

Conflict Preparedness with Contingency Plan and SOP



To increase the preparedness, PMI committed to develop SOP and Contingency Plan on providing humanitarian services in conflict situation. The process started in end of 2013 by gathering PMI Provinces with potential clashes as result of different situations. Through this process it was agreed that PMI must have a contingency plan to prepare themselves for the possible violence that might occur related to the 2014 National Election. This initiative was endorsed in PMI annual Disaster Management meeting, with an emphasize that when it comes to providing humanitarian assistance conflict, PMI role is limited to providing humanitarian assistance and not conflict resolution

PMI West Timor (NTT) has developed a draft of contingency plan to anticipate the 2014 election. Three districts were identified as prone to clashes between supporters of



In February 2014, PMI NHQ and PMI Provinces, with support from ICRC developed first draft of the SOP for PMI to work in conflict area. The draft SOP was finalized and presented in 2014 PMI DM Committee meeting. This draft was considered important and useful by the Provinces. Some of the provinces committed to develop Provincial contingency plan to response such emergency. Smaller team consist of PMI NHQ Board member for DM and ICRC finalized the SOP. The SOP was endorsed by PMI Secretary General on 1st July 2014, just eight days before the election. The SOP was distributed to all 33 PMI Provinces.

“With the completion of SOP conflict that was developed by PMI, it will ease up the volunteers to provide red cross services. The SOP could also serve as a guidelines for PMI components in developing policy, access with partners and volunteers when providing red cross services to the beneficiaries. The SOP has integrated elements of Safer Access and Creating Safe Environment when providing services in emergency situation (conflict)”

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President Candidates. In the scenario it was predicted that casualties will occur in three districts that will hampered communities regular activities, including access to food, health, education and livelihood. In such case, PMI will provide basic needs for the victims of the conflict as well as provide protection to vulnerable group in the emergency response. PMI will also coordinate its action with the authorities and related stakeholders.

The 2014 Indonesian National Election went peacefully, with minor clashes, therefore the Contingency plan was not activated. The SOP has triggered the PMI to further strengthen their capacity on providing assistance in insecure and sensitive context through the application of Safer Access Framework.