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Preface

As you can see, JRS Indonesia's newsletter has been redesigned. Also our website is being redesigned to provide our donors, fiends and supporters with clear and reliable information. This issue of Refuge is dedicated to children. In disaster situations, children are more than others affected. Education is often the first thing sacrified to keep the family alive and most children IDPs work to support their families. Two stories about how children in Indonesia cope with the tsunami and earthquake destruction.

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DUCKLINGS

By Agus Hero, JRS langsa

The bright morning sun, the sound of the roaring waves of the Malaka strait and the tides raised the spirits of five children from Kuala Idi Cut village. They were there waiting for the fishermen's boats to sail into the estuary of Idi Cut river. When the boats came in sight, their eyes started to sparkle. Those boats meant money for them. Watching the fisherman stare with tired looks on their faces, the children approached the boats. Not to play or fetch fish falling off, but to clean the boats for a couple of Roepiah.

People call these children ducklings, as they spend most of their time in the water. Like little ducklings they have to feel at home in the water, as their jobs requires them to swim for long stretches of time cleaning, tidying and preparing the fishermen's boats. Unlike most Indonesians, these children don't worry about getting darker. Exposing their bare bodies to the burning sun, they skillfully rub the boat's floor to remove the stains and get rid of the smell.

The five ducklings from Kuala Idi Cut village are called Abu Bakar (13), Amri A, (16) Amri B (15) Mahdar (13) dan Saiful (14). In a day each of them earns about 15,000.- to 30,000.- Rupiah. But as the boats arrive around 09.00 or 10.00 am, they can't go to school. They come from poor families and often these kids are the sole breadwinners of their family. And even if they're not, their contribution to the family budget is important. This way

The ducklings working diligently cleaning the boats at the jetty of Kuala idi Cut

they support their brothers and sisters.
With their parents not being able to provide for them, the fact that these children have to work for money, deprives them of a lot of the joys of childhood. They hardly even have time to play. The basic rights of children to grow up in a protected environment is a notion that stands far from them. Most of the children in Idi Cut have to help their families by taking up paid jobs. Boys hunt for crabs, girls search for oysters after school, this way earning 5,000 to 10,000 Roepiah a day. The worse thing is that often, when their families can't cope with the money that comes in, these children have to drop out of school to start working more hours.

JRS has set up an alternative education program together with the community of Kuala Idi Cut to raise awareness about the importance of education. The program supports the children to find out their potential and constraints and to turn that information into choices about their future. From this introspection, children are encouraged to look at their community and define the potential and drawbacks of it. This helps them to figure out better ways to cope with poverty for example. Besides this psychosocial part, the alternative education program includes language, reading, basic math, religion, vocational training and even art.

Abdul Yatim, the village chief (Keuchik) Kuala Idi Cut warmly embraces JRS education program. His hopes are that through this program, the ducklings will finally be able to go to school.

CHILDREN'S HOPE

By Antok, JRS Yogya earthquake response

This is the story of Mujiyo, an earthquake survivor and one of JRS' beneficiaries. It shows how their hope that was taken away by the devastating earthquake can be revived by simple things.

Mujiyo is a 50-year old man. He lives with his wife and three children in Karangturi, a subvillage of Bawak In the district of Klaten, Central Java. 23 Years ago he married his wife Suwarti. With two daughters Titut Purweni, 22 and Tanti Setyowati, 14 and a son Yusuf Setyawan, they lived a happy and content life. Mujiyo

JRS Indonesia Country Director Suyadi with Mujiyo and his wife in front of the ruins of their house

is a farmer. Every year he rents a piece of land of which he gets three harvests a year. First they plant soybean, after that rice. Of his land he earns about Rp 1.250.000 (about 125 US$) per harvest when the season is good.

During times when he doesn't need to look after his field, Mujiyo goes to Surabaya to sell Ice drinks. His wife makes Tempe, a soybean product, to sell. Both their businesses assist them during vacant times and although the earnings are small, about 20US$ a month, for them it is an important contribution to the household. As their village is close to the market of Cawas, Suwarti sells the tempe she produces at home at the market. A couple of years after they got married, they inherited a piece of land of 1075 yard of their parents. They planted banana trees for extra income.

