

# **The Application of Sabo Technology for Lahars Flood Mitigation and Warning System in Volcanic Area**

**Agus Sumaryono  
Bambang Sukatja  
F. Tata Yunita**

# BACKGROUND



Indonesia is one of the countries which are rich of active volcanoes (129 active volcanoes).

The activities volcanoes caused disaster such as loss of life and properties, damages of infrastructures and farmland, and also damages of hydraulic structure.

The Indonesia Government has constructed several sediment control structures along the lahars river and established warning and evacuation system in Mt. Merapi and Mt. Semeru.

The sediment control works have shown good results, on the other hands the warning and evacuation system showed insufficient result due to some reason.

# SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The existing sediment control structures, warning and evacuation system against lahars flood in:

## 1. Mt. Merapi

- Boyong River (upstream)
- Code River (downstream)

## 2. Mt. Semeru

- Mujur R
- Rejali R
- Glidik R

# The Eruption of Merapi Volcano in 1994



- hundreds hectares of forest damaged,
- tens houses were destroyed,
- tens hectares of farmland were buried,
- 64 people and 10 cattle died.

The eruption produced 4 million cubic meter of pyroclastic which was deposited on the south slope of Merapi Volcano.



# Lahar Flow in Boyong & Code River

**After 1994 Merapi eruption,  $\pm$  80% of pyroclastic material deposited the upstream of Boyong R.**

**In rainy season, the rain water mixed with sediment deposit and the mixture flow downward in the form of lahar flow.**

**The dense populated area along Boyong and Code River are effected by lahars floods.**

**It is needed to construct a series of sediment control structure and establish a forecasting and warning system along Boyong River.**

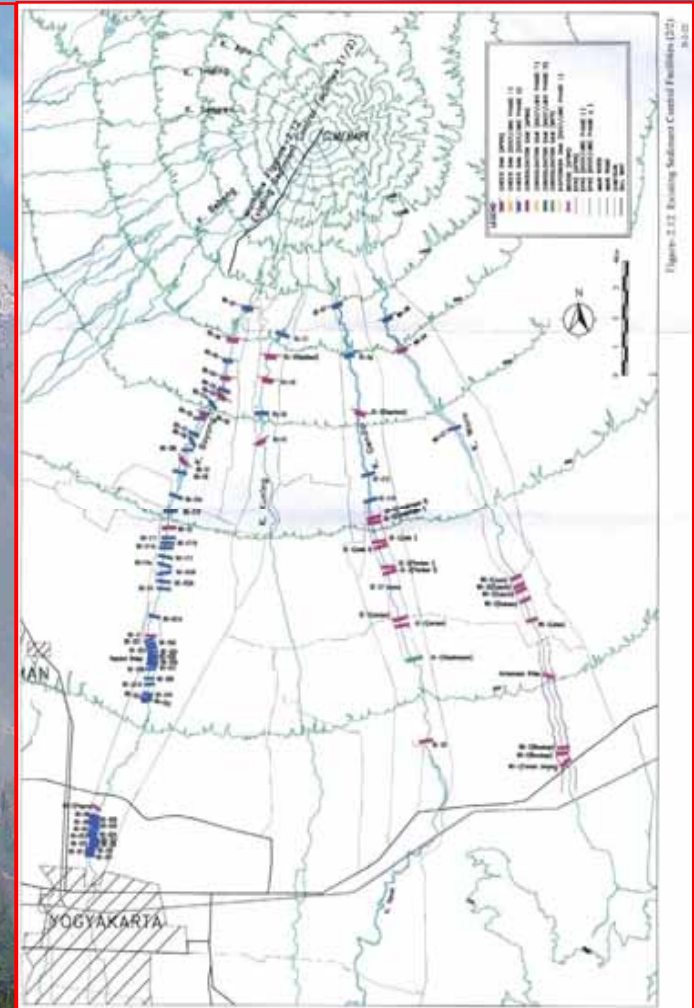
# Lahar Flood Control Works in Boyong & Code River

The existing sediment control structures along Boyong and Code River:

- Check dams : 8 units
- Consolidation dams : 19 units
- Groundsills : 23 units
- Bed girdle : 6 units
- Revertments : 9.167 m
- Training dikes : 3.880 m

The planned capacity of sediment control works is 2,827,300 m<sup>3</sup>.

The existing volume of sediment controlled by the structures is 1,509,000 m<sup>3</sup>.



