




The Role of The Bandung Regency Government in Disaster Response to Covid – 19

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<p>Article history:</p> <p>Received Jun 02, 2023 Revised Jun 17, 2023 Accepted Jun 21, 2023</p> <hr/> <p>Keywords:</p> <p>Role, Government, covid-19,</p>	<p>As it is known that the Indonesian nation is very vulnerable to disasters. Almost every year, maybe even every year, the Indonesian people always face disasters, especially floods during the rainy season and or drought during the dry season. At this time the Indonesian people and several nations in the world are focusing on tackling the spread of the corona virus (covid - 19) disaster and the challenges they are facing are increasingly increasing. The government needs a comprehensive and integrated management planning strategy, which can be implemented by all elements of government, both central and regional governments and the community in a coordinated manner. The important role of local government in handling Covid - 19 is the most important. All stakeholders, both at the central and regional levels, must increase their hard work in a more coordinated and integrated manner so that the impact caused by Covid - 19 can be minimized and even an antidote can be found. Based on this, researchers are encouraged to try to describe and explain the role of the Bandung district government which is considered relatively successful in tackling the disaster caused by the Covid - 19 pandemic.</p> <p><i>This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC license.</i></p> 

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1. INTRODUCTION

The widespread spread of the Covid-19 corona virus is causing public concern. This is because this new type of corona virus is said to be able to cause death. Previously, this new type of corona virus appeared in Wuhan, China. This virus is then transmitted between humans through droplets of bodily fluids on the hands or solid surfaces. The World Health Organization (WHO) finally established Covid-19 to refer to the corona virus which is currently endemic throughout the world. Since the first time this virus was detected in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, this outbreak has developed very rapidly. WHO then labeled the Covid-19 corona virus outbreak as a global pandemic. The coronavirus pandemic in Indonesia began with the finding of patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on March 2 2020. As of April 4 2020, 2,092 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, with 191 cases of them dying and 150 cases recovering. Cases were stated to be spread across 32 provinces out of a total of 34 provinces in Indonesia, including the Bandung district which is part of West Java province. Based on tribunjabar.id Monday, 24 February 2020 08:02 edition The Bandung Regency Government through the Bandung Regency Health Office has announced that there is a resident who is suspected of having contracted the corona virus and is

currently carrying out an examination at the Hasan Sadikin Hospital (RSHS). Therefore, the Bandung Regency Government took a strategic step by issuing a disaster emergency policy, which was then followed by several other policies that supported the intended policy

2. RESEARCH METHOD

This research specifically highlights the role of the Bandung district government in efforts to tackle the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The type of research used is qualitative, and the research method used is observation, documentation and the results of the experience of the author who has served in one of the district governments in the Province of West Java for almost 24 (twenty four) years.

As it is understood that while serving in the area, the climatic characteristics are generally the same as the districts in West Java province and even at the national level, when the rainy season comes there are always areas that are prone to flooding, even when the dry season comes there are always areas - drought-affected areas due to crop failure.

Data collection was carried out by triangulation (combined). Sources of data from various sites and print media. Data collected in the form of primary data and secondary data.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In terms of handling the Covid-19 disaster, the regional government, including in this case, the Bandung regency government has considerable ability to control the disaster in question. In general, these capabilities include; disaster response planning and preparation, coordinating assistance, reconstruction policy and addressing population problems. Local governments issue various policies through a disaster management program development and can do this by carrying out good coordination. Specifically for handling the COVID-19 outbreak, based on international humanitarian law, the national government is the main party that must respond. This refers to Article 3 of Law Number 24 of 2007 concerning Disaster Management which states that disaster management must be based on main principles or principles, including: humanity, justice, equality in law and government, balance, harmony and harmony, order and legal certainty, togetherness, environmental sustainability, science and technology.

In addition, disaster management must also be based on practical principles fast and precise, priority, coordination and integration, efficient and effective, transparency and accountability, partnership, empowerment, non-discrimination, and non-proselytization.

For managerial technical management of disaster management, including the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak, the regional government has BPBD as a non-departmental government institution that carries out disaster management tasks in both provincial and district/city areas based on policies stipulated by the National Disaster Management Agency.

This BPBD was formed based on Presidential Regulation Number 8 of 2008, replacing the Disaster Management Implementing Coordinating Unit (Satkorlak) at the Provincial level and the Disaster Management Implementing Unit (Satlak PB) at the District / City level, both of which were formed based on Presidential Regulation Number 83 of 2005.