Mujiyo is a diligent member of his community with a broad knowledge. He always participates in community works (*gotong royong)* and community meetings. In Karangturi members of different religious groups live in harmony and disputes between households hardly ever occur. Mujiyo manages his money wisely and has been able to improve his house step by step and to buy a second-hand motorbike. All in all a happy family alltogether.

The soybeans are wrapped before they are cooked

But their happiness was turned upside down on the 27th of may 2006 at 05.58 in the morning by a 6.3 earthquake. Within a minute all they had collected during their life was destroyed and all that was left were tears and panic. When a moment later news spread that a tsunami was imminent, Mujiyo and his family ran to the hill together with other members of his community. For three days they camped out there, enduring the torrential rains that lasted for two days after the earthquake, afraid to go back and be washed away by a tsunami. Only when they received word that there would be no tsunami, they came down to their village where they found everything in ruins.

For Mujiyo, the effect the earthquake had on his children was the worst thing. The destruction deprived them of their aspirations and dreams

Mujiyo, as many of his neighbours, felt frustrated and asked himself why this had happened to them. What had they done wrong to sereve this? For him, the effect the earthquake had on his children was the worst thing. Not only were they traumatized to the extent that his daughters became depressed, but the earhquake deprived them of their dreams and aspirations. His second daughter, Tanti, just graduated from junior high school and wanted to continue her education at the vocational middle school in Pedan. Realizing everything was lost, she became depressed. She cried all day and became unmotivated.

Mujiyo took the whole hardship in determinate manner. Together with his neighbours he worked hard to clean up the debris. Although his hopes were to provide a way out for his family, all he could do was participate in the community works as his soybean stock and the tools to process it were destroyed as well.

JRS has been assisting the community of Karangturi with food, non-food items, tools and a transitional roof structure, has helped Mujiyo with 29 kg of soybean and the tools he needed to set up their business again. This way his family can make a living and become less dependent on outside assistance.

ACTIVITY REPORT JRS TSUNAMI RESPONSE

Six Months Report Area 1

Banda Aceh

Education

JRS Built a Qur'an Reading Center (TPA) for a hundred children in Kreureng Raya and provided teaching activities for reading, writing and basic maths to 5 children in Lhok Mee. One student of Islamic Boarding school Al Fatah, Abu Lam U received a six-month scholarship.

Health

In Meunasah Keudee, Dusun Lhok Mee and Tanah Merah, JRS provided public health information and facilitated the reinstatement of the health facilities. Medicine and treatment was given to 90% of the students and teachers of the Islamic Boarding school of Al Fatah, Abu Lam U.

Restoring Lives

In Krueng Raya, JRS distributed the materials needed and cash grants of Rp 500.000 (about 50US$) for 58 fish drying units. Within the fishermen's program, 55 pull-boats have been provided for 175 fishermen. The dike construction has reached the end of the second phase with the construction of 637m dike in Krueng Raya.

In Meunasah Keudee a new group for Income Generating Activities has been set up and has been given cash grants to start their activities. For the Semangat Baru women's group of Labui Rp 48.000.000 (about 4800 US$) has been revolving among the 11 women to support their activities.

Support Local Groups

JRS has finished the process of land rights clearance for 16.200 square meters for the relocation of the community. Every household receives 150 square meters. Of the 80 houses that were planned, only 46 units will be built. The remaining 26 houses will be transferred to the Calang program

Pulo Aceh

Restoring Lives

In Meulingge, already 105 knock-down houses type 36 in Meulingge have been finished. 51 Of these have already been handed over to beneficiary households. To support people in their independncy, 6 groups have been set up to receive cash grants for Income Generating Activities. To assist farming activities, JRS has distributed 50kg of ginger seedlings per household to 67 households. In cooperation with FAO, JRS distributed 100 packets of vegetable seedlings to 100 households. To revive the fishing activities, JRS has provided 20 traditionally built boats for 20 households. A generator was provided with a capacity of 9500 kwh for lighting of 104 households in Pulo Aceh.

Emergency Aid

For the 104 households that returned to Meulingge, JRS has provided emergency food rations and non-food items such as 70 kerosene pressure lanterns, 4L kerosene/household and 1 water tank

Education

The MoU with the Education Department of Aceh Besar District for one school (37 students) has been agreed on.

