

Freeport Repairs Roads & Bridges Damaged By Floods in Kampung Waa Banti

(TEMBAGAPURA) 13 June 2024 - Freeport Indonesia deployed a special team to repair roads and bridges that were damaged as a result of high rainfall, floods and landslips occurring from 1 through 3 June, in the village of Kampung Waa Banti, Tembagapura District, Mimika Regency.

“We moved quickly to deploy heavy equipment consisting of 2 Excavators, 4 Articulate Dump Trucks, 1 Wheel Loader, and 1 Grader, along with a crew to carry out repair work on roads, embankments, river normalization, and the Agwamage bridge abutment and wing retaining walls, which were beginning to be eroded by the river current,” PTFI Senior Vice President for Community Development, Nathan Kum.

Floods lasting for three days had damaged access roads, river embankments, and bridges, and there were landslips at six points along the stretch of road heading west in the direction of Banti, consequently affecting transportation for residents and disrupting mobility for Rumah Sakit hospital health workers. The Kampung Waa Banti area is located at a distance of 5 km from the PTFI operating area in Tembagapura.

Nathan said the damaged roads and bridge provided the only overland access connecting Timika, Tembagapura, to the villages of Kampung Banti, Kampung Opitawak, and Kampung Aroanop. As such, immediate repair of the roads and bridges was deemed highly urgent.

“Our priority was reopening the access roads, which are used on a daily basis by residents, and ensuring smooth transportation for health workers from Tembagapura to RS Banti hospital,” Nathan added

The village head in Banti 2, Demianus Natkime said residents’ mobility was disrupted as a result of floods and landslips. “On behalf of the communities of the three villages, I would like to thank Freeport for moving swiftly to assist with repairs on the main access roads to the villages of Waa Banti. Hopefully the weather will return to normal so that no more disasters occur,” he said.

Repair work on roads and bridges to assist residents of Kampung Waa Banti was carried out by PTFI with assistance from TNI and the Police to monitor the areas impacted by floods and landslips, until the weather improves and road access returns to normal to allow for safe traveling,

PHOTO	CAPTION
	<p>PTFI deploying heavy equipment to repair road infrastructure damaged by floods and landslips in the village of Kampung Waa Banti, Tembagapura District.</p>
	<p>The normalization process for Agawagong River to prevent erosion of retaining structures supporting bridges in Kampung Waa Banti.</p>
	<p>The PTFI team carrying out repair work on the main access road to the village of Waa Banti, which was damaged as a result of high rainfall since early June 2024.</p>



Increased water flow rate in the river resulting from high rainfall damaged river embankments, disrupting access to the main road from Tembagapura to Kampung Waa Banti.