# The existing sediment control structures in Boyong River

**BO-D5, Slit Type Check dam**



**BO-D1, Conventional Type Checkdam**



**BO-C12, Consolidation Dam**

# The existing .....



**BO-GS2B, Groundsill**



**BO-C10,  
Multi-function sabo dam**





# Lahars Flood Warning & Evacuation System in Boyong River

**The existing warning & evacuation system :**

- **Automatic Rain Gauge : 1 unit**
- **Lahars Flood Sensor : 1 unit**
- **Ultrasonic Water Level Gauge : 2 units**
- **Telemeter system : 1 unit**

# The existing warning system equipment

## Boyong River



Automatic rain gauge  
in Kaliurang

Telemeter System of  
Automatic Rain  
Gauge in Plawangan



# The existing....

## Boyong River



**Control Room of  
Telemeter System in  
Experimental Station  
for Sabo in Yogyakarta**



**Automatic Water Level Gauge  
in Pulowatu**

# Evacuation Drill in Merapi Area

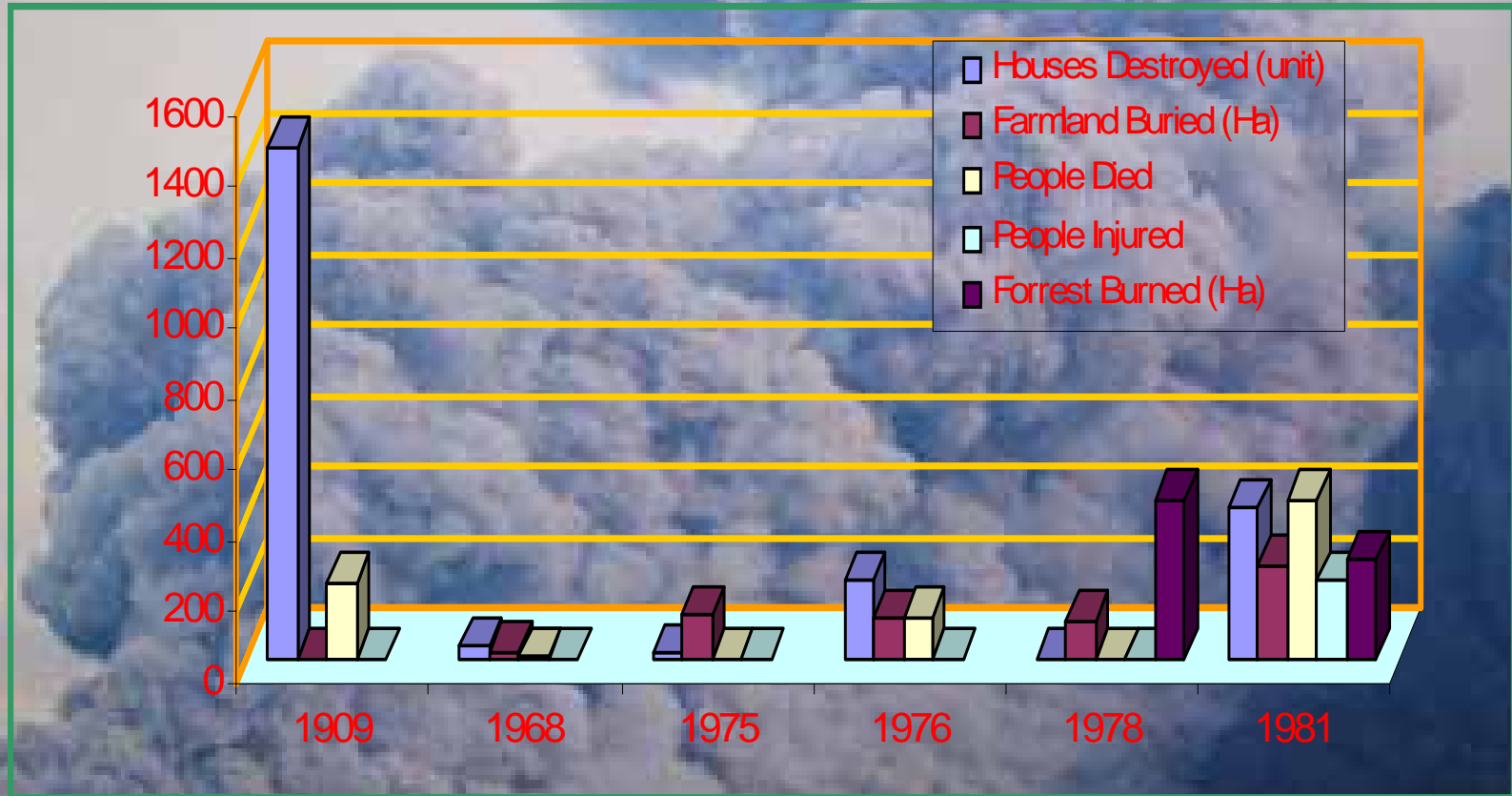


The operator was receiving warning signal for evacuating the people from vulnerable area