Health

In meulingge a 2-weekly free medical treatment program was set up and dietary supplements were provided for babies and schoolkids

Lamno

Emergency Aid

JRS has provided basic needs for 200 households in the Aceh Jaya district

Education

To manage the library f the Islamic Boarding school Budi in the future, JRS has facilitated 2 students to participate in a library management training. To improve JRS' servive, 6 staff and volunteers participated in a Training for Trainers about Living Values. Using this, JRS has organised a Living Values training for 24 primary school and islamic school teachers. To support the education infrastructure, JRS has distributed note books for 18 primary schools in Aceh Jaya district and sports equipment for 8 primary schools in Lok Kruet and 10 in Lamno and has built a Qur'an reading center (TPA) in Lhuet for 110 pupils.

Restoring lives

To improve the handicrafts business of the two weaving groups of Meunasah Tutong and Mukhan JRS has been assisting, quality improvement training has been conducted and new items have been developed. To assist the housing reconstruction process, JRS has provided 2.186 corrugated iron sheets for 68 households of Aluemi to be used as

roofing of their semi-permanent houses and has built 70 knock-down houses in Calang, Aceh Jaya district

Six Months Report Area 2

Langsa

Emergency Aid
JRS has provided supplementary food for 60 students of JRS alternative school and 25 under-five children in Kuala Idi Cut and 1023 kg rice and 5,100,000.- Rupiah of supplementary food money for 128 children of Bustanul Fakri orphanage.

Health
8 patients from Kuala Idi Cut, Kuala Parek and Kuala Simpang Ulim have been referred to the hospitals in Medan, Langsa, Lhok Seumawe. JRS is currently constructing a village clinic in Kuala Idi Cut. By the end of June the construction process was 90% finished. In partnership with Yayasan Pulih, JRS conducted a trauma healing training (TOT) for 21 trainers. The 128 students of Bustanul Fakri received psychosocial therapy through skills (embroidering, sewing, breeding, etc).
JRS has built waterworks for 53 families of IDPs in Kuala Idi Cut and toilets for 2 families in Kuala Idi Cut and 70 students of Nurul Fata Muslim boarding school in Sungai Raya.

Education
In Kuala Idi Cut, an alternative education program has been set up for 83 children (56 boys and 28 girls). In cooperation with the Education Department of Darul Aman Sub-district, JRS has organized Basic Education Activities for 55 illiterate women IDPs as well. 47 Students of Malahayati Orphanage have received learning assistance. JRS has provided scholarships for 25 undergraduate students from Aceh Tamiang, Aceh Timur and Langsa and conducted life skill training for 8 alumni of PP Bustanul Fakri in cooperation with Teban Iman Foundation in Ciputat, Tangerang. Learning packages have been distributed for 385 children in Kuala Simpang Ulim, Malahayati Orphanage, Kuala Idi Cut and Kuala Bugak.
15 Alternative-school teachers from Langsa and Kuala Idi Cut have received additional training.

Support Local Groups
JRS supports and involves local groups in its activities to ensure capacity building. Forum Peduli Rakyat Miskin was supported for their education and health program in Kuala Bugak. JRS' response focuses on personal accompaniment. Therefore, JRS has participated in the celebrations and religious commemorations in Kuala Idi Cut and Kuala Simpang Ulim. Moreover, JRS constructed a public hall for 53 families in Kuala Idi Cut.
To assist the reconstruction process, JRS restored 1 out of 13 houses in Kuala Idi Cut and Langsa. As the areas where JRS Langsa works have been heavily affected by the conflict, JRS has conducted peace journalism training for 24 students from Langsa.

Restoring Lives
JRS has started a cash grant system for the 17 *toke* (local businessmen) in Kuala Simpang Ulim. The activities for this program are now mainly monitoring and motivating them to run the agreed cash grant system. 53 People have been gathered into a working group to start economic activities and have received basic training to manage the cash grants they will receive. 1 pedicab driver in Langsa has received a pedicab.

