

## Debris Flow Disaster Mitigation Project in Mt. Merapi Area, Indonesia

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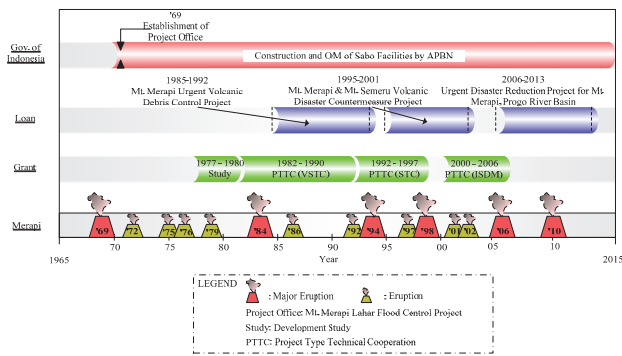
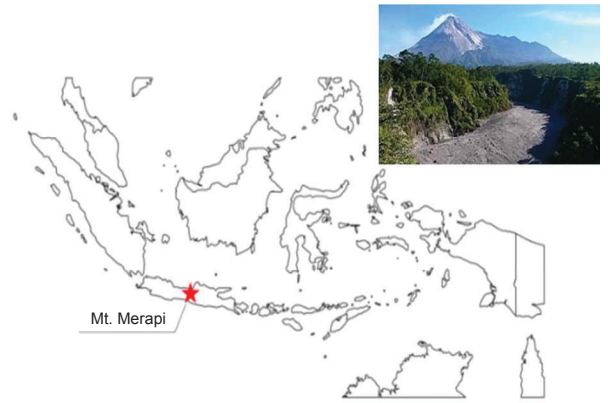
Mt. Merapi is located in Central Java, Indonesia, which is one of the most active volcanos in the world. Eruptive activity, including small and medium-sized eruption, has occurred every three to five years. In January 1969, the large scale pyroclastic flow occurred, and successive debris flows caused damages of 291 houses destroyed, losses of 320 ha of agriculture land in addition to 6 casualties.

In 1990s, eruption cycle was shortened and arable land and residential area expanded to hillside, while Sabo facility construction was extended. As a result, vulnerability against volcanic disaster is still high. The 2010 eruption is estimated as probability more than 100 years, resulting in 386 people dead and 400,000 people refugee. Tremendous debris flow occurred in the rainy season just after the eruption, and damaged not only houses and farms but many public facilities such as roads, bridges, irrigation facilities.

On the other hand, uncontrolled sand mining conducted extensively in Mt. Merapi area has caused serious problems, such as riverbed degradation, unstableness of river structures, environmental issues and so on. In the lower reaches of Progo River to which many mountain streams from Mt. Merapi flow into, two important bridges for regional/national transportation system are in danger of collapse.

To mitigate the disaster issues, sediment disaster mitigation is recognized together with riverbed stabilization and sand mining management to achieve the regional development. Sand mining management is a part of sediment control plan and the regional development is necessary to control the sand mining by providing an alternative income source.

A Japanese ODA Loan Project has been conducted in 2006 - 2013 with targeting "sustainable regional development through disaster mitigation". The Project consists of structural measures against debris flow disaster, i.e. construction of sediment control facilities so called as "Sabo facilities", non-structural measures such as enhancement of monitoring, forecasting and information system, evacuation shelters and evacuation routes, community-based disaster management programs such as evacuation drills and public campaigns, development of GIS database and OM programs, workshop and equipment for disaster emergency works, riverbed stabilization works in downstream reach, and sand mining management programs. These countermeasures interact to each other and require the integrated implementation to contribute the sustainable regional development, such as agriculture, tourism, and so on.







**Objective**

1. To protect Yogyakarta and Central Java from Mt. Merapi volcanic disaster
2. To sustain sabo facilities and sand mining
3. To increase people's welfare



**Urgent Disaster Reduction Project for Mt. Merapi, Progo River Basin**

**Countermeasures of Volcanic Disaster Mitigation**

**Structure Measures:**  
-Sabo Dams

**Non-structure Measures:**  
-Evacuation Roads and Shelters  
-Monitoring, Forecasting, and Early Warning System

-Evacuation System

-GIS Database for Disaster Management

**Institution & Community Development**

**Institution and Community Development:**  
-Establishment of sand mining management institution  
-Establishment of community instit.

