

**FOLLOWING UP DIRECTIONS OF THE MINISTER ERICK THOHIR,
PETROKIMIA GRESIK WITH EAST JAVA SOE TASK FORCE
DISTRIBUTE PHASE TWO ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE SEMERU ERUPTION**

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[Petrokimia Gresik](#), an Agroindustry Solutions company and member of [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding together with the East Java SOE National Disaster Response Task Force, distributed phase two assistance to victims of the Mount Semeru eruption as a follow-up to the direction of SOEs Minister Erick Thohir. The aid was handed over when Minister Erick Thohir visited victims affected by the eruption of Mount Semeru on Sunday (12/12).

Minister Erick Thohir stated that SOEs from the beginning had been committed in assisting the handling of the Mount Semeru eruption disaster. He assessed that the affected community still really needed various assistance in dealing with the impact of the eruption. For this reason, he asked SOEs to continue to map what the community needs, so that the assistance provided is right on target and according to needs.

"Not only for today's needs, but also for the future," said Minister Erick Thohir.

Furthermore, he said collaboration and mutual assistance were the main keys in disaster management, therefore he invited the SOEs National Disaster Response Task Force to work hand in hand with various parties in handling the impact of the eruption.

"Let us together help ease the burden on the people who are currently experiencing difficulties," he said.

Responding to this, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo, President Director of Petrokimia Gresik and Head of the National Disaster Response Task Force of East Java SOEs said that the National Disaster Response Task Force of East Java SOEs had moved quickly to help deal with the eruption of Mount Semeru for three hours after the eruption by sending volunteers and the first stage of assistance.

"The first phase of assistance focuses on basic needs as an emergency response action," he said.

The assistance included basic necessities; worship clothing and equipment; soup kitchen and rice box; medicines and vitamins; cleaning tool; process tools; blanket; fast food; raincoat; diapers and pads.

"Then after the basic needs are met, we continue to coordinate with the local Regional Disaster Management Agency, to map out needs and determine the next type of assistance," he continued.

The second phase of assistance itself focuses on the fields of education, health and sanitation. These include health checks and trauma healing; 2000 school kits and 10 (ten) 43 inch smart TVs; 5 (five) mobile kitchens; water tank and portable toilet; then water tank cars that supply clean water, ambulances , double cabins , medicine cars , and trucks.

Currently, Petrokimia Gresik and the National Disaster Response Task Force of East Java SOEs are mapping out future needs, because post-eruption recovery takes a long time.

"According to the direction of the Minister, future recovery efforts will focus on relocating temporary shelters, building toilet, as well as educational scholarships for orphans who were victims of the disaster," said Dwi Satriyo.

Finally, he emphasized that the East Java SOEs National Disaster Response Task Force will continue to collaborate with various parties to assist the government in handling and recovering after the Mount Semeru eruption disaster.

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