S'pore Red Cross gives 5,000 food packs to Indonesian flood victims

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SINGAPORE: The Singapore Red Cross is contributing 5,000 food packs to help the relief efforts of the Indonesian Red Crescent Society.

Costing approximately $30,000, the food packs - comprising milk biscuits for babies, cream crackers and bottled water - will be distributed to flood victims in Aceh and North Sumatra.

The food items will be packed in Medan before being distributed to the flood victims.

The move by the Red Cross comes in response to a request by its sister society in Indonesia.

Indonesia has been affected by a wave of floods and landslides recently.

Some reports say the Manado district in North Sulawesi appears to be the worst hit, where close to 8,000 families were affected, mostly the poorer people living on low land facing the river.

The Singapore Red Cross says it will continue to monitor the flood situation closely with its sister society and that it is on 24-hour standby to provide medical and relief assistance, if required. - CNA/ir
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