

**PETROKIMIA GRESIK MAKE A QUICK MOVE TO SEND AID 600 FOOD PACKAGES  
FOR MOUNT SEMERU ERUPTION VICTIMS**

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[Petrokimia Gresik](#), an Agroindustry Solution company and a member of [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding handed over aid in the form of 600 food packages for victims of Mount Semeru eruption in Lumajang, East Java, on Sunday (5/12). The aid was handed over by Corporate Secretary of Petrokimia Gresik, Yusuf Wibisono represented Directors of Petrokimia Gresik to the Regent of Lumajang, Thoriqul Haq in Lumajang for the next is distributed to victims.

Yusuf Wibisono conveyed that Petrokimia Gresik as a coordinator of National Disaster Task Force SOEs East Java will always responsive to any condition occur in East Java, including a disaster, such as Mount Semeru eruption at this time that need help from any parties for handling process both during and after the disaster.

"We are sorry and Deep condolence to all people in East Java, especially who live in Lumajang and facing disaster right now. We felt called to help people in Lumajang who become the victims as soon as possible." said Yusuf.

He conveyed that this aid is first phase given by Petrokimia Gresik and the aid is adjusted with the needs of victim, according on discussion with Local Government.

Each food package distributed to the victims contained rice (5 kg), oil (2 liters), instant noodles (3 packs), and 600 ml mineral water (1 bottle). In addition, one box mask is also available, because the eruption of Mount Semeru caused very dense ash, so the aid of this mask is expected to minimize the victims from possible URTI (Upper Respiratory Tract Infection) disorders.

"Furthermore, together with SOEs for the East Java Region, we plan to provide assistance in accordance with the needs during disaster management, including recovery," said Yusuf.

In the same place, the Head of the Lumajang Regional Disaster Management Agency (Kalaksa), Indra Wibowo, expressed his gratitude to Petrokimia Gresik and the SOEs East Java Region for the assistance that was quickly delivered. This assistance is very much needed by the victims who are currently in refugee camps.

"This assistance eases the burden on the victims. In the midst of the disaster, they received concern from Petrokimia Gresik and other SOEs in East Java. Currently, the urgent needs of the victims include basic necessities and mattresses," said Indra.

Mount Semeru erupted on Saturday (4/12) at 15.00 WIB. The volcano, which is located in two districts, namely Malang and Lumajang, emits incandescent lava, roars and thick gray smoke. The sliding distance of the hot avalanche clouds reaches up to tens of kilometres.

The impact of the eruption of Mount Semeru was felt in eight villages from two sub-districts in Lumajang, namely Village of Sumber Wulu, Sumber Mujur, Penanggal, Candipuro and Sumber Rejo, Candipuro District. Meanwhile, in Pronojiwo District, there are three villages, namely Supiturang Village, Sumber Urip, and Oro Oro Ombo Village.

The eruption of Mount Semeru at this time is not only caused casualties, but also material damage where a number of houses were buried up to the roof. The flow of hot clouds also caused the Bridge or Gladak Perak in Candipuro District to break which is the main access for the Malang-Lumajang Southern route. In addition, many residents fled.

The National Disaster Management Agency on Sunday morning noted that 41 residents were victims of the eruption. They suffered burns due to the hot clouds of Mount Semeru falling. In addition, 13 people died.

"Hopefully there will be no aftershocks, so that recovery efforts can run quickly," concluded Yusuf.

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