



Gunung Sitoli, 23 January 2006

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Participants of
2nd Nias Islands Stakeholder Meeting

Dear All,

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support for NISM 2 and participation in preparing our common action plan. We also appreciate your forgiveness for some chaos in the preparation and implementation, perhaps to be expected when such a small team as ours organises such a large event in such a short time.

Before getting on to the follow-up, I wish to express special thanks to those working behind the scenes who made the event a success: the volunteers who joined the organising committee; UNHAS for their special flights who at late notice added larger aircraft to fly many people from outside; the ladies of Laverna who catered for 350 people instead of the ordered 250 at one-hour's notice; all the people whose organisations supplied cars because we had only one bus available for us.

And I express thanks to those who took responsibility for chairing both breakout groups (kelompok) and the smaller focus groups. We had over twenty group leaders and more note-takers.

Whereas NISM 1 addressed the funding commitment gap, NISM 2 addressed the performance gap, and the instrument for this is the action plans of each stakeholder, brought together in the overall action plan you have helped to prepare. The purpose of the action plan that we are preparing together is to define the activities needed to:

- Expedite progress of satisfying urgent community needs
- Cooperate
- Respond quickly
- Assure quality and integrity

In order to assure that the action plan is 100% as agreed at our meeting, and to assure that we start immediate implementation, I request that you endeavour to meet the Deadlines presented in the final session.

We have set an ambitious timeframe for these plan, but we believe our time-frame is both reasonable and necessary. If some of you are directing too much of your effort at technical matters, please simplify your plans by just identifying activities and responsibilities for doing technical planning later on.



By Saturday/Sabtu 21 January

The first deadline has already passed. We were all asked to complete the following:

- **Breakout group reports.** The notes presented at the end of the meeting should be typed up, tidied up for presentation, and translated so that two versions (English and Indonesian) can be available.
- **Data-base.** This is a deadline for BRR-Nias to tidy up and complete the information from each village.
- **Meeting documentation.** This also is a deadline for BRR-Nias, and includes attendance lists, photo documentation, thank-you letters and the like.
- **Roving reporter reports and personal comments from interested parties.** While the deadline is over, we are still keen for anyone to provide us with written feed-back on any matter related to the substance of NISM 2 or the program

I admit that BRR-Nias itself is running late on this deadline, and that a small number of groups have not provided us with translations. We need these urgently for the reports in English so that our Nias colleagues continue to feel welcome and remain committed.

By Friday/Jumat 27 January

The next Deadline is next Friday.

- **Improved Action Plans.** The purpose of revisiting the Action Plans is to enable a number of groups who expressed their intention of improving the plans they prepared at NISM 2. This Deadline only applies to those groups who agreed to make further improvements. This Deadline is important so that BRR-Nias can compile an overall Action Plan for us all commit to.
- **Humanitarian Activities.** UNORC and BRR are to coordinate the implementation of humanitarian action plan for 2006, including plan for temporary shelter and school programs.
- **Working relationships with Bappeda.** This BRR-Nias task is intended to speed up the conversion of local government commitments made at NISM 2, especially the start to kecamatan reconstruction plans. It will involve some other organisations such as UNDP (for Nias Selatan).
- **Quarterly targets.** This Deadline for all organisations is intended to assist BRR's reporting. The appropriate form for reporting comes from the RAND reporting system.
- **Commencement of monthly Logistics Plans submission.** We request that those NGOs and contractors who are bringing in materials to contact WFPSS in Gunung Sitoli to work together with them to develop forms for ordering materials through their shipping service. Once a few of you have started using the system, we can disseminate forms and procedures so that by mid February we are all using this preferred shipping service. These logistic plans should include as a minimum the following information:
 - Objectives of organisations
 - Location(s) of houses or other buildings to be built and their number with time schedule for completion



