

Media Update

PT Freeport Indonesia Distributes Foodstuffs to Kamoro and Amungme Communities

Timika, 17 April 2020 - Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) by way of its Community Affairs division continues to endeavor to help communities near the company's operating area. Among others, it is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food supplies to the Amungme and Kamoro (AMOR) communities living near the company's operations area. To this end, PTFI is coordinating closely with Mimika's Task Force to Accelerate Control Over COVID-19 and collaborating with Mimika's Cooperatives, Creative Economy, and MSME Office.

"We recognize that the pandemic is bringing about various undesired impacts in the lives of almost all strata of the community. In these challenging times, we are endeavoring to continually assist the Mimika administration to ensure supplies of basic necessities for residents," PT Freeport Indonesia Director of Community Affairs and Social Responsibility, Claus Wamafma.

On Thursday (9/4), the first stage of assistance was gradually delivered to the Kamoro in five villages, namely Koperapoka, Ayuka, Tipuka, Nawaripi, and Nayaro, as well as former Banti residents who have sought refuge in Timika in the wake of security disturbances. The assistance was provided for around 4,200 people, in the form of 2,174 sacks of rice, 6,000 liters of cooking oil, 4,800 boxes of instant noodles, eggs, milk, and baby food.

"PTFI continues to coordinate with all relevant agencies to distribute this humanitarian assistance to communities in other areas," Claus continued.

The second stage of assistance will be conducted using the same mechanism beginning late April. The second stage of relief delivery will be carried out by a PTFI Community Affairs team in conjunction with the Maria Bintang Laut (KMBL) Cooperative and the local administration, with PTFI-mentored local businesses as suppliers.

In addition to supplying foodstuffs for the communities, PT Freeport Indonesia by way of the Amungme and Kamoro Community Empowerment Foundation (YPMAC) is also assisting the Covid-19 handling efforts by the Mimika Regency, Papua Province, and Central governments. "Let us work together, doing whatever we can, to assist each other in overcoming this pandemic," Claus ended.

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