



OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS RECOVERY COORDINATOR FOR ACEH AND NIAS

HUMANITARIAN AND RECOVERY UPDATE – ACEH & NIAS

JUNE 2006

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar

On 29 June, USAID presented at the public forum the approved alignment and right-of-way for the Banda Aceh-Calang section of the west coast highway. The solicitation of the primary road construction contract stated on 10 June and proposals are due on 28 July. The award of the primary contract is scheduled for September 2006. The Parsons outreach team continues to visit 120 villages near the alignment to keep them informed of the progress. The list of these villages is updated to facilitate the Government's right of way acquisition process. The outreach team is also updating the list of NGO activities along the alignment. UNORC has established partnership with the outreach team with a view to sharing data and working at sub-district level on issues relating to the impact of the road alignment on other infrastructure needs, relocation and land purchasing.

Aceh Jaya

BRR regional office has officially opened its new office premises in Calang on 8 June. BRR plans to reinforce staff at the Calang regional office in July. Additionally, BRR has appointed a representative based in Lamno. With regards to the Joint Secretariat, BRR will have an advisor in Calang who previously supported the establishment of the Joint Secretariat in Nias. It is planned that discussions will be soon held with local government and other stakeholders on how the Joint Secretariat should be developed to match the needs and the resources available in Aceh Jaya district.

CWS has established presence in Aceh Jaya as of June, with office base in Calang. They are starting the reassessment to identify livelihood and watsan needs. YIPD opened an office in Lamno to start ANGEP (Aceh Nias Governance Enhancement Programme) which will be implemented in Jaya and Sampoiniet sub-districts. Tear Fund will commence its livelihood and agricultural projects in 6 villages in Samponiet and Setia Bakti while continuing with further assessment to develop longer term intervention. BRR is reviewing the concept note.

MDM Spain will continue the construction of the puskesmas in Calang while preparing to close the office in August. Assets will be handed over to local government. MDM France is finishing the health centre in Krueng Sabee and will end its activities in September. ILO will finish the employment service activities and close the office in Calang by August.

Aceh Barat

USAID and JICS held a meeting with Bina Marga (Department of highways) on 5 June to resolve the assignment of responsibilities for USAID and JICS for the Calang-Meulaboh section of the west coast highway. The meeting decided that JICS would continue and complete their agreement with the Government by rehabilitating the existing Calang-Meulaboh road, while USAID would provide links along the route. USAID is planning to build a straight route across the marsh region for the highway.

Bireuen

The attack on Merlin office by approximately 50 persons from a village on 6 June has forced their staff to work out of a new location. Investigation by police and local authorities is still being carried out, while the international NGOs in Bireuen issued a joint statement requesting safety of staff and assets. The Bupati of Bireuen assured NGOs that the government will not tolerate this type of acts and will thoroughly investigate the case.

Power shutdown affected parts of the North Sumatera and Aceh provinces as a result of sabotage on power cable towers in Alue Kumba village of Sungai Raya sub-district, East Aceh, on 18 June. The incident caused blackout in 6 districts in Aceh (Aceh Timur, Aceh Utara, Lhokseumawe, Aceh Tengah, Bireun, Pidie and Bener Meriah) for 8 days. PLN installed temporary transmission towers to restore electricity supply.

Nias

A BRR workshop was held on 5-6 June in Gunung Sitoli to develop plans for regionalization in NAD-Nias based on lessons learnt from BRR Nias regional office. The workshop was attended by BRR Deputy of Infrastructure and Chief of Operations, Mr. Edy Purwanto, Deputy of Communications and Inter-Institutional Relations, Mr. Sudirman Said, the Head of BRR Nias, Mr. William Sabandar, and directors, managers and consultants from BRR NAD-Nias. Discussions were also held on how to develop relations between BRR and the local authorities in order to better lead the rehabilitation and reconstruction processes. As a part of its new regionalization strategy the BRR office in Gunung Sitoli has become the regional office for Nias and a district office has been opened in Teluk Dalam, Nias Selatan. By the end of 2006, BRR aims to have 15 regional offices in NAD-Nias, which will handle the implementation of programmes, leaving the BRR central office in Banda Aceh free to focus on strategic policies. UNORC together with other UN agencies, IFRC/Red Cross Consortium and INGOs were invited to the last session as observers and to give inputs into lessons learnt in the recovery process and coordination. Other issues discussed included how to develop better coordination and communications with local communities, how to organise quick responses to local needs, how to better manage project implementation and how to better lead the reconstruction progress.

COORDINATION

Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar/Sabang

Sub-District Coordination Mechanism (SDCM)

The introduction of Sub-District Coordination Mechanism (SDCM) in the Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar/ Sabang region is an important step to more effectively engage local governments and implementing agencies. Overall objectives of SDCM are: 1) information sharing on progress and challenges for improved transparency and accountability; 2) identification and resolution of gaps and overlaps; and 3) finding options for the existing issues. SDCM is also expected to assist local authorities at both kecamatan and Kabupaten levels, including BAPPEDA, in ensuring effective collaboration in planning and monitoring.

