



THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

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The **INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)** has operated in Indonesia as part of the Consortium for Assistance and Recovery toward Development in Indonesia (CARDI) for the past four years. Established in 2001, CARDI is a coalition of four distinguished international non-sectarian, non-governmental organizations – the IRC, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, and Stichting Vluchteling – sharing the same mandate of supporting refugees and displaced persons worldwide. CARDI works in North Maluku, Maluku, Central Sulawesi, and, prior to the tsunami, in Aceh. Since the tsunami struck on December 26, 2004, the IRC has operated independently from CARDI in Aceh, but cooperates closely with other members of the consortium.

TSUNAMI RESPONSE Aceh is the region closest to the epicenter of the December 26, 2004 earthquake and tsunami that devastated coastlines across Southeast Asia, killing more than 128,000 people in Indonesia alone. IRC mobile relief teams, with specialists in health, water supply, sanitation, and child protection fanned out across Aceh Province by boat, road and helicopter to deliver emergency services and supplies to some of the hardest hit villages. IRC is shifting its program focus away from emergency response to recovery and regeneration, as residents look towards rebuilding their lives. Several programs are now operating in Aceh, addressing the needs of those affected by the tsunami. **Health** programming is focusing on strengthening local community health worker networks, training nurses and midwives, and supplying and rehabilitating health centers and clinics. In addition, **Environmental Health** staff are working to improve access to potable water; clean, rehabilitate, and construct wells and other sanitation facilities; train community environmental health workers, and distribute essential non-food items. Four key areas have been targeted by the **Children and Youth Protection** program: education, recreation and play, youth group support, and support to vulnerable families. Training courses on psychosocial approaches to teaching are being offered to teachers, vulnerable children and families are being provided ongoing support and referral to services, up to 1,000 children are participating in dance, music, reading, and games at IRC-established child friendly spaces, and alternative learning approaches are being implemented. **Community Regeneration** is a three-tiered program, focusing on restoring and strengthening livelihoods through quick impact projects, mapping and design of needs, and integrated community projects. In fishing communities, boat construction projects were amongst the first to be launched, an essential need for fishermen to reclaim their industry and earn an income.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION and DEVELOPMENT CARDI implements child and youth programming in North Maluku, Maluku, and Central Sulawesi, three provinces that have been affected by religious and communal conflict. Children and youth are learning how to effectively manage the psychosocial effects of their experiences with conflict and violence, how to develop healthy coping mechanisms, and how to restore positive interactions among youth from all religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. The program also addresses their educational needs, collaborates with communities on child and youth welfare issues, and provides youth with avenues and skills for civic and economic engagement.

COMMUNITY REHABILITATION In sustainable ways, CARDI is assisting displaced persons who are returning to their home communities. Through education, water and sanitation, and microgrants, livelihoods of 18 conflict-affected communities have been improved in Maluku. Additionally, 50 school facilities have been reconstructed and rehabilitated on Halmahera Island. In North Maluku, 38 communities have improved their livelihoods through community-based initiatives in water and sanitation, income generation, infrastructure, and sea transportation.

PROTECTION Through communication and information dissemination, CARDI describes options available to displaced persons unsure about returning to their home communities. CARDI's support for the rights of displaced persons remains active through workshops, briefings to donors and other stakeholders, and advocacy with provincial authorities to maintain IDPs amongst their top priorities.

LIVELIHOODS Prior to the tsunami and the IRC's emergency response and subsequent community regeneration program, CARDI implemented programming on economic development and improvement of livelihoods in Aceh for communities recovering from conflict. The program worked in partnership with local organizations by increasing capacity and developing new initiatives. Training was provided on savings, income diversification, and technical skills, and equipment and tools were distributed for projects on agriculture, fishing, animal husbandry, and home industry.

PROGRAM STRATEGY

In both Aceh and the rest of Indonesia, IRC and CARDI seek to complete the transition from humanitarian to post-disaster programming. IRC and CARDI will maintain a focus on community regeneration through a livelihoods approach, on youth empowerment through education, life skills and access to economic opportunities, and on protection and conflict prevention. IRC and CARDI are committed to conducting activities through local partnerships with authorities or NGOs, and employing a community approach that works through and supports Indonesia's current decentralization process.



OPERATIONS STAFFING

CARDI in Indonesia operates with 3 expatriate staff and approximately 100 national staff. IRC operates in Aceh with approximately 30 expatriate staff and 300 national staff.

BUDGET

In the 2005 fiscal year, CARDI Indonesia had an operating budget of \$1,053,430. Funding for the CARDI Indonesia programming was provided by Australia Aid, USAID, ECHO, OFDA, European Union, UNOCHA, UNDP, UNOPS, Danish Embassy, Government of Portugal, Stichting Vluchteling, and several private and corporate foundations. IRC in Aceh has an operating budget for 2005 of approximately \$10 million and has raised \$25 million to support tsunami relief and recovery efforts. IRC's tsunami response program in Aceh receives support from a range of public and private donors including ECHO, USAID/OFDA, Stichting Vluchteling, Gates Foundation, Pfizer, Goldman Sachs, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Starr Foundation, PepsiCo, KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, Ace Ina Foundation, and others.

OFFICES

CARDI has 4 operating offices: Jakarta, North Maluku, Maluku, and Central Sulawesi. IRC has 5 operating offices in Aceh, as well as a liaison office in Jakarta.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CARDI Indonesia is pleased to share any additional information about its current programming or concepts for future projects.

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