

## RI Continues to Meet the Changing Needs of Earthquake Survivors

**June 13, 2006** – In the early morning hours of May 27, the ancient city of Yogyakarta was rocked by a devastating 6.3 magnitude earthquake. Relief International responded immediately, deploying relief and assessment teams from Jakarta, RI's regional offices in South Asia and the U.S. to provide emergency relief and to establish long-term aid programs for survivors.

RI quickly organized a network of professional staff and volunteers to assist in the distribution of more than 15 metric tons of food and other relief supplies to beneficiaries. Amid constant tremors and the evolving situation on the ground, RI was able to deal head-on with the widespread loss of lives and shelter, launching several programs to handle the developing needs of survivors.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

**Health Services and Medical Clinics** – RI's medical professionals treated a variety of injuries and illnesses stemming from the disaster. Over the course of several weeks, RI's medical teams provided aid to more than 1,050 people in at least 20 villages affected by the quake.

**Shelter Reconstruction Loans** – As a result of the quake, more than 50,000 homes were destroyed, leaving more than 600,000 people homeless. In response, RI is making funding available to families so that they are able to immediately begin rebuilding their lives and homes. The Shelter Emergency Loan Fund (SELF) provides \$2,000 loans to families which, through regular monthly payments, is repaid and grows the initial fund. RI's goal is to assist at least 500 of the most vulnerable families in the region. So far, SELF is starting with a \$300,000 loan capital and aims to grow to \$1 million.

**Relief Supplies** – With the lack of shelter as well as a long-term loss of electricity, the need for kerosene (used for cooking and heating) became as great as the need for blankets and temporary shelter. To date, Relief International has distributed more than 4,000 liters of kerosene, mostly on foot or motorbike, to families in seven villages near the epicenter of the quake.

Ongoing support and aid is still needed. To help support survivors of the quake, or for more information on RI's ongoing relief efforts and programs in earthquake affected areas, please visit <http://www.ri.org/Indonesia>.



### DONATE NOW

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