

**DISASTER TASK FORCE'S MANAGEMENT SUPPORT  
AT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE IN THE MERAPI ERUPTION  
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**Background**

Merapi, the most active volcano in the world, erupted on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 17.02, and followed by several eruptions. The biggest eruption was on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. Damages were catastrophic: 386 people killed, and more than \$400 million lost. A wide area of fertile lands and settlements were destroyed which resulted in more than 200.000 refugees. This disaster had impact to 2 provinces and 6 district. At the emergency phase, a special task force was established by central government of Indonesia. This paper aims to evaluate the task force and the role of its management support during acute phase in the disaster.

**Method**

An input and process evaluation of task force work was implemented

**Results**

The input evaluation shows that the task force members for emergency respon came from central, provincial, district government employees, universities and non government organization members. The financial sources are from public and private funding. The activities process af task force in forms of health response command system, temporary information, supporting the volunteer groups, managing the refugees camps, implementing surveillance system, and backed up the local district health officers. There were problem of programs coordination and channeling the budget from national treasury due to the multiple eruptions. Most of these problems were solved by a management support team for the task force.

**Conclusion**

The multiple strikes of Merapi eruption needs better human resources management and financial support. During merapi eruption, it is proved that a management support for emergency response task force is important. This management support allowed better control and coordination of available resources.