Alor Tengah Selatan	7	0	8	0	150	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Alor Tengah Utara	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
4	Alor Tengah Laut	0	0	0	77	143	108	0	0	0	23	31	0	11
5	Amanuban Selatan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Amanuban Barat	0	0	0	0	0	84	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
7	Ampanan Timur	0	0	0	206	371	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
8	Amfong Selatan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Amfong Utara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0
10	Antela Timur	2	0	1	15	53	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1
11	Pinnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Kota Kupang	0	0	0	0	0	7291	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Kota Kupang Barat	0	0	0	0	0	1237	29	0	0	0	0	0	402
14	Kota Kupang Timur	0	0	0	0	523	680	2	0	0	0	1	3	42
15	Kupang Barat	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
16	Kupang Tengah	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	0	0	10	0	1
17	Kupang Timur	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Lisolem	0	0	0	0	0	537	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Melake	0	0	0	30	531	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Melo Timur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	0	0
21	Melo Utara	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Panitar Timur	0	0	0	67	796	137	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Rote Barat Daya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
24	Rote Tengah	0	0	0	0	0	302	31	1	0	0	1	0	42
25	Rote Timur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Sabau Barat Hayua	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Semau	0	0	0	2	8	237	10	3	0	3	87	0	34

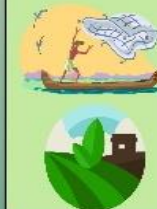
Data Terdampak Akumulatif



Meninggal Dunia : 15 Jiwa
Hilang : 1 Jiwa
Luka-Luka : 12 Jiwa
Pengungsi : 3.267 Jiwa & 556 KK



Rumah Terdampak : 11.717 unit
Gedung Gereja : 137 unit
Rumah Pastori : 39 unit
Sekolah GMIT : 19 unit



Sawah : 40 bidang lahan
Kebun : 82 bidang lahan
Alat Nelayan : 3 unit
Pekerjaan Lain : 541

CURRENT SITUATION

Many who left their homes because of the cyclone have now returned and are cleaning up the remaining dirt and repairing damage to their houses. People are also busy cleaning up fallen trees and the rotten carcasses of livestock from around their houses. Affected families and other villagers work together to repair damaged houses using building materials donated by local people and from other islands in Indonesia.

In the badly damaged Sabu-Raijua Regency, the distribution of aid is limited because regular travel to and from Sabu has not resumed. The wooden boats normally used for local shipping were badly damaged. Meanwhile, there is a shortage of building materials such as tin roofing and nails.

In the midst of efforts to recover from the impact of Seroja Cyclone, the National Covid Response Task Force has reported an increase in cases of people infected with Covid-19. Ongoing vigilance and implementation of health protocols to prevent Covid-19 transmission must also remain a priority.

UPDATE re. GMIT's RESPONSE

- The Disaster Response Team of the Evangelical Christian Church of Timor (GMIT) Synod, in collaboration with related partners, including the Indonesian Psychological Association (Himpsi), the Christian Service Association for Health in Indonesia (Pelkesi), World Vision International (WVI), and the Indonesian Christian Communication Network for Disaster Response (Jakomkris), has been conducting pastoral care ministry and trauma healing for the affected GMIT congregations.
- On 17–18 April, GMIT Synod members, along with the Head of the Indonesian Communion of Churches (PGI) and the Director of Yakoma PGI made pastoral visits to GMIT congregations in Sabu-Raijua, using helicopter facilities from East Nusa Tenggara's Provincial Disaster Relief Agency (BPBD). This is the first team from outside the Sabu-Raijua islands to visit affected communities in Raijua. Raijua Island is severely damaged and isolated. There is no electricity, and no boats or ships have traveled to or from the island.
- GMIT's radio station, The Voice of Love, has resumed operating by using an emergency transmitter antenna and limited facilities. Previously, the 60-meter high antenna was broken and the broadcast equipment damaged. Six broken antenna tower segments, broken antenna cables, and broadcast power amplifier accessories need to be replaced.
- The management of the East Nusa Tenggara Regional branch of the Indonesian Communion of Churches (PGIW) met with PGI Moderator, Rev. Gomar Gultom to identify churches in East Nusa Tenggara affected by the Seroja Cyclone and discuss their aid distribution approaches.
- The Data Section of the Synod's Disaster Response Team has begun to compile data from the presbyteries regarding damage to church property such as church buildings, parsonages, and GMIT schools.
- The Moderator of the Toraja Church Synod Council visited the GMIT Synod's Disaster Response Post on 19 April 2021. This was the first visit from the leader of a GMIT church partner from outside East Nusa Tenggara.

URGENT NEEDS

- Prayers of support and psycho-spiritual assistance

- Cash, basic food stuff (milk and drinking water), thermoses, kitchenware
- School uniforms, games for children
- Building materials, generators, electric chainsaws, petrol, tarps, mats, emergency toilets, kerosene
- Solar panel kits, solar-powered flashlights, power banks, satellite cell phones
- Medical services, medicines, diapers, menstrual pads
- Hygiene kits: soap, toothpaste, face masks, hand sanitizer and jerry can
- Replacement of personal identification documents: ID cards, birth certificates, etc.

Donations can be sent to:

Bank BNI, #1192908672

Account Name: TANGGAP BENCANA GMIT

Swift Code: BNINIDJAKPA

PHOTO GALLERY



13 housing units in Betania-Nefo Congregation, West Amarasi Presbytery will be relocated because they were destroyed by landslides.



The difference in the conditions of houses on stilts and those not on stilts during flooding in GMIT's Malacca Presbytery.





Traditional style houses are more resilient to disaster and need to be preserved. Member of Ephata Ledemanu Congregation, West Sabu-Raijua Presbytery.



Aid collected at Rehobot Malaiepa Congregation's Emergency Relief Post, South Central Alor Presbytery. GMIT congregations in unaffected areas provide support to churches in affected areas.



Worshipping on the floor during Sunday service, 18 April 2021, at Elim Naibonat Church, East Kupang Presbytery. The church pews were lost due to the cyclone.