Advocacy
For those issues outside of JRS' mandate or capacity, JRS advocates the rights of its beneficiaries. Within this, 40 families of Kuala Parek IDPs and 216 families of Kuala Simpang Ulim IDPs have been assisted to receive clear and right information about the procedure of relocation. JRS has sssisted 398 families of Sumber Mulia IDPs to advocate for their rights to return and 8 conflict and tsunami affected people to obtain sufficient health services.

Meulaboh

Emergency Aid
JRS has provided supplementary food for 549 elementary school students (Kuala Tripa and Gunong Geulugo) and 437 under-five aged children (PP Baitul Makmur and Blang Sibeutong village) and has istributed T-shirt uniforms for 300 students and tutors

Health
66 Out of 80 toilet units have been handed over to 80 families in Kuala Tripa and Babah Lueng.

Education
JRS has provided educational supplies for 22 schools in Meulaboh and 1 community of Cot Rambong and has provided scholarship for 226 tertiary students. In Kuala Tuha, JRS has assessed the need for Basic Education Activities for illiterate beneficiaries and provided learning and reading books in 4 elementary schools and 4 junior high schools. The 178 tutors involved in JRS' education program have received their monthly wages and capacity building training and they were monitored and evaluated in

partnetship with a local NGO GSF.

Restoring Lives
JRS has built 68 out of 100 housing in Kuala Tripa, 12 in Babah Lueng and restored 3 houses in Kuala Tripa and Cot Amun. JRS assisted 122 families to process the recovery of their land that was destroyed during the conflict and tsunami.
To assist the peace agreement, JRS financially supported peace building activities in Penaga Raya, Sub-district Merebo.

Income Generating Activities
JRS has provided capital loan for 13 small entrepreneurs and 5 working groups and has facilitated Income Generating Activities beneficiaries meetings (91 people). 19 Students were sponsored to take computer courses.

Tapak Tuan

Emergency Aid
JRS has distributed basic needs (rice, water and lamps) for 97 families in Lubuk Layu, 118 families in Koto Indarung, 137 families in Gunung Kerambil and 24 families in Siurai-urai. Basic health services through a mobile clinic were delivered to 4010 people of Koto Indarung, Siurai-urai, Lubuk Layu, Teupin Tinggi, Rantau Binuang, Sawang Indah and Meukek villages. 20 Health personnel from Sawang Indah, Lubuk Layu, Rantau Binuang and Koto Indarung received medical training.

Education
In Lubuk Layu, JRS has provided learning assistance for 55 elementary schools students. The primary school received assistance to advocate their need for more qualified teachers and some individuals were supported to take the equality test. Capacity building programs were organized for the Ustads (Qur'an teachers) and the reactivation of the TPA was supported.
In Rantau Binuang, JRS has provided learning assistance for 140 elementary schools students and has assisted the TPA
In Kota Indarung, JRS has provided learning assistance for 78 elementary schools students. The primary school received assistance to advocate their need for more qualified teachers and some individuals were supported to take the equality test. In Siurai-Urai, JRS has provided learning assistance for 21 elementary schools students and has supported the TPA
18 Packages of school kits were distributed to 18 orphans in Hulu Village, Tapak Tuan. In the office of JRS Tapaktuan, a reading and learning center was set up for children in the neighborhoods.
Sport groups were supported in Sawang Indah, Lubuk Layu, Rantau Binuang, Koto Indarung and Siurai-urai villages as well as children dancing groups in Koto Indarung, Siurai-urai and Rantau Binuang villages. The Wirid Yasin groups (women praying groups) were revived in Sawang Indah, Lubuk Layu, Rantau Binuang, Koto Indarung and Siurai-urai villages and sports equipments was distributed in Tapak Tuan, Korans, Iqra, woman scarves, rimless caps, praying mats and sarongs for 208 women IDPs in Rantau Binuang.

Income Generating Activities
JRS assessed the need for income generating activities program for 495 families in Lubuk Layu, Rantau Binuang, Sawang Indah, Koto Indarung, Siurai-urai villages and provided capital loans to 1 person from Air Berudang and 2 persons from Sawang Indah. Chili and ginger seedlings were provided for 10 families from Rantau Binuang and 23 families from Lubuk Layu and JRS assisted farmer groups which received revolving capital loans in the respected areas. JRS also gave 20 boat machines and 10 units of boats for 10 families in Rantau Binuang and 10 families in Sawang Indah.

