

INDONESIA  
PROGRESS REPORT ON FAO ASSISTANCE AND DELIVERY

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**BACKGROUND:**

Joint GoI/FAO rapid assessments finalized and shared with all stakeholders. More detailed technical assessments are ongoing in the form of verifications of initial data at the sub-district level in collaboration with NGOs, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other stakeholders. This is particularly the case for the checking of beneficiary lists for each of the LoA's and Contracts that FAO is intending to issue to ensure accuracy.

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.

FAO has provided sector specific technical expertise for damage/needs assessments and emergency planning to optimize effectiveness of aid for agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

**FUNDING STATUS:**

The funding status for 13 projects under implementation in Indonesia as of 24/06/2005 is as follows:

- Cash Received: US\$12.8 million
- Pipeline: US\$8.2 million
- TOTAL: US\$21.0 million
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*\* Initial discussions have taken place with the American Red Cross (ARC) regarding the finalization of the proposal for assistance to tsunami affected fisher households and communities in Indonesia.*

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

International

The new FAO Representative, Mr. Man Ho So has begun his duties in Indonesia in mid-June 2005.

- The arrival of the master boatbuilding expert has supported the identification of appropriate fishing craft designs to be constructed in the proposed FAO/NGO boatsheds. This has been through consultative meetings held in association with Dinas Perikanan, Panglima Laot, fishers and NGOs of many districts in Aceh Province. Evaluation of present boatbuilding activities in Aceh under the tsunami emergency response is currently taking place with specific reference to the quality of fishing craft being constructed. Initial measurements of several types of traditional fishing craft have been made as a prerequisite for improved fishing craft designs that will be culturally acceptable. Suppliers for the supply of hot dipped galvanized fastening have been identified to help improve the boat quality.
- 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 selected. Mr. Bart Dominicus will leave for Indonesia after completing his debriefing at Headquarters on 17 June.

#### National

- National team is recruiting a soil scientist, machinery and equipment specialist, seed expert and cash for works specialist. Several agronomists are still being sought to meet with the overall programme needs.

#### **FAO Activities:**

*Considerable progress has been made in the identification of implementing partners and finalization of Letters of Agreement/Contracts for agricultural input distribution and boat building/fish processing activities.*

#### Fisheries

Over 200 fish processors are being assisted to restart their operations in Aceh. The inputs for fish drying and fish transport are to be distributed in Aceh Utara and Letters of agreement have been negotiated with two NGOs to arrange the distribution of inputs to the beneficiaries. The balance of the funds available in the project will be used to extend the coverage in the district of Bireuen.

The first of five designs for fish landing infrastructure in Aceh Utara was completed by a national consultant architect. Assistance was also given to UNDP to prepare a proposal for a number of small self-contained ice plants for temporary installation in larger centers to satisfy immediate needs. When rehabilitation of the large landings is complete they can be moved to smaller landings.

FAO met with five of the six NGO's to discuss contract conditions as well as develop more detailed pricing structures. Each of these contracts will subsequently require the actual cost to be checked in some detail by the master boat builder prior to entering into a contract with the parties. This is to reduce risks of entering contractual negotiations with NGO's, where due to the nature of the contracting party, normal performance guarantees procedures cannot be adhered to. A second round of negotiations will be held when the final contract is cleared in Rome and this can then be translated into Bahasa Indonesian.

Distribution of approximately 336 fishing gear packages has been carried in cooperation with the NGO LIFE on Nias Island. This fishing equipment is designated to operators of fishing canoes in Nias Island and the adjacent archipelago of Pulau Hinako and Pulau Tello area and 183 fishing gear packages in North Sumatra.

Fisheries Working Group Meeting took place in Banda Aceh and a constructive information sharing partnership has taken place with the Bureau of Rural Sciences, Network of Aquaculture Centres (NACA) in Asia-Pacific. A research scientist is working out of the FAO Banda Aceh office on Tambak (pond) clearance through a cash-for-work programme. This should help FAO in developing similar proposals in the near future. The total number of vessels to be constructed is 313 vessels and 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 boat repair kits.

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.

#### Agriculture

An important LoA has been submitted for signature/approval for “cash for work” activities with Meuseuraya Agro Cooperative. This is aimed at rehabilitating the agriculture area (paddy fields covered with debris) affected by the tsunami as well as to provide cash income and livelihood opportunities to communities affected by the tsunami. The proposed cash-for-work LoA will employ more than 300 people over a period of two months. This modality, once approved, will serve as a model to enable FAO to increase its delivery capacity. FAO’s cash-for-work programme is worth US\$3 million.

Letters of Agreement have been prepared with Oxfam for the identification and selection of tsunami affected farming families which are to receive 30 hand tractors followed by the distribution and monitoring and evaluation on how FAO support is being utilized by the beneficiaries. A second LoA for the distribution of 20 hand tractors has been prepared with Action Contre la Faim. These two LoA’s should be signed in Jakarta in the next few days to allow the movement and distribution of the tractors to commence.

Livestock distribution justifications and strategy has been drafted and presented to UNDP livelihood, and will be presented to agriculture working group tomorrow. Individual contacts with potential partners being made. Stakeholders' meeting planned for the first week of June after field investigation and meetings with NGO/community in villages on west coast towards Meulaboh)

Procurement of US\$40 000 worth of vet equipment: List of requirement established in collaboration with stakeholders. Tender docs sent to FAOR on 26/05. Procurement of US\$40 000 worth of medicines and vaccines (much too little for the needs).

A Letter of Agreement in the amount of US\$57 800 has been finalized 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 NAD province of Indonesia. Distribution to is underway and will reach 8 700 beneficiaries.

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.

#### Forestry

The FAO Representative OIC, Acting Emergency Coordinator, and the Forestry Tsunami Coordinator from Rome met with the Minister of Forestry and his senior staff in Jakarta on 1 June to discuss FAO’s forestry programme for tsunami rehabilitation and construction, including

assessment of wood demand and supply, and forest rehabilitation in the affected areas. The meeting produced positive results concerning government action to address logging issues in the Province and raised the discussion of greenbelt and forest rehabilitation efforts. The Forestry Coordinator has already followed up the discussion with the Minister in further defining the forestry programme funded by Finland through meetings with provincial officials in Banda Aceh.

#### **CONSTRAINTS:**

- 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 make official at the HQs level, in consideration of Organizational rules and regulations. This modality is crucial, as there is a limited capacity in the field to handle procurement of inputs, particularly in view of the next phase of agricultural inputs.
- 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.

#### **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.