In June, UNORC Banda Aceh field office and BRR regional office facilitated the convening of SDCM meetings for sub-districts of Kuta Raja (16 June) and Peukanbada (27 June). Both meetings were chaired by the respective camat and participated by local authorities such as kecamatan apparatus, polda, members of People's Representative (DPRD) as well as mukims (head of village groups) along with agencies working in the sub-district. Up to 85% of the invitees attended these meetings. SDCMs are also already in place in Meuraxa (facilitated by UN HABITAT) and Pulo Aceh (facilitated by AIPRD). Additionally, Banda Raya sub-district has requested UNORC assistance in re-establishing its SDCM.

Schedule of SDCM for July 2006

Kecamatan	Date	Venue	Facilitator	Remarks
Kuta Raja	20/07	SD 70 Kuta Raja	UNORC	2nd meeting
Pulo Aceh	26/07	Posko Penghubung, Pulo Aceh	CRS	3rd meeting
Peukanbada	27/07	Kecamatan Peukanbada	AIPRD	2nd meeting
Kuta Alam	17/07	Kecamatan Kuta Alam	UNORC	1st meeting
Leupung	12/07	Kecamatan Leupung	UNORC	1st meeting
Banda Raya	18/07	Kecamatan Banda Raya	UNORC	1st meeting
Meuraxa	28 & 31/07	Korrex Media center	UN Habitat	3rd meeting

Aceh Jaya

UNORC Calang is preparing for initiating SDCM meetings for Lamno, Teunom and Panga sub-districts, to be held in near future once dates are confirmed with the respective camat. It is also developing sub-district profiles to aid the mechanism.

Aceh Barat/Nagan Raya

Regular SDCM meetings were held in 4 sub-districts in June – Arongan Lambalek, Meureubo, Samatiga and Kuala.

The International NGOs established their own forum in Meulaboh to discuss some of the common issues and challenges that they face, such as staff recruitment, pay scales and relations with governments and BRR. UNORC supports this initiative and will keep abreast of relevant developments.

The need for better coordination of activities at the village level, particularly in livelihoods, has been raised by several NGOs in Meulaboh. Coordination mechanisms at the village level should be established by building upon the existing village planning mechanisms such as KDP and P2KP.

Lhokseumawe/Aceh Utara

The first Watsan sector coordination meeting was held on 16 June. The Who does What Where (WdWW) was updated and NGOs shared information on challenges that they face in implementation.

The Joint Secretariat for Aceh Utara and Lhokseumawe (Bappeda, BRR regional office and UNORC Lhokseumawe) compiled the first monthly reports (May) from agencies in these districts. The compilation was shared with local governments and other stakeholders.

Bireuen

The first monthly general coordination meeting with NGOs and Bappeda was convened on 29 June. Dates and frequency of

sectoral coordination forums for shelter, livelihoods and health were agreed, and the first round of meetings will begin in July. Focal points from the NGOs have been also assigned.

Nias

Recovery Coordination Meeting was convened by BRR on 15 June in Gunung Sitoli and attended by a number of UN agencies and I/NGOs. The Head of BRR Nias explained the new BRR office structures and introduced the staff responsible for coordinating different sectors. Recovery Coordination meetings will be held monthly and UNORC will assist BRR in the preparations.

UNORC facilitated the setting up of a joint UN-BRR monthly meeting for the heads of UN offices, the Head of BRR Nias and senior BRR staff. The aim is to provide a forum where more in depth discussion and dialogue can take place between BRR and UN agencies on progress and constraints in the implementation of programmes. The first meeting on 26 June discussed WFP SS projects, security issues and the proposed "Open Day" for the Bupati.

SECTORAL DEVELOPMENTS

Shelter & Settlements

IOM and BRR signed an MoU to allow direct funding of housing and community infrastructure projects of IOM. The MoU also provides a framework that will assist in identifying eligible communities and suitable sites for permanent housing reconstruction. The community infrastructure component will include internal roads, drainage, deep wells, village planning and social service buildings. Under the terms of the MoU, BRR assumes the lead in acquiring suitable land and IOM remains responsible for community liaison. IOM is currently building houses in 31 locations around Aceh.

IOM has recently launched a pilot beneficiary registration process which entails interview with each beneficiary family, the application of case number to each individual, and photographing of all who are over 17 years of age to prevent multiple applications from the same households. IOM intends to use the process as an occupancy tracking tool as well, to monitor whether beneficiaries are receiving additional housing in other locations, opting to remain in barracks in order to continue receiving food aid, using alternate housing in other locations closer to the place of their livelihoods, or subletting their houses. The IOM liaison unit has also developed a complaints mechanism, a participation index to monitor women's participation in decision making, and has launched a beneficiary satisfaction survey.