**Sand Mining Facilities for Sand Mining Management Institution:**  
-Office Building, Equipment, Stockyard, etc.

**Riverbed Stabilization**

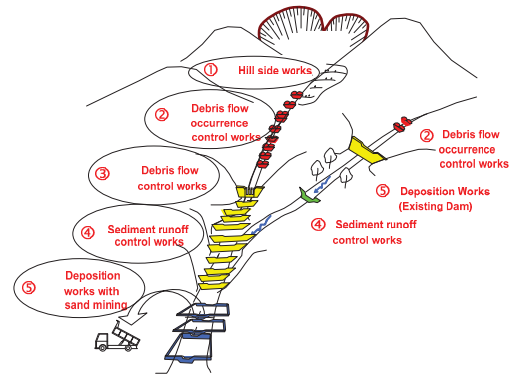
-Construction of Groundsill in lower basin of Progo river

**Regional Development**

-Rehabilitation of Irrigation Weirs  
-Construction of Syphone in Krasak

**Community-based Sand Mining and Disaster Management in Mt. Merapi Area**

**Conceptual Sabo Facility Plan**



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**Evacuation System**

Item	Description	Volume
Evacuation Road	Cangkringan-Geblok	1.975 km
	Tempuran-Sumberejo	2.875 km
	Tegal Mulyo-Suwono	0.811 km
	Total	5.661 km
Signboard	Sleman Regency	32 posts
	Klaten Regency	79 posts
	Total	111 posts
Evacuation Shelter	Balai Desa Ngadipuro (New Building)	1 hall
	Ex SMP Bapendik - Jeruk Agung village (New)	1 hall
	Soccer ground in Kepuharjo village (New)	1 hall
	Supporting Equipment for Klaten	1 set
	- 50 kg Rice Cooker - 5,000 litter Movable Water Tank	





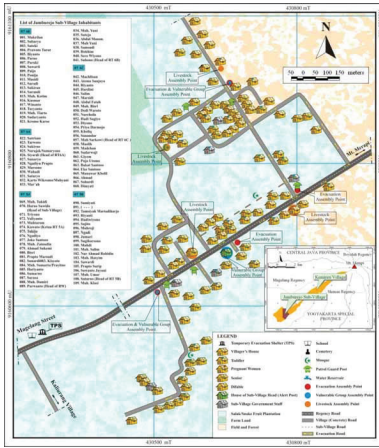




### Evacuation Map

- Location of house, TPS, and alert post
- Assembly point
- Evacuation route
- Vulnerable group

- Temporary Evacuation Shelter
- Villager's House
- Toddler
- Pregnant Women
- Senior
- Difable
- House of Sub-Village Head
- Sub-Village Government Staff



Source: DGWRD Ministry of Public Works (2009): Study on the Institution and Community Development at Mt. Merapi

This infographic provides instructions for disaster preparedness. It includes sections for 'DISASTER PREPAREDNESS!', 'Items not to bring when evacuating...' (listing livestock and furniture), 'Don't forget... TO PREPARE...!!!' (listing items for babies, seniors, and the elderly), and 'Gather at the Assembly Point'. It also lists 'Precious items' to take (ID cards, cash, photos, etc.) and 'The items to bring when evacuating' (clothing, shoes, etc.). A 'WARNING' box states 'Don't bring items weight more than 20 kg'. The infographic is illustrated with cartoon characters and various disaster-related icons.

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### Education Materials (Draft)

This section shows draft educational materials. It includes two 'Guideline Book & the Worksheet' covers for 'BENCANA GUNUNG API' and 'BENCANA MERAPI'. Below are 'Some Pictures of Comics' and a 'Height Scale' diagram. A 'Story Book' is also shown. The materials are colorful and feature illustrations of children and disaster scenarios.

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### Introduction and Adaptation of Bosai Duck and Bosai Dance

This section introduces two disaster education tools. On the left, 'Bosai Duck' is shown as a game used as a disaster education tool, featuring a cartoon duck and a duck-shaped container. On the right, 'Bosai Dance' is shown as a game aimed to make the community easier in understanding the characteristics of disaster and managing a panic condition. The dance is performed in a community setting.

