



PRESS RELEASE

Ventilators Delivered by PMI and Partners to Strengthen Preparedness at PMI Hospital in Southeast Sulawesi

11 April 2025 – The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), together with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Government of Japan, and the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), officially handover three ventilators to the PMI Hospital in Southeast Sulawesi through the Stockpile Project. This initiative aims to enhance the preparedness of the PMI Hospital in Southeast Sulawesi to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging infectious diseases by equipping healthcare facilities with essential medical logistics supplies.

The Stockpile Project was officially launched in April 2024 with a kick-off that underscored the shared commitment of the Government of Japan, ASEF, IFRC, and PMI to implementing a health logistics preparedness program for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging infectious diseases.

“Following the handover of ventilators to PMI Hospital in Bogor in 2024, I am delighted to be part of another significant step in strengthening Indonesia’s healthcare system and ensuring we are better prepared for imminent health threats, including COVID-19 and other emerging infectious diseases. To date, four ventilators have been provided to PMI Hospital in Bogor in 2024, benefiting 170 patients. Today, we are handing over three more ventilators to support even more lives,” said H.E Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), who is also a former Polish Ambassador to Indonesia.

Drawing on lessons from the pandemic, ventilators have been prioritized as key equipment and represent the first phase of deliveries under this project. The ventilator handover underscores the shared commitment of all partners to building a stronger and more resilient healthcare system.

“Medical equipment not only serves as a support for treatment, but also as a crucial element in disease prevention, diagnosis, and control. Today, we are proud and grateful to hand over ventilators as a concrete form of support for the efforts to enhance healthcare services at PMI Hospital in Southeast Sulawesi. These devices are not merely medical equipment, but also a symbol of our collective commitment to providing the best service to the community,” stated by Prof. Dr. dr. Fachmi Idris, M.Kes, Chair of the Health and Social Affairs Division, PMI Headquarters.

PMI Southeast Sulawesi was inaugurated by PMI Chairman Mr. Jusuf Kalla after a long time slowing down its operation. As one of the hospitals in southeast Sulawesi province, PMI hospital has a pivotal role in providing health services to the local community.

The procurement of all necessary health logistics is conducted within Indonesia through the IFRC, targeting six regional warehouses, PMI hospitals, and clinics to strengthen capacity for preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging infectious diseases. IFRC also plays an active role in overseeing and ensuring the quality of the project, providing timely reporting, and supporting partnerships and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

“By enhancing the capacity of regional warehouses, hospitals, and PMI clinics through strategic partnerships with IFRC, we are not only responding to the challenges that was posed by the COVID-19 pandemic but also reinforcing the infrastructure necessary to tackle emerging infectious diseases. This initiative is not only a critical step in fortifying Indonesia’s healthcare system but also exemplifies our collective commitment to building a more resilient healthcare system, where timely action, collaboration, and preparedness lead to better outcomes for all communities in Indonesia” added by Vijay Kumar Ummidi, Programme Coordinator, IFRC Country Cluster Delegation (Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore and Timor-Leste).



About Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI)

Indonesia Red Cross Society (PMI) is the national Red Cross society in Indonesia, and one of the components of the international movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Founded on 17 September 1945, the PMI networks are in all 34 Provinces and 443 cities all over Indonesia. As an organization based on voluntary service, PMI works with firm hold on the Seven Fundamental Principles of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universalities). The PMI's Mandate is to provide assistance to victims of disaster and conflict as well as the specific mandate given by the government as a voluntary blood donor service. One of the PMI's priorities is to encourage the empowerment of communities' capacity in disaster risk reductions.

About Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

ASEF promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organizations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance & economy, media, public health and sustainable development. Founded in 1997, ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organization located in Singapore. It is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

About IFRC CCD Jakarta

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) through its Country Cluster Delegation (CCD) for Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and Timor-Leste, based in Jakarta, provides support to the Indonesian Red Cross Society on strategic and operational coordination, National Society development, and humanitarian diplomacy. It also supports accountability as a cross-cutting theme. IFRC CCD Jakarta together with IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) also supported and equipped PMI with technical guidelines to provide the best quality of services to communities. The IFRC in Indonesia also acts as representative to ASEAN on behalf of the IFRC network.

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