

INDONESIA
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

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BACKGROUND:

- FAO has been in close coordination with the Government of Indonesia at the national, provincial and local levels for response to the Tsunami. In particular, FAO has been assisting the Government in the formulation of strategy frameworks for the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors.
- Joint GoI/FAO rapid assessments in the affected productive areas finalized and shared with all stakeholders. More detailed technical assessments ongoing at the sub-district level in collaboration with NGOs, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other stakeholders;
- FAO has provided sector specific technical expertise for damage/needs assessments and emergency planning to optimize effectiveness of aid for agriculture and fisheries; technical expertise and other support to the Government and other stakeholders provided by FAO and others for Government rehabilitation and reconstruction plan. Broad public consultation process on agriculture and fisheries components of reconstruction plan through thematic workshops in NAD and North Sumatra facilitated.
- FAO has assisted the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in the finalization of sectoral programme strategies. For fisheries, a strategy document entitled “Strategy and programme for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the fishery sector in Aceh and Nias post earthquake and Tsunami wave disaster” has been published with the assistance of FAO. For agriculture, FAO is continuing the same assistance to finalize a working strategy framework document for the sector.

FUNDING STATUS:

The funding status for Indonesia as of 18/05/05 is as follows:

- Received: US\$ 12.8 million (8 projects)
 - Approved: US\$ 375 000 (1 project)
 - Pipeline: US\$ 12.6 million (4 projects)
- TOTAL: US\$ 25.8 million** (13 projects)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

International

- The arrival of several international fisheries experts in Banda Aceh within the next week will strengthen the overall capacity to deal with the different components of the fisheries programme including boatbuilding and aquaculture.
- An international logistics expert has been fielded to strengthen the logistical capacity of the field offices in the movement of agricultural and fishery inputs, under the constraints of the prevailing security in Aceh province.

- The selection of a new Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator for the programme has been completed. Recruitment is being initiated.

National

- A national staff plan is in the finalization phase with 15 national consultant/programme support staff envisaged for the next few months. Several national technical staff, including agronomists and fishery experts, have already been recruited. The national staff plan also identifies short-term recruitment for specific tasks and will be distributed in the next few days.

PROCUREMENT/CONTRACTS:

The main progress made since the last report is in the identification of Implementing Partners and finalization of Letters of Agreement/Contracts for agricultural input distribution and boat building/fish processing activities.

Fisheries

Discussions have advanced with six local NGOs listed below for partnership in boat building through contracts:

Yayasan Lembaga Ekonmmie Pengempangam Pesisir Ikan

Yayasan Pelangi

Yayasan Penganpangan Meulaboh

PEKA

Yayasan Aceh Bukit Listari

LSM Mita Ileume

Contracts are being finalized with them for the building of traditional Acehenese boats in various locations along the coast to replace boats lost in the Tsunami.

The total number of vessels to be constructed is 313 vessels which are will be built by local boat builders under the close supervision of a FAO Master Boat Builder. The total value of the ECHO contracts is US\$ 275 000 which includes the provision of tool kits for the boat builders.

A Letter of agreement (LOA) in the amount of about US\$ 10,000 has been drafted and discussed with Yayasan Peduli Nanggroe Atjeh, a local NGO for the resumption of fish processing capacity in the villages of Layeun and Pulot in the Leupung Sub-district of Aceh Besar. Further target areas for the rehabilitation of fish drying industry have been identified in the sub-districts of Laweung, Kembang Tanjong and Pante Raja. About 150 fish processors will benefit from this first phase of fish drying activity funded by Norway.

A LOA has been prepared with ACTED for receipt and installation of 40 boat engines, stern gear and fishing gear for wooden boats (13 meter length) of traditional design built.

Agriculture

A distribution plan has been prepared and transportation arrangements initiated for the first phase of agricultural programme targeting beneficiaries for the current rice planting season.

A Letter of Agreement in the amount of US\$ 57,800 has been finalized and being cleared at Headquarters for partnership with Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA), a local NGO, for the distribution of 120 tonnes of rice seeds, 450 tonnes of urea fertilizer, 300 tonnes of super phosphate fertilizer, 150 tonnes of KCl fertilizer, and 272 hand tractors to beneficiaries in the target districts of Aceh Utara, Bireuen, Pidie on the east coast of the Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) province of Indonesia.

Discussions have also been held with other NGOs, including Mercy Corps, Sun Spirit, Solidarité and Peace Wings of Japan, for the distribution of the remaining agricultural inputs as well as on cash-for-work activities.

CONSTRAINTS:

- Limited capacity in the field to handle procurement of inputs, particularly in view of the next phase of agricultural inputs required.
- As most of the initial assessments took place between January and February, the results of assessment were only received in end February/beginning of March for programme planning.
- The consolidation of sectoral assistance programmes relied on the assessment results for activity formulation.
- Procurement could not start until clear technical specifications were obtained, and in many cases particularly for fisheries, the input packages are complicated involving many different items. For example, the fishing gear packages intended for Nias Island and some districts on North Sumatra included 25 items.
- Security and access constraints, particularly along the west coast, have made the arrangement of local transportation challenging. The road between Banda Aceh and Meulaboh only became operational on 26 March 2005, while most of the port facilities for sea transport are damaged and need rehabilitation.
- Unlike in many other emergencies, NGO partners are well funded and are doing direct implementation with donor funding. This has necessitated a mixed and creative implementation approach including cash for work, direct contracts and LOAs with NGO and community entities which required time to explore and officialize at the FAO HQs level, in consideration of Organizational rules and regulations.

BENEFICIARIES:

Agriculture

- The first phase of the agricultural programme is designed to target approximately 8 700 beneficiary households (43 500 farmers) will be targeted in the east and west coasts of the Aceh province, North Sumatra.

Fisheries

- The first phase of the fisheries programme will provide assistance to 500 fishers with fishing gear packages (1 gillnet, 1 trammel net, 1 handline, + assorted spares). About 150 fish processors will be assisted through the fish drying activity.