

DERU UGM Launches Prevention of COVID-19 Campaign

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UGM Volunteer Disaster Response Unit (DERU) vigorously campaigned the prevention of COVID-19 spread throughout various media advertisements, stickers, and broadcast public service announcements via radio. COVID-19 education activities conducted to reduce the number of range of this virus so that it will not increase. "We also plan to open services in Javanese through billboards, stickers, public service announcements on the radio," DERU volunteer member Destina Kawanti told to reporters on Wednesday (3/25).

Aside from vigorously conducting a campaign to prevent the spread of Covid-19, Destina said, she also distributed hand sanitizer liquid to traders, pedicab drivers, employees, students, employees to medical officers in puskesmas and hospitals around the DIY area. "Together with Kagama Care and Kagama Arena until now has distributed more than 250 liters with a target of 500 liters hand sanitizer," she said.

In addition to hand sanitizers, DERU also distributed medical-surgical masks to market traders, pedicab drivers, and online motorcycle taxi drivers. They will also distribute medical masks to health workers. "There are 5,000 non-medical masks and 200 boxes medical masks," she said.

Although the distribution of masks and hand sanitizers intended only for a region in DIY, she is



working with alumni who are also members of the Universitas Gadjah Mada Alumni Family to work together to do the same thing in the other areas in Indonesia.

According to Destina, what DERU is doing is expected to encourage other community groups to work together to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 outbreak from becoming more widespread, especially since the community is not yet fully aware of the threat of the global pandemic. "At present, we have also coordinated with the UGM COVID-19 Task Force. We will continue to carry out education and later will involve KKN students and alumni," she said.

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