ACTIVITY REPORT JRS EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Bantul District - DIY Province

Food & NFI Program
JRS provided 11 tarpaulins and 210 blankets for 236 households in Kanoman subvillage, Banguntapan subdistrict. 90% of the houses were destroyed by the earthquake. Besides shelter items, JRS also distributed infant blankets, clothes and baby items, medicine, rice and supplementary food (sardines and milk). In Pringolayan subvillage, hamlets 10, 11, 5 and 5 of Banguntapan subdistrict, about 80% of the houses are uninhabitable. JRS distributed tents, medicine, infant blankets, milk and supplementary food. In the subvillage of Kalipucung, Bangun Jiwa villagein the subdistrict of Kasihan, JRS distributed rice, biscuits and supplementary food for 295 households.

JRS assessed the needs and distributed food in 3 subvillages; Pelem Lor in the village of Baturetno, subdistrict Banguntapan - Salam in the village of Nglarong, subdistrict Pandak and the village Wonocatur, subdistrict Banguntapan. In subvillage Kerten, Jogotirto village in subdistrict Berbah, district Sleman, JRS distributed 28 sacks of rice and 20 cartons of baby food. The village suffered 1 casualty with many wounded. Their houses were for 90% destroyed. In the subvillage Cempluk in mangunan village, subdistrict Dlingo, JRS distributed 13 tents for 22 households. 18 Houses were destroyed. In Numpukan, Karangtengah, Imogiri subdistrict, JRS has distributed hygiene kits for 48 households and has started a transitional shelter program. Food and Non-Food Items were distributed for 172 households in Kebosungu 2 in Dlingo. JRS dropped tool kits for cleaning up the debris in subvillage Janganan, Panggung Harjo, Sewon and constructed 4 transitional shelters in Ngliseng.

Temporary-Shelter Program

JRS has started a transitional shelter program for the victims of the Yogyakarta and Central Java earthquake. Bamboo houses of 24 square meters will be constructed through community works, assisted by a JRS shelter team that will provide technical assistance. In the subdistrict Dlingo, JRS is building 78 units in the subvillages of Pokoh, Kebohsunggu and Ngliseng. In Subdistrict Piyungan, 56 units will be constructed, in Imogiri 7 units and in Sewon 56.

Klaten District - Central Java Provincy

Food & NFI Program

In the district of Klaten, 4 subdistricts suffered heavy damage from the 27 may earthquake being Gantiwarno, Wedi, Bayat and Cawas. Starting 28 May, JRS has sent out a team to assess the destruction and to distribute emergency aid. The JRS Klaten team has also focused its response on the neighboring district of Sleman. In the subdistrict Gayam, JRS has been distributing food and NFI in the subvillages Gambirsawit and Gayam. Food distribution contained rice, biscuits, whereas NFI consisted of tents, tarpaulins and tools.

In the subdistrict of Bayat, JRS has been distributing food in the subvillages of Karangturi and Brengosan. Tents and tarps, ropes to fasten tarps, blankets and hygiene kits were distributed in the same subvillages.

In the subvillage of Brungka, subdistrict Cawas, JRS distributed supplementary food, tarpaulins, fastening rope, clothes, lamps and hygiene kits

T-Shelter Program

JRS Klaten is implementing a transitional housing program, constructing bamboo housing through community works. In the subdistrict Gayam, 117 of these bamboo houses are being built in the following subvillages: Gyam Rt 05 =22 units, Magirsari Rt 06.= 21 units, Bendo Rt 07 = 31 units, Gambirsawit Rt 01 = 5 units and Gambirsawit Rt 02 = 28 units.

In the subdistrict Bayat, 42 bamboo houses are being constructed in the village of Karakiran, subvillages Brengosan Rt 01 13 units, Ngelaban Rt 02 11 units and Nayan 18 units. In subdistrict Cawas, JRS will construct 37 bamboo houses in the village Pakisan (subvillages Brungkah Rt 17.= 9 units, Rt 18 = 9 units, Gabahan 9 units, Kegokan 1 unit and Bandungrejo 1 unit) and for the village Bawak in subvillage Karangturi Rt 01,02,03 = 31 units.

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