Under the UNDP ERTR shelter component, Community Action Planning (CAP) advocacy has been completed in 22 villages in Aceh Besar, Banda Aceh, Pidie, Simeulue and Nias. As of the end May, out of 3,452 targeted, 539 houses have been completed (Banda Aceh 157, Pidie 355) and 2,913 are under construction.

Aceh Besar

The first construction coordination meeting for Aceh Besar was held on 14 June at the BAPPEDA Aceh Besar office in Jantho. The meeting was chaired by the BAPPEDA Aceh Besar and the BRR regional office and facilitated by the UNORC Banda Aceh field office. Relevant line ministry representatives and NGOs participated and exchanged information on the latest progress and obstacles. The meeting resulted in several action points including BRR agreeing to assist Oxfam in solving problems in

one of its construction sites; CARE requesting facilitation by BRR and UNORC to resolve the land title issue in an IDP resettlement site in Saree; and BRR and UNORC being requested to follow up on resolving tension between local suppliers and contractors from Medan in Mon Ikuen, Lhoknga. The Aceh Besar construction coordination meeting will take place on a monthly basis.

At the end of May, World Vision handed over houses to 32 families in Lambaro Seubon village, Aceh Besar. Each family also received land certificate and hygiene kit. World Vision is also assisting 180 people in the village to obtain land certificate, 44 of whom already have successfully done so. The community also received 10 becaks and livelihood training in rattan and bamboo industries and bakery.



World Vision house in Lambaro Seubon, Aceh Besar (photo: World Vision)

Aceh Jaya

At a glance: Needs and Progress (updated June; +- against May figures)

Sub District	# of Houses Needed	# of Houses Committed	# of Houses Finished
Jaya	3,114 (+-0)	3,242 (+-0)	685 (+-0)
Krueng Sabee	2,218 (-340)	2,091 (-562)	63 (+-0)
Panga	1,239 (+-0)	1,119 (+-0)	522 (+-0)
Sampoiniet	1,647 (+20)	1,684 (+12)	122 (-69)
Setia Bakti	1,918 (+-0)	1,566 (+-0)	274 (-92)
Teunom	3,092 (+-0)	2,843 (+-0)	1 (+-0)
TOTAL	13,326	12,545	1,736
GAPS	999		

German Red Cross is building 84 houses in Teunom and 82 in Calang. They are expected to be finished by July. Habitat for Humanity will add a terrace and bathroom/WC to the houses that they have constructed.

As of the end June, UNHCR has handed over 121 houses to the beneficiaries of 4 villages in Krueng Sabee. It is targeted that all the houses will be completed by the end of 2006. Regular meetings are being carried out with the senior management of the various contractor companies in collaboration with BRR and the PU to discuss ways and means of accelerating the construction process. As a result, various revisions to the payment schedule have been enacted to help alleviate the cash flow problems faced by the building companies. Each contractor has signed a MoU with UNHCR in this regard.



A cluster of UNHCR-built houses in Padang Datar village, sub-district of Krueng Sabee, Aceh Jaya (photo: UNHCR/Fakhurrazi)

Aceh Barat/Nagan Raya

The land allocation issues saw significant progress in resolution, particularly with regard to Caritas Switzerland requirements in Suak Indra Puri, Pasir and Padang Suerahet.

On 7 June, Pak Kuntoro visited Aceh Barat and Nagan Raya to inaugurate completed housing projects by CRS (101 houses in Kubang Gajah, Nagan Raya) and Islamic Relief (204 in Suak Pandan, Aceh Barat). Pak Kuntoro also visited on-going housing reconstruction site by Buddha Tzu Chi (some 900 units) in Paya Peunaga, Aceh Barat and opened a newly constructed mosque in Langkak, Nagan Raya, funded by Socfindo, a private company.

CRS re-stated building some 50 houses in Samatiga after experiencing serious delays.

Simeulue

There has been no change in figures for permanent shelter commitments since May. In total, 3,863 houses are committed; 1,437 are under construction; and 106 have been completed.

Lhokseumawe/Aceh Utara/Bireuen

At a glance: Commitments and Progress (Figured based on reporting by NGOs)

Aceh Utara (Maydata)

NGO/Donors				BRR
Committed	Completed	In Progress	Construction not started	Completed
3,651	1,184	984	1,376	145

Lhokseumawe (June data)

NGO/Donors				BRR
Committed	Completed	In Progress	Construction not started	Completed
921	512	304	99	221

IOM held a ground-breaking ceremony on 26 June, marking the commencement of building 35 permanent housing for a new settlement site in Kukue village, Peudata sub-district in Bireuen. The 35 houses is part of approximately 950 houses that IOM plans to build under the US\$9.8 million agreement signed in April with the Latter-day Saint Charities (LDSC). Construction has started on 3 settlement sites in Bireuen, Pidie and Lhokseumawe where a total of 229 units will be built.

