

**Together Against Corona
SPENT 7,9 BILLION, PETROKIMIA GRESIK'S AID
TOUCHES VARIOUS SECTOR**

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The Ministry of SOE has appointed Petrokimia Gresik, an Indonesian Agroindustry Solutions company and holding member of Pupuk Indonesia, as the Coordinator of the Covid-19 Task Force for East Java SOE Response to assist the government in accelerating the handling of Covid-19 in East Java.

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Rahmad Pribadi explained that as the coordinator of the Task Force, Petrokimia Gresik has divided its tasks and roles to all SOEs located or having a representative office in East Java to contribute. One of them is by helping the distribution of aid to various regions in East Java. As well as establishing 38 Response Centers Covid-19 in all districts/cities in East Java.

This is in accordance with the instruction of SOE Minister Erick Thohir who instructed that Covid-19 handling must comprehensively touch all sectors and regions, remembering the impact of this pandemic have been felt in almost all sectors in the country.

Since March to April 2020, Petrokimia Gresik has spent funds of Rp 7.9 billion for aid in the health, social, economic, religious and agriculture sectors in 20 districts and cities in East Java.

“The distribution is cooperating with other SOE, command center, social organization, instance, and regional or even provincial government,” said Rahmad.

The aid were Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that has been distributed to 32 hospitals and health centers in some phases include 19,493 pcs of cloth masks, 23,200 pcs of surgical masks, 250 pcs of N95 masks, 5,724 pairs of nitrile gloves, 3,648 sets of protective clothes, 1,790 pair of safety boots, 1,470 pcs of face shields and helmets, 189 pairs of non-sterile handscoons, 2,320 of plastic aprons, 278 pcs of goggles, and 20 disinfectant chambers.

The latest, PPE aid is distributed through East Java provincial government and handed over directly by the President Director of Petrokimia Gresik as the Task Force coordinator with the Directors of PTPN X and PT Sier, as well as the Director of HR & General of PT PAL and PT Pelindo 3, representing Task Force members, to East Java Governor Khofifah Indar Parawansa in Grahadi Building Surabaya some time ago.

According to Rahmad, PPE aid for health workers becomes very important considering the positive case of Covid-19 in East Java continues to increase, so that the need for PPE is even higher. In fact, East Java is currently included in the province with the most Covid-19 patient in Indonesia after DKI Jakarta and West Java.

“Beside PPE, we also give aid in the form of medicine which is in accordance with corporate doctor,” add Rahmad.

Furthermore, to ease the burden on small communities who economically affected, Petrokimia Gresik provided 160 tons of rice, 400 boxes of instant noodles, and 300 food packages for the community around the company and other areas such as Lamongan, Pasuruan, and Pamekasan.

Rahmad explained that the nine basic necessities were to help the community meet their daily needs during the physical distancing policy and the #DiRumahAja appeal which was intensified by the central and regional governments in anticipation of the spread of Covid-19.

“Also the implementation of LSSR, in this case for Surabaya, Gresik, and Sidoarjo is extended until 25 May,” said Rahmad.

Besides the aid of food packages, Petrokimia Gresik also educate the dangerous and prevention of Covid-19 as well as spraying disinfectant in 8 villages around the company, government office, and 100 worship places such as mosque, musala, church and temple.

“We realize that in facing this pandemic, we need joint movement and awareness from all parties. For this reason, Petrokimia Gresik continues to build the solidarity with various elements including places of worship around the company,” Rahmad said.

In agriculture sector, Petrokimia Gresik seeks to protect and strengthen the optimism of farmers in pandemic situation by holding rice harvests in two national rice barns, namely Jember and Ngawi on 8-9 April 2020.

This activities is an instruction from Minister of SOE Erick Thohir who instructed to all SOEs in food sector should maintain the food stock and staples, also keep the distribution process while Pandemic Covid-19.

“Rice harvest is one of proof that the effort in fulfilling national food stock especially rice still continues well, so that national food stock can be fulfilled,” explained Rahmad.

Rahmad said that these various efforts and aid were a form of commitment of Petrokimia Gresik as an Agroindustry Solutions company as well as Covid-19 Coordination Task Force for East Java SOE in helping the reduced the spread of Covid-19, especially in East Java.

“This commitment and synergy will always we increase. We are optimist that Indonesia will out soon from this pandemic if all elements keep support each other and cooperate in handling Covid-19,” ended Rahmad.

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