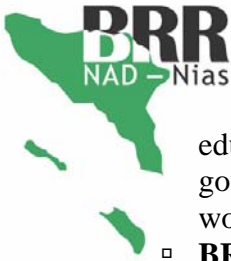
- Primary type of construction (e.g. masonry or wood)
- Construction by own local means or outside contractors
- Main sources of materials and method of shipment to destination. If contractor is responsible for construction, how will contractor ship.
- Procurement source(s) for timber
- Other information relevant to the logistics plan situation
- **Port traffic plan.** BRR intends to hold a meeting during the coming week to listen to a short presentation by the UNDP advisers to BRR on requirements.
- **First meeting of Forum Konstruksi.** Members of the committee are asked to contact Pak Dachi on Monday to organise this meeting.
- **BRR budget roll-over review.** The review meeting was held on Friday 20 January, with Satkers completing their calculations and reporting back to BRR by Monday 23 January.
- **Credit plan for businesses.** UNDP advisers are asked to expedite this process, and report back on the cooperation of the banking sector.
- **Gunung Sitoli Hospital project.** The construction of Gunung Sitoli temporary hospital is initiated. The plan of comprehensive health service provision is finalised by the hospital working group.
- **The water-front project.** Land preparation/consolidation and Gunung Sitoli coastal protection project is initiated.
- **Road projects.** Start of main road projects (Gunung Sitoli – Lolowau – Sirombu, Gunung Sitoli – Lahewa – Afulu, Lolowau – Teluk Dalam) as well as Nias and Nias Selatan district road projects.

We already anticipate a delay in two important items with this deadline. The **road survey** requires more time, and for the **Nias Islands Kecamatan Reconstruction Program** KDP personnel in Nias have other commitments these two weeks. Both these now have 17 February deadlines mentioned below.

By Friday/Jumat 17 February

The third deadline mentioned at NISM 2 was mid February:

- **Decentralisation of NGOs.** Many NGOs have already responded to BRR-Nias request to provide executive powers to their local offices. We hope all NGOs will have made this decision by mid February.
- **Start of Kecamatan Reconstruction Program.** After the return of KDP personnel in Nias, BRR-Nias with local governments and the whole NGO community will focus attention and resources to this initiative. Please wait for further notice.
- **Logistics review.** In the week ending 17 February, BRR-Nias will call a meeting to discuss the design of the procedures for ordering materials through WFPSS.
- **Housing review.** BRR Nias will call a meeting to evaluate the progress on housing reconstruction and to review housing programs in order to expedite the housing reconstruction process.
- **Start building an aeroplane fuel depo.** The site of the depo planned next to Pertamina requires authorization from the bupati of Nias.
- **New petrol stations.** This urgently-required component requires finding an investor and a suitable site.
- **Education Improvement action plan.** We anticipate holding a one-day workshop in Nias Selatan on 13 February on the subject of excellence in



education. (Fence Lase of BRR-Nias in charge). With commitment from local governments and two IKIP (teachers' training colleges) the outcome of this workshop will be the proposed action plan.

- **BRR-Nias Selatan cooperation agreement.** This activity will be jointly prepared by BRR and the current acting bupati and start with the swearing-in of the new Bupati.
- **Completion of BRR 2006 budget project digests.** Activity affects BRR managers and Satker. "Project Digests" are the BRR budget equivalent of Concept Notes.
- **Approval restructuring of Satker.** BRR activity.
- **Completion of road survey.** This important component originally set for end of January, requires allocation of resources. All parties involved should take action starting Monday 23 January in order to prepare a detailed plan of action. UNDP advisers are preparing action plan
- **Start construction on temporary ports in Gunung Sitoli and Lahewa.** The temporary port project under BRR's satker is in great need for supporting the reconstruction supply chain in Gunung Sitoli and Lahewa.

The final presentation of NISM 2 included a deadline for starting to implement a business credit plan. The timetable for implementing this plan is in the hands of the members of the focus group, and they are requested to inform me of the significant milestones and bottlenecks by the end of next week

The achievement of NISM 2 is most gratifying for me as head of the BRR regional office in Nias. Last October, we were facing a crisis in Nias. Things were not proceeding, people were leaving. We have come a long way since the Director of BRR made his commitment to give the Nias rehabilitation and reconstruction program greater attention, its own identity, and the regional office greater autonomy. NISM 2 has been a milestone in this process. We have a plan of action we have all helped to prepare, and I look forward each of us implementing our component of it.

Thank you sincerely,

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