

BOAT FOR INDONESIAN CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION

Simeulue Island is a one district in Aceh Province which destroyed by Tsunami on December 26th 2004 and followed by earthquake on March 28th 2005. One thing interest at Simeulue Island is when tsunami happened, were only 7 people dead, there were all die because some of them were old people who could not run away to anymore and others were tourists or new arrival people.

Those community safety based on mouth tradition history that tell by their grand parents with title **“SMONG”** its means sea water is rising up to the shore or tsunami. Part of that story is:, if there is a big earthquake, run out of home quickly and see to the sea, if sea water ebb it is a clue for the big disaster will come, **“SMONG....SMONG....SMONG....let’s climb the hill....”**

District of Simeulue’s citizens are more than 82.000 people, spread on 8 sub districts, not all sub districts may passed thru by ground transportation yet, there is still one sub district which only can passed thru by water transportation, other side there are 2 small islands which lived by people community and each has an elementary school.

Those boat made in order they don’t isolated by current development. From collected funds, the boats now are still under construction, the making process may see below:



At this sea shore under the coconut trees, boat will be made, in order if it already, it will be easy to pool it into the sea.



Some boat makers are preparing bottom part of boat frame.



Other boat maker is making front frame.



Boat frame vie from back side



Boat body was made up to 50%



Bottom side is covered by zinc to protect by scrub of sea sand etc.



"Machine room"



See from front deck



Made up to 60%, see from back side



Made up to 60%, see from front side

Boat specifications are: 10 m long, 180 cm width, 70 cm depth, number one quality of wood "*Mauwak wood*" and "*Rasak wood*", bottom side of boat, covered by zinc to protect with sea sand when the boat parking. 20 HP machine, and completed by 20 kid vessels and 5 adult vessels.

This is our brief report until September 2006 of Boat for Indonesian Children Project.
All of tree boats will be ready on January or February 2007.

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