Likewise, the Bandung Regency BPBD which was formed based on the Bandung Regency Regional Regulation number 11 of 2010 concerning the formation of the Bandung Regency Regional Disaster Management Agency. Then operationally it was followed up with the issuance of Regional Regulation (perda) of Bandung Regency number 2 of 2013 concerning Implementation of Disaster Management in Bandung Regency. Thus the legal umbrella for the Bandung Regency Government is complete, including in terms of handling the Covid-19 outbreak.

To deal with the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak, the Bandung district government has declared the corona virus event a disaster emergency, as stipulated in Article 23 of Law No. 24 of 2007 concerning Disaster Management, namely; establishment of regional disaster management implementing elements that have coordination, command and executor functions in the implementation of regional disasters in their respective regions. Its membership consists of professionals and experts. Regarding efforts to accelerate the handling of the corona virus by the Regional Government, the Indonesian Minister of Home Affairs issued Permendagri No. 20 of 2020 on March 14. The regulations contain several things:

1. The local government needs to take steps to anticipate and deal with the impact of the Corona virus transmission.
2. The local government needs to prioritize the use of the APBD to anticipate and deal with the impact of the corona virus transmission.
3. Regional Heads must form a Task Force for the Acceleration of Handling Corona Virus Transmission.
4. In taking steps to anticipate and deal with the impact of the transmission of the corona virus, the Regional Government can make expenditures for which the budget is not yet available, which is then proposed in the Draft Revised APBD.

Likewise with the Bandung regency government, the acceleration of the handling of disease outbreaks due to the corona virus in Bandung Regency continues to be carried out. Through a coordination meeting chaired directly by the Regent of Bandung, H. Dadang M. Naser, he put forward the formation of a new task force structure. The formation refers to the Circular Letter (SE) of the Minister of Home Affairs (Mendagri) Number 440/2622/SJ concerning the Formation of a Task Force for the Acceleration of Handling Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the Regions.

The Regent of Bandung as Chair of the Task Force in the new structure said that now Indonesia is facing a disaster emergency. With the publication of the SE of the Minister of Home Affairs, he hopes that there will be a common attitude regarding the technical main tasks of the task force, shifting of budgets and education and socialization of Covid-19 up to the RT RW level.

Regarding the distribution of cash and food assistance from the Provincial Government (Pemprov) of West Java (West Java), the Regent instructed each sub-district to map the distribution of new poor people (misbar) in their area so that the assistance was right on target.

Various efforts/policies have been made by the government in handling the spread of Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19), including in Bandung Regency. Bandung Regent H. Dadang M. Naser, SH, S.Ip., M.Ip officially instructed the Regional Apparatus (PD) to evaluate infrastructure activities that could be postponed, except for the health and education sectors. The budget reallocation was taken by the government because the handling of Covid-19 was quite long and required large funds. Here are some policies of the Bandung regency government:

a. Policies in the Financial Sector

In terms of allocating the disaster budget, it has been stated in articles 60-62 of Law No. 24 of 2007 concerning Disaster Management (PB) that it is determined that Disaster Management funds are a shared responsibility between the Central Government and Regional Governments which are allocated adequately in the APBN/APBD.

Furthermore, Regulation of the Minister of Finance No. 19/PMK.7/2020, which in Article 3 states that Regional Governments are required to budget for mandatory health expenditures, the amount of which has been determined in the APBD and/or APBD Amendments. And the mandatory spending in the health sector needs to be directed towards preventing and handling the corona virus.

The Bandung Regent directly assigned the regional secretary and the ranks of the State Civil Apparatus (ASN) within the Bandung Regency Government to immediately reallocate the budget during a disaster emergency. Reallocation funds must directly touch the community to help maintain purchasing power. During the handling of Covid-19, several budget items that were deemed not needed were immediately transferred to the Unexpected Assistance (BTT) post. The Regent also hopes that in technical handling, all focus first on meeting the needs of the people.

b. Policies in the Economic Sector

The government and regional governments are responsible for providing compensation for grief and disability for disaster victims. Disaster victims who have lost their livelihoods can be given soft loans for productive businesses. This is specified in Article 69 of the Law on Disaster Management. Further provisions of the provisions above are regulated by Government Regulation No. 22 of 2008 concerning Funding and Management of Disaster Aid. Then, regulations derived from these provisions are further regulated in the Permendagri and Permenkeu.