As of the end June, PLN (state electricity company) of Aceh Utara has connected power to 3,129 houses affected by the tsunami/earthquakes in Lhokseumawe and Aceh Utara.

Nias

Timber deliveries under UNHCR Collaborative Rehabilitation Nias (CRN) came to a standstill in June, with the fifth shipment of timber (carrying some 1,250m³) delayed in Sampit while relevant documentation was checked by forestry officials. As this issue may take some time to resolve, it has been decided to offload the shipment in order to free up the WFP SS ship for other deliveries. All contracts with timber suppliers stipulate that it is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure that timber is legal and properly documented. The next shipment of timber is expected to start loading some 700 m³ of timber on 3 July in Samarinda. In the meantime procurement and shipment of roofing material is progressing well, with the first shipment of material scheduled to arrive in Nias at the end June.

For UNHCR Community-Based Shelter Rehabilitation Project, 60 houses have now been completed with another 5 due to be finished in the coming days in Bozihona village. On average, 20 new houses are constructed by beneficiaries every two weeks. At this rate, it is anticipated that all construction in the Bozihona village should be finished by the end July.



Furnishing homes in Bozihona (photo: UNHCR/Ward)

Meanwhile, in Tagaule-I/Botohaenga, an access road has recently been completed into the village to ease the burden of delivering construction material to sites and expedite the construction process. To accelerate this process further, beneficiaries in these locations have been given the opportunity to adopt the modified UNHCR house design which incorporates a timber rather than concrete floor - requiring significantly less aggregate building material. A final decision from beneficiaries regarding their preferences is expected in the coming days. Once finalised, vehicle deliveries of materials will commence in conjunction with preparation of foundations in these villages.

On 21 June, UN-Habitat organized, with the local community in Hilimbosi village (Tuhemberua sub-district), a house key hand-over ceremony with traditional dancing to celebrate the completion of the first 30 houses. The event was attended by a representative from the Japanese Embassy, the Deputy Governor of North Sumatra, Ibu Nurlisa Ginting, and the head of projects for UN-Habitat in Banda Aceh. Another 143 houses are expected to be completed by the end September. Hilimbosi villagers were involved in the project from the beginning, from selecting the beneficiaries to planning and building the houses.



UN-Habitat's house in Hilimbosi village, Tuhemberua sub-district, Nias (Photo: UNORC Nias)

The Netherlands Red Cross is currently constructing 41 houses in Gomo sub-district.

Temporary Shelter

Temporary Shelter Plan of Action (TSPA)

Overall progress since January 2006 (Updated 5 July)

ERECTED (units)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Frame	590	1,128	4,371	6,092	7,519	8,915
Frame with timber/plywood	235	386	528	953	2,029	5,309
Completed with gable	0	0	0	352	1,043	2,576

Progress by district as reported by implementing partners (as of 5 July) (+/- compared against figures of 31 May)

District	Provision planned	Installed	Complete with timber/plywood
Banda Aceh	2,096 (-461)	1,972 (+459)	955 (+607)
Aceh Besar	2,395 (+32)	2,273 (+214)	1,806 (+1,184)
Aceh Jaya	4,695 (+220)	2,847 (+817)	1,141 (+775)
Sabang	254 (+19)	180 (+21)	172 (+107)
Aceh Barat	1,526 (+423)	905 (+260)	832 (+489)
Aceh Barat Daya	62 (+62)	22 (+22)	6 (+6)
Simeulue	2,688 (+205)	256 (+14)	162 (+162)
Pidie	352 (-69)	347 (+123)	221 (+178)
Bireuen	61 (+0)	61 (+0)	61 (+57)
Aceh Utara	388 (+0)	331 (+8)	171 (+100)
Aceh Selatan	70 (+70)	-	-
Nias	1,298 (+67)	273 (+21)	207 (+20)
Total	15,875 (+558)	9,467 (+1,959)	5,734 (+3,685)

With the resolve of the acting Governor NAD to move people out of tents by the end June, the implementation of TSPA saw a

tremendous push, spearheaded by the provincial and local governments with support of IFRC and implementing partners as well as UNORC. The acting Governor and his staff played a pivotal role in moving the TSPA implementation forward over the last 6 months, and in the month of June, the acting Governor deployed his senior staff to Aceh Jaya and Aceh Barat for them to remain on the ground until the implementation was complete. On 3 July, the acting Governor officially opened the temporary shelter site for approximately 200 families from the TVRI camp, one of the two largest tented sites along with Posko Aceh Jaya in Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar, marking near completion of moving people out of tents in the mainland Aceh.



