

Media Update

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MoU Signing between Mimika Health Office and Freeport Indonesia for Waa Banti Hospital Operation

Tembagapura – Waa Banti Hospital (RSWB), which was rebuilt and inaugurated by Mimika Regent **Dr. Eltinus Omaleng, S.E., M.H** on September 15, is fully prepared to commence operations with enhanced healthcare facilities. On Thursday (2/11), the Mimika Regency Health Office and PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize the operation of the Primary Hospital in Waa Banti Village. This agreement, in effect until December 31, 2024, outlines their collaboration to enhance facilities and infrastructure and ensure the hospital's efficient operation.

Director, Executive Vice President (EVP) Social Responsibility & Community Development of PTFI **Claus Wamafma** emphasized the strategic significance of Waa Banti Hospital in delivering healthcare services to the communities of Banti I, Banti II, Opitawak, and neighboring regions. Acknowledging the pivotal role of robust healthcare infrastructure in the recovery and advancement of this area was the primary catalyst for the collaboration between the Mimika Regency Government and PTFI in fostering the development of Waa Banti Hospital.

"The reconstruction of Waa Banti Hospital underscores the strong commitment to cooperation among the government, PTFI, the Amungme and Kamoro Community Empowerment Foundation (YPMak), and all stakeholders to reopen access to health services for the community in Tembagapura District, Mimika Regency, Central Papua Province," said Claus Wamafma.

During the construction of Waa Banti Hospital by the Government, PTFI was involved in land clearing for the hospital's construction site, transportation of construction materials and workforce, provision of essential materials, access to clean water and electricity, supply of construction equipment, technical assistance, and the donation of one ambulance. In addition, YPMak also donated land for the establishment of Waa Banti Hospital.

For the operation of Waa Banti Hospital, as stated in the MoU with the Mimika Regency Health Office, PTFI will provide comprehensive support. This includes one operational vehicle, regular maintenance for two operational vehicles, a generator unit, diesel fuel for the generator, and two more operational vehicles. Furthermore, PTFI will ensure the provision of food for healthcare personnel and patients, temporary lodging support for healthcare workers, and the establishment of emergency communication channels. PTFI will also facilitate in-house training and patient referrals with the participation of PTFI Tembagapura Hospital. This extends to ambulance escort services for referred patients to RSUD Timika, alongside medical waste management, equipment hygiene maintenance, and an assessment of slope stability on the hospital's surrounding land.

Waa Banti Hospital was established in 2002 and has a 72-bed capacity. It is funded by LPMak (now YPMak) and operated by ISOS. In addition to contributing the land for its construction, YPMak has generously donated IDR 3.8 billion for procuring essential hospital furniture.

Waa Banti Hospital faced two security challenges. In 2017, it was subjected to arson and vandalism by an unknown group, necessitating the evacuation of hundreds to Timika. Then, in 2019, security concerns led to another evacuation of Banti residents. In 2021, PTFI played a pivotal role in the restoration efforts, including reinstating electricity and ensuring a clean water supply.

In 2022, the Government rebuilt Waa Banti Hospital with support from PTFI and YPMAK. On September 15, 2023, RS Waa Banti was inaugurated by the Regent of Mimika and has served more than 1,000 patients since its opening. In 2023, road, bridge, and economic program improvements were initiated by PTFI as part of the normalization of Banti.

Head of Mimika's Health Department **Reynold Ubra** said that the bolstering of Waa Banti Hospital would involve the deployment of approximately 60 healthcare professionals from various health centers, including Banti Post. As a primary hospital, Waa Banti Hospital is set to focus on curative healthcare, encompassing both outpatient and inpatient services. In its initial phase, the hospital will offer four key services: general poly, pharmacy, maternity services, and emergency care.

"The partnership between the Mimika Regency Government and PTFI has played a vital role in enhancing public healthcare facilities, particularly in the proximity of PTFI operations, such as the Banti village. Waa Banti Hospital, in addition to offering healthcare services to the Banti community, will also serve residents of the Tembagapura District and its neighboring areas, significantly improving healthcare access for the region," said Reynold Ubra.

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| <p>Photos 1a-c</p>  | <p>(L-R) Vice President of Government Relations PTFI John Lingga and Head of Mimika's Health Department Reynold Ubra signed a MoU for the operation of Waa Banti Hospital at Rimba Papua Hotel, Thursday (2/11).</p> |



Photo 2



With the support of PTFI, the Mimika Regional Government inaugurated Waa Banti Hospital in Tembagapura District, Friday (15/9).

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