The outbreak of disease caused by the corona virus (Covid-19), has an impact on all aspects of people's lives. One of them is the decline in the pace of the economy. The issue of Covid-19, of course, has an impact on a decrease in income. Because there is an appeal for the closure of tourism

places, crowds, hotels and restaurants. With the current pattern of state policies, it will have an impact on regional income and the rupiah exchange rate.

The availability of several staple foods for the community (kepokmas) in the Bandung regency area was quite affected, including white sugar, which was only limited to 2 kilograms (kg) per person. Garlic and onions are also getting scarce. But for other commodities, such as rice, meat and fish, Bandung Regency is still in surplus. One of the things that can be done is to increase the potential of the region, you don't have to think about spending from abroad as long as there are goods in the country.

c. Co-19 countermeasures during floods

As the author stated above, in addition to activities to combat the spread of Covid-19, several areas of Bandung Regency are also trying to overcome the impact of the rainy season, namely flooding. To ensure that the health and needs of residents affected by the floods are handled properly, Bandung Regent H. Dadang M. Naser visited dozens of flood victims at the evacuation shelter in Andir Village, Baleendah District, Saturday (21/03).

The Regent of Dadang Naser, who was accompanied by the Chief Executive (Kalak) of the Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) of Bandung Regency, and the Head of Baleendah Subdistrict, after determining the evacuation location and flood disaster post, then provided/distributed logistical assistance. All regional apparatus organizations (OPD), vertical agencies in the regions, including the local BUMD are also involved in the flood disaster management.

Not only distributing logistical needs, the regency through the Health Service (Dinkes) distributed 600 masks, 500 ml hand sanitizer, 5 1 gallon hand sanitizer refills, 500 ml hand washing soap, 5 1 gallon refill hand washing soap, 60 ml hand sanitizer 40 bottles and 1 box of masks from the Governor of West Java.

Officials in the regions (sub-districts and villages) are actively disseminating information to people affected by the flood disaster, so that they can avoid the corona virus by adopting a healthy lifestyle. because when they gather in refugee camps, of course they are very vulnerable to the corona virus. To anticipate this, apart from being given masks, they are also encouraged to behave healthily. A total of 3 (three) sub-districts in Bandung Regency were flooded, with a total of around 23,735 households (KK) or around 84,609 people affected and the number of refugees reaching 350 families or 926 people. From the latest data from the Pusdalops (Center for Disaster Management and Operations) 21-22 March 2020 at 23.30 - 7.30 WIB, there were 3 (three) sub-districts that were flooded, including;

- 1) Dayeuhkolot District (Dayeuhkolot Village and Citereup Village),
- 2) Baleendah District (Andir Village) and
- 3) Bojongsoang District (Andir Village)

Meanwhile, in accelerating the evacuation process, the Bandung Regency BPBD sent a number of personnel and 3 (three) rubber boats. In order to provide a sense of security to refugees, his party coordinated with related agencies (the health office) to spray disinfectants at the BPBD evacuation building. Because the flood this time coincided with the outbreak of the Covid-19 outbreak, the BPBD is trying to protect the community, especially the group of refugees, so they don't get infected.

Apart from being sprayed with disinfectant, the BPBD has also implemented thermal screening for evacuees. The Bandung Regency Government through the BPBD is making every effort possible to suppress the spread of Covid-19, by spraying disinfectants, thermal screening, CTPS or cleaning hands using a hand sanitizer as well as implementing PHBS (Clean and Healthy Lifestyle) with guidance from friends at the Community Health Center in Baleendah.

4. CONCLUSION

As a measure to prevent and control the spread of disease due to Corona Virus Infection, the Bandung Regency Government (Pemkab) has declared a state of emergency for Covid-19. The determination of the status was carried out through the issuance of a Decree (SK) of the Bandung Regent Number 360/Kep.235-BPBD/2020 Concerning the Determination of the Status of Certain

Emergency Conditions for Disease Outbreaks Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the Bandung Regency Area.

Several policies were launched by the Bandung Regency Government to inhibit and stop the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak, including; policies in the field of health and employment and services. This policy is inseparable from coordination with the West Java provincial government. Dissemination of physical distance and social distance, including PHBS (clean and healthy lifestyle) to the community continues to be carried out and carried out in stages, starting at the district, agency/agency, sub-district and village/kelurahan levels.

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