A temporary shelter site for TVRI IDPs by Australian Red Cross, Banda Aceh (photo: UNORC)

Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar

Apart from the aforementioned TSPA sites for TVRI by Australian Red Cross and for Posko Aceh Jaya by AIPRD, various implementing partners, including CARE, PMI, American Red Cross, Muslim Aid, GenAssist and CRS, were final stage of completing their programmes as of the end June.

Aceh Jaya

Local government, together with UNORC, IFRC and the implementing partners, worked to achieve the target set by the acting Governor. Joint rapid assessments were conducted and followed up by the UNORC Calang field office, in support of local government, IFRC and implementing partners, to ensure no tented settlements are missed. The district government announced that, at the end June, there are no more people living in tent in Panga, Setia Bakti and Sampoiniet sub-districts, while efforts have been intensified in Teunom (British Red Cross), Krueng Sabee (PMI) and Lamno to complete the implementation.

It has been noted that the intensified efforts in the last 3 weeks of June has inadvertently triggered sporadic movements of people from barracks and other type of settlements back to tents as they also hoped to receive temporary shelter units. This has posed a constraint to achieving the target. The involvement of local government is critical to ensure that the assistance reach the eligible beneficiaries.

Aceh Barat/Aceh Barat Daya

In line with the acting Governor's instruction to move all people out of tents by the end June, the authorities in Aceh Barat, led by the Bupati, have been working hard with all agencies to achieve this. UNORC has devoted very significant staff time to supporting the government not only to assist in IDP

movement/relocation but also to ensure that the basic Guiding Principles for IDPs are upheld. A team consisting of two officers from Governor's Office were sent to Aceh Barat district to assist local government. Several meetings have been conducted between the district government (the Bupati of Aceh Barat, BAPPEDA, Legislatif, and related dinases/institution), UN agencies and organizations working in the shelter and watsan sectors. As a result, "Coordination Team to Respond to IDPs and Housing Construction for Tsunami and Earthquake Victims in Aceh Barat district" was established by the Bupati on 18 June. The team consists of 21 members from various related departments, with Head of Cipta Karya as the Head of the Coordination Team, Head of DinSos as the Deputy of Coordination Team, Head of BAPPEDA/Setdakab as the Team Coordinator.

UNORC has also been engaged in identifying the gaps in temporary shelter needs by approaching Singaporean Red Cross through IFRC, to construct approximately 350 units of temporary shelter. As per requested by BAPPEDA and facilitated by UNORC, UNICEF stated that several temporary schools (elementary school) will be constructed near the barracks and new temporary shelter sites. Furthermore, UNORC has established effective dialogue with WFP to support the government policy for continuing food distributions to barracks and temporary shelter sites.

Simeulue

The implementation in Simeulue, along with Nias, has been behind the mainland Aceh, mostly due to the limited implementation capacities and logistics difficulties. Australian Red Cross however has successfully resettled over 250 households to temporary shelters from the IDP camp in the city of Sinabang where IDPs were facing the end of land use.

Pidie

The TSPA implementation along the north coast has virtually completed, except for 56 families still living in tents in Pidie, Muslim Aid, the largest implementing partner for TSPA and responsible for the successful implementation in the region, is working with the district authorities to find solution for these families.

Nias

As stated above, the implementation on Nias has faced with delays for the same reasons as for Simeulue, as well as the lack of engagement by local government and constraints of land availability. Due to the lack of implementing partners to work on watsan facilities in temporary shelter sites, UNORC has requested support from the Spanish International Cooperation and Medair (Swiss NGO) to help fill the gaps. It is expected that the TSPA implementation will have to continue until September on Nias and Simeulue.

Livelihoods & Economic Recovery

With support from UNDP, Project Concern International's Community-Led Livelihood Revitalization programme is providing micro-grants to community-prioritized agriculture, small business, and fisheries projects in 40 villages in Lhoong sub-district, Aceh Besar, and Setia Bakti and Sampoiniet sub-districts, Aceh Jaya. PCI recently finished distributing the first round of funding which totaled more than \$590,000 or 40% of the full grant amount promised to each community. Now the training stage begins—PCI has instructed 11 community savings and loan groups on proper micro-credit practices, and in July will begin to provide training in land cultivation, animal

husbandry, fishing, and small business development to over 2,500 beneficiaries.

Aceh Besar

UNDP, in cooperation with AustCare, has set up a series of rehabilitation projects to restore the brick factories in Aceh Besar. To date, 37 brick factories out of 40 targeted are operating self-sufficiently and the revolving loans of 3 cooperatives has begun. The factories have generated employment for 436 workers, of those 235 are females.



A woman working in a brick kiln at Lampeudaya village, Aceh Besar (photo: UNDP)

Aceh Jaya

SKM is conducting a rapid assessment in 6 sub-districts to identify potential projects to be presented to BRR. SKM is looking at livelihood projects as well as infrastructure activities that would support livelihood activities with focus on inter-village infrastructure.

Action Contre la Faim is scaling down its agriculture activities in Krueng Sabee by reducing number of target villages from 6 to 2.

