

***The President: Prioritize the Protection for Health Workers! ***

President Joko Widodo instructed that the protection of health workers and the provision of medicines and healthcare equipment as the top priority. He emphasized on this concern when chairing a limited meeting to discuss the response to the corona virus pandemic or Covid-19 by teleconference at the Bogor Presidential Palace, West Java, on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Make sure that all doctors, medical personnel and nurses can work safely with adequate medical equipment . On March 23, the central government shipped a total of 165,000 PPE (personal protective equipment) to every province and I also expect that deliveries be truly monitored. "The provinces must deliver the PPEs immediately, for immediate transfer to hospitals in the

area so they can provide good healthcare services to the community," said the President.

Based on report received by the President, currently the PPE supply is decreasing and the estimate indicates that Indonesia will need approximately 3 million of PPEs until the end of May. Therefore, the President instructed for an accelerated procurement for the PPE.

"I also expect for the utilization of domestic products. "From the data I received, there are 28 PPE-manufacturing companies in our country," he added.

To support the PPE production, the President instructed for import facilitation of the raw materials. At the same time, the President also asked for accelerated development to manufacture ventilators domestically.

In addition to medical equipments concerns , the Head of State also requested his staffs to give a close attention on availability of rapid test kits _ , PCR _ (polymerase chain reaction) _ and VTM _ (viral transport media) _ for rapid testings in laboratories. For the rapid test, the President instructed for the prioritization of health workers and their entire family, especially the ones with ODP status (people under observation).

"Please also notice that some of the governors conveyed about the need for lab test equipment, such as PCR and VTM reagents. All governors are requesting for the equipment. Therefore, please prioritize the procurement for these items," he said.

In addition, the President requested his subordinate to build a service information system for referral hospitals, including information system on availability of treatment

rooms at emergency hospitals such as Wisma Atlet Kemayoran, Jakarta.

"The registration system should be integrated online to make everyone receiving the service faster" he said.

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