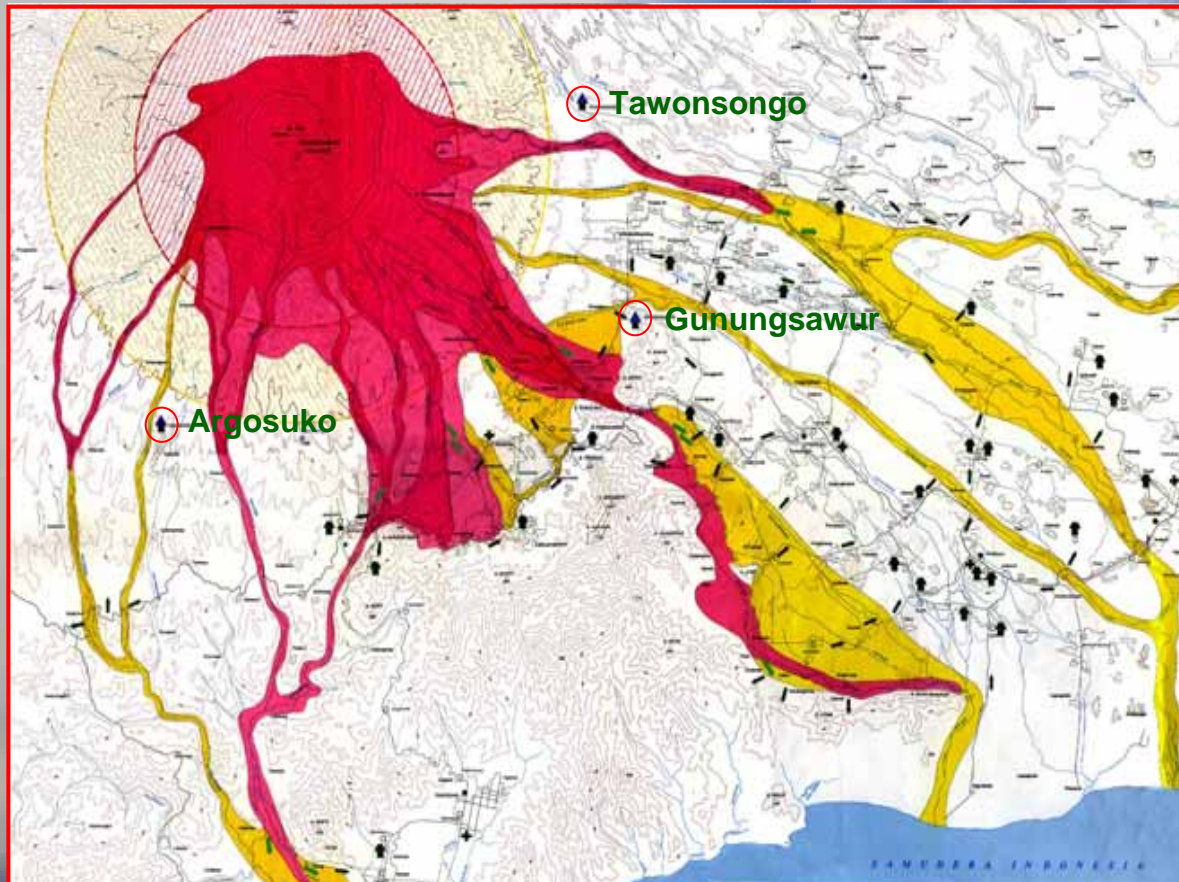


Evacuation drill was done by local people.

# Lahar Flood Disaster in Mt. Semeru Area



# Lahar Flood Countermeasure in Mt. Semeru



## 1. Structural : sediment control structures.

- Mujur
- Rejali
- Glidik

## 2. Non Structural :

- lahar flood forecasting
- Warning & evacuation system

# Forecasting & Warning System in Semeru Volcanic Area

No	River Catchment	ARG		AWLG		Lahar Sensor		Radio Station	
		Exist	Add	Exist	Add	Exist	Add	Exist	Add
1	Mujur	2	2	-	2	1	1	1	5
2	Rejali	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1
3	Glidik	-	3	-	2	1	2	2	3

**Note :** ARG : Telemeter Automatic Rainfall Gauge  
 AWWG : Telemeter Automatic Water Level Gauge  
 Exist : Existing,  
 Add : Additional

# The lahar forecasting system equipment



**Main Control Station of Lahars Warning System in Lumajang**



**Telemeter System of Automatic Water Level Recorder in Besuk Koboan River**



**Non-telemeter Automatic Rain Gauge in Mujur River Catchment Area**

SEMERU  
SEMERU



# The existing warning system equipment

# SEMERU



**Radio and Siren Equipment at Station of Warning System**



**Station of Lahars Warning System in Lumajang**



**Main Station of Lahars Warning System in Lumajang**

# DISCUSSION

## 1. Lahar Flood Countermeasure in Boyong River, Mt. Merapi Area

- The number of sediment control structures is sufficient to control sediment discharge and to protect Yogyakarta City from lahar flood.
- The existing equipment for lahar forecasting and warning system is in good condition and can be operated well without any significant problem.

## 2. Lahar Flood Forecasting & Warning System in Mt. Semeru Area

- The early warning and evacuation system should be improved by installing additional warning equipment as well as the capacity of human resources.
- The evacuation routes and camps should be clearly designated.
- Evacuation drill should be carried out yearly.

# CONCLUSION

1. The existing sediment control structures in Boyong River, Merapi Volcanic Area is sufficient to protect Yogyakarta city from lahar flood as well as to secure the inhabitant who live surrounding the river.
2. The existing forecasting and warning system along Boyong River can work well in order to send the information and warning to the local people who live in the vulnerable area.
3. The existing forecasting and warning system against Lahars flood in Semeru Volcanic Area should be developed in order to send the information and warning to the local people who live in the vulnerable area well.

**THANK YOU**