Singkil

In collaboration with the district Trade and Industry Body (Perindag), UNDP has developed a project to support the recovery of approximately 600 small and medium enterprises, each of which provide employment to 3-30 persons. The project covers many types of industries, from food production to construction material production. Through the project, a working team within Perindag has been established to support the implementation, 536 beneficiaries from 9 sub-districts have been identified and a work plan has been drawn up to follow up on the assessment.

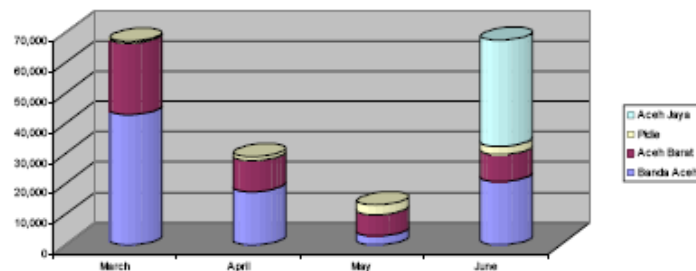
Water and Environmental Sanitation (WES)

UNDP Waste Management

June figure

Tsunami waste cleared	67,586m ³
Wood segregated for reuse	389m ³
Roads made with crushed rubble	2.6km
Municipal waste collected	7,054m ³
Temporary workers hired	1,578 persons

Tsunami waste cleared (m³) by District, TRWMP, March - June 2006



In June, UNDP's Tsunami Recovery Waste Management Programme has commenced activities in Aceh Jaya. It has started clearing agricultural lands covering 460 hectares in Krueng Sabee. 1,103 farmers will directly benefit from the clearance works. They are expected to return to their livelihoods in August when they cultivate land for the next rice planting season. The programme is also opening a new access of community road (400m) in Keude Krueng Sabee and started initial site construction of an interim landfill site at Gunung Tanggoh near Calang. A technical and environmental review was undertaken for waste management options for Lamno.



Removal of tsunami waste in Langung temporary dump site in Aceh Barat (Photo: UNDP TRWMP)

Education

Education international reported that it is building 28 Sekolah Dasar (Primary School) in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, Aceh Jaya and Aceh Timur. Most of these schools will be completed in July. However those well-equipped schools reportedly lack pupils. BRR regional office, UNORC, Dinas Pendidikan and the camat are discussing the issue.

Governance

GTZ-Support to Local Government for Sustainable Reconstruction

The German Development Cooperation through GTZ-SLGSR (Support to local government for sustainable reconstruction) is assisting local governments in various areas to improve the planning processes at different administrative levels. At the village level, GTZ-SLGSR supports the participation of communities in the reconstruction processes through Community Action Planning (CAP) in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, Pidie and Bireuen. Based on CAP results, physical

reconstruction of these villages receives financial assistance from KfW. In the field of spatial planning, the German Development Cooperation through GTZ-SLGSR works with governments such as PU, Beppeda and Bapedalda to develop pilot spatial plans at the sub-district, district and provincial level. To provide a sound planning basis, GTZ-SLGSR has established a geographic information system (GIS) and conducts pilot mapping projects, for instance, for a sanitary landfill site for Banda Aceh city. As part of support to Bapedalda, GTZ-SLGSR is also assisting capacity building in environmental pressure point mapping, coastal zone protection, environmental impact assessment procedures, etc.

UNDP ERTR

UNDP conducted a two day workshop on 5-6 June in Banda Aceh on how to document best practices in public services deliveries. The workshop was the first of four main project activities under the UNDP governance unit's project for the transfer of best practices in public services to local government. Representatives from 5 affected district in Aceh and Nias (Pidie, Aceh Jaya, Aceh Barat, Nias, Nias Selatan) attended the workshop

Aceh Jaya Local Governance Working Group

Local Governance Working Group (LGWG) Aceh Jaya is developing a joint logical framework to direct the group activities in providing the support to local government. The logical framework will be presented to the district government. A mailing list for this group has been created: <LGWGAcehJaya@googlegroups.com>. The group involves active participation of UNDP, UNORC, USAID-LGSP, AIPRD-LOGICA, YIPD and FFI/URDI. The current activity is to follow up on the group support to Aceh Jaya district government.

YIPD Aceh-Nias Governance Enhancement Programme

Yayasan Inovasi Pemerintahan Daerah (YIPD) is carrying out Aceh-Nias Governance Enhancement Programme (ANGEP), funded by USAID. ANGEF is a multi-dimensional activity aimed at improving reconstruction, local government capacity, and service delivery to communities throughout Aceh and Nias. Two main components of their initiative are community-based village mapping and kecamatan governance enhancement. ANGEF activities are scheduled to be undertaken from April 2006 to September 2007. YIPD assessment on database system for Aceh Utara Bupati office indicated that each department had different database formats and that there was no data sharing with sub-district governmental offices although the KPED have profile information on sub-districts and villages.

Canada-Aceh Local Government Assistance Programme

Canada-Aceh Local Government Assistance Programme (CALGAP) will establish its office in Pidie and work closely with the district Bappeda. CALGAP provides initial support for post-tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction issues, such as waste management, reconstruction planning and the restoration of city council operations in three local governments in the Aceh region. CALGAP will also provide support in institutional strengthening with an emphasis on local government management, service delivery and participatory governance.

Health

With support from AmeriCares, Project Concern International's Aceh Health, Water Supply, Sanitation, and Livelihoods programme (AHWSSL) is addressing the needs of tsunami-affected families and impoverished communities along the west coast of Aceh by focusing on maternal and child health as well as water supply and sanitation issues (the livelihoods

component is funded by UNDP). The AHWSSL project is being implemented in 23 villages in Lhoong sub-district, Aceh Besar, and Setia Bakti sub-district, Aceh Jaya. In June, PCI carried out a modified Knowledge, Practice, and Coverage (KPC) survey, and 2 workshops were held to review the programme's implementation plan in light of findings from this survey. The workshops included representatives from local government health services, project communities, and other NGOs. Additionally, PCI held 4-day training sessions for kaders (community health volunteers) and midwives in both sub-districts. In total, 76 health workers attended.



PCI's Dr. Agustini teaches community health workers about childhood nutritional deficiencies (Photo: PCI)

Aceh Utara/Lhokseumawe

Hong Kong Red Cross, in partnership with PMI, has finished the construction of 5 pustu and 20 polindes in Aceh Utara. Facilities will be handed over to Department of Health Aceh Utara once medical equipment is in place.

Nias

PKPA has finished anthropometric measurements for children under 5 years in 3 villages in Sirombu sub-district. Some cases of under-nourishment were reported and one case of chronic malnutrition was found, according to UNICEF.

Public Information

UNDP ERTR has recently launched a weekly interactive radio talk show in Banda Aceh. The objective is to extend the outreach to communities and increase awareness about the tsunami recovery activities. Each programme will cover an area of UNDP activities, including livelihoods, housing, employment, port reconstruction, disaster preparedness, etc. The audience has the opportunity to call in or send SMS messages to be answered and commented live by a UNDP expert, implementing partners and beneficiaries. The live talk show is broadcasted on Prima FM (104.4FM) in Banda Aceh on Thursdays at 1700hrs.

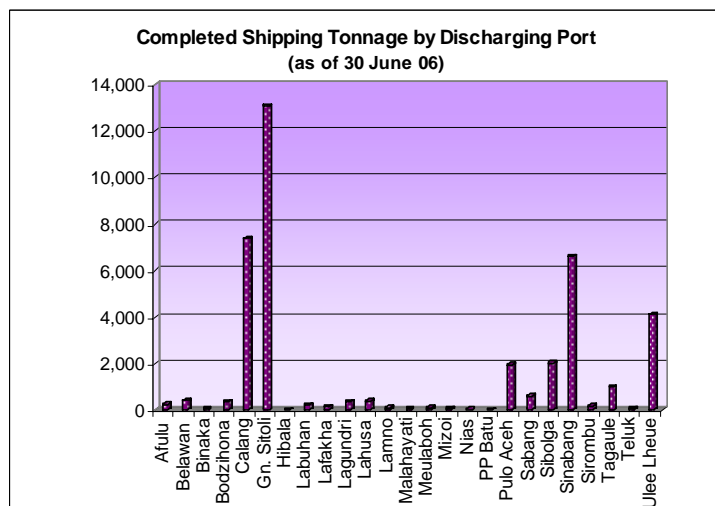
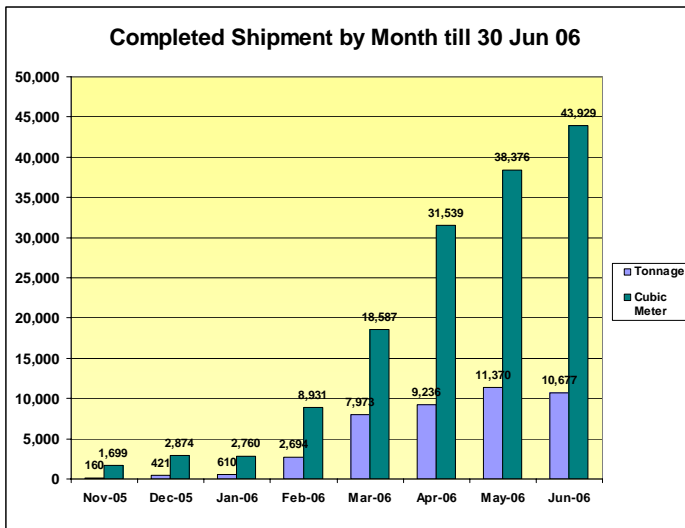


UNDP staff, implementing partners and beneficiary of small business grant project at the interactive radio talk show (photo: UNDP)

Logistics

Sea

As of the end June, WFP Shipping Service (WFP SS) is utilized by 74 users. Majority of cargo shipped during July were 50% RO RO cargo (Roll-On/Roll-Off) and 26% construction materials.



In an effort to build capacity in the local economy and create an environment that is competitive for commercial shipping companies operating in Indonesia, WFP SS has been instructed to implement cost recovery as of 1 August. Agencies are encouraged to begin planning for this eventual cost in their budgets. WFP SS will cease to operate the Sibolga-Nias route also as of 1 August. WFP SS, along with support from donors and BRR, has encouraged commercial companies to assess this route in order to determine the feasibility of offering a similar ferry service. In order to ensure a smooth transition, WFP SS will provide guidance and support where possible to commercial companies as they begin operations in the region.

Following the US\$2 million emergency works that enabled the resumption of the port operation since 8 December 2005, the Ulee Lheue port will undergo further rehabilitation which will include ferry terminal, improved navigation lights and access roads, etc. (US\$5.2 million). In Sabang, the building of access road to the port finished on 17 May and 63% of preparatory works (construction of concrete fence, steel gate and warehouse demolition) have been completed. The ports (Calang, Meulaboh, Sinabang, Lamno and Gunung Sitoli) that UNDP is also coordinating rehabilitation are not undergoing preparatory works.

Land

Aceh Jaya

Road and bridges between Calang and Lamno were continuously adversely affected by heavy traffic passing through the route. Heavy downpour during the last two weeks of June worsened the condition. A number of bridges were in need of replacement such as the ones in Alue Gro, Pajar and Ceunamprong. Temporary repairs were made by fixing the deck of bridge with new timber. There is a plan to replace those bridges with a steel deck bailey bridge. A significant problem rose when a road section in Meudang Ghon was severely damaged by the increasing volume of water in the stream that caused the drainage structure to fail and traffic flow was disrupted for 3 days while new steel-deck bailey bridge was being installed by BRR and partners.

Nias

IOM terminates its trucking services in Nias as of 30 June, due to the unavailability of funding.

Air

As of 1 June, the UNHAS passenger fee has reverted to US\$100/pax to allow more usage of the service. At the same time, in an effort to extend the operation, UNHAS fleet reduction will be implemented in mid July by replacing the MI-8 with a B1900. There will be only one helicopter. Accordingly, the flight schedule has been changed, with no flight servicing Medan.

For further information please contact:

ACEH & NIAS – Office of the UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias

BANDA ACEH Head Office

Mr. Andrew Harper
Chief of Staff
Tel: +62 8(0)812 105 0837
Email: harpera@un.org

Ms. Satoko Nakagawa
Reports Officer
Tel: +62 (0)811 825 214
Email: nakagawas@un.org

BANDA ACEH Field Office – Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar & Sabang

Flexi: 0651 77741 2550
General email: bafieldoffice@gmail.com

Mr. Steve Ray, Head of Field Office
Tel: +62 (0)812 106 4894
Email: rays@un.org

CALANG Field Office – Aceh Jaya

Flexi: 0654 7006320
General email: acehjaya@gmail.com

Mr. Steve Ray, Supervisor
Tel: +62 (0)812 106 4894
Email: rays@un.org

Ms. Eka Rinanda Ridwan, Field Officer
Tel: +62 (0)812 695 5131
Email : rinandaridwan@un.org

MEULABOH Field Offices – Aceh Barat, Nagan Raya, Aceh Barat Daya, Simeulue

Mr. Steve Ray, Head of Field Office, a.i.
Tel: +62 (0)812 106 4894
Email: rays@un.org

Ms. Dewi Elyana, Field Officer
Tel: +62 (0) 812-1050-833
Email: elyana@un.org

LHOKSEUMAWE Field Office – Lhokseumawe, Bireuen, Pidie, Aceh Utara, Aceh Timur, Langsa

Mr. Enayet Madani, Head of Field Office
Tel: +62 (0)812 698 2250
Email: madani@un.org

NIAS Field Office

Ms. Ros Young, Head of Field Office
Tel : +62 (0)811 924 548
Email : young5@un.org

JAKARTA - Office of the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator in Indonesia

Ms. Reiko Niimi
Deputy to UN Resident Coordinator/Senior Advisor on Tsunami Recovery
Tel: +62 (0) 21 314 1308 ext.149
Email: niimi@un.org

Ms. Dora Cheok
Communications Manager
Tel: +62 (0)811 825 207
Email: cheok@un.org

Humanitarian and Recovery Update – Aceh & Nias is issued monthly by the Office of the UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias in English.

To receive the report by email, please send a request to <unorc@un.org>. Comments & feedback are most welcome.