



**WORLD NEIGHBORS AND YAYASAN IDEP PARTNER
TO RESPOND TO ASIAN TSUNAMI & NIAS EARTHQUAKE
EMERGENCY IN 2004 / 2005**

The early and generous support of World Neighbors enabled IDEP to immediately begin delivering aid following the devastating earthquake and tsunami of December 2004 in several locations in Aceh, Indonesia. The following report details how, where and when these funds were disbursed. When Aceh Aid at IDEP (AAAI) was created as an emergency response project on December 27, World Neighbors was one of the first non-private donors to support this initiative. From the beginning, it was AAAI's policy to deliver practical assistance directly to those who needed it most through trusted partner organizations. Because of the generosity of donors such as World Neighbors, AAAI was able to send relief supplies by road from Medan to Banda Aceh and by sea to isolated communities along the coast. After the 9.2 earthquakes struck the island of Nias, World Neighbors supported projects there as well. In the recovery phase, World Neighbors supported important work in the sub-district of Samatiga outside of Meulaboh.

Following is a summary of projects supported by World Neighbors contribution of U.S. \$100,473.01, converted into Indonesian Rupiah at 9,500 = Rp 954,493,595.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY WORLD NEIGHBORS DONORS

Aid by Boat

Emergency Aid via Other Vessels 107,279,286
Emergency Aid via Endless Sun Boat 80,006,900

Aid by Land

Material Contractual for 7 Villages 111,676,500
Samatiga Community Recovery #3 131,583,209
Sanitation and Privacy tents 117,193,383
Food Aid, Water & Edu/Prayer Facilities 94,602,216
Food Aid and Education/Prayer needs 46,000,000
Women Counseling Centre 137,999,660

Food Aid, & Education/Prayer goods 105,814,461

NIAS Relief

Nias Emergency Coordination 10,944,830

Eco Trainer Project in Nias 11,393,150

TOTAL PROJECTS VALUE: 954,493,595

We at IDEP are deeply grateful to World Neighbors for its partnership in this crucial relief and recovery work.

PROJECT NARRATIVES

Aid by Boat

Emergency Aid Delivery to Islands and Isolated Coastal Communities of Aceh

By the first week of January, AAI volunteers in Aceh were performing assessments and delivering aid by road, air and boat. Two Bali-based AAI volunteers flew to Padang on December 31 with urgently needed cash and supplies. They joined a team of local diving and surfing companies in sharing information and assessing the needs of survivors in coastal communities. On January 1, one of the AAI volunteers flew over the coast with an AusAid representative and landed in several places, bringing back some of the first eyewitness information on the coast. The next day, the head of the AAI group in Padang heard about an AusAid relief plane full of supplies that had not been able to land and was preparing to return to base. He intercepted the plane and was able to redirect 15 tons of aid to private boats, which headed north to the tsunami zone.

By January 4, an additional seven AAI volunteers including medics and engineers left Bali for Padang, carrying cash and medical supplies. Impressed by AAI initiatives, AusAid donated funds to charter a 200-ton cargo ferry to bring relief to isolated coastal villages. Using donations raised by AAI, a dedicated group of women volunteers in Padang shopped for and packed hundreds of plastic buckets with the essential supplies they knew survivors would need. IDEP worked with one of these organizations to purchase and load emergency food aid, water, medicine and sanitation and building supplies. The fully loaded Sumber Rejeki assessed a number of communities in the islands off the west coast, which were not badly damaged before proceeding north to Calang on January 10. Theirs was the first aid to reach the devastated communities near the earthquake's epicenter – Tsunami Ground Zero. From a town of 35,000, perhaps 7,000 survived and almost every building had been destroyed.

It took two days to off-load supplies and the drilling equipment that was urgently needed to establish wells. Although the Sumber Rejeki carried about 90 tons of aid, one volunteer reported that 20 such ships would not have made a dent in the needs on the ground. The ship refueled and picked up more supplies in Banda Aceh, then continued to supply aid to devastated communities on the coast until January 21. In that time it had distributed over 400 tons of emergency supplies.

*“Aid Buckets” off-loaded onto the shore of Calang
People in this area had been waiting for help for almost 2 weeks*



Preparing supplies to be loaded onto boats • Delivery of Emergency Food, Aid and building materials for households



The logistics of offloading the aid were extremely challenging on the ground



AAAI gratefully received assistance from some local volunteers that had brought off road vehicles to the area on military ships

Aid by Land

Relief Goods to Banda Aceh, and the Samatiga Sub district of Aceh

AAAI's response to the tsunami was two-pronged. Its partnership with the Sumatran Orangutan Society made it possible for it to arrange deliveries of relief goods by land to Banda Aceh and surrounding areas. Working in partnership with the Sumatran Orangutan Society's Medan office, the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC), AAAI volunteers purchased emergency supplies locally a few days following the tsunami. It was difficult to find trucks with drivers who were willing to make the journey to Banda Aceh, as nothing was known about road conditions and the area was still politically unstable. AAAI was able to fill one large truck with food, school supplies and prayer needs (prayer mats, Korans and robes and headscarves for the women).

The very first relief convoy of three trucks left Medan December 29 and arrived in Banda Aceh 24 hours later. The situation was extremely chaotic, but the OIC volunteers who accompanied the truck were able to locate a distribution centre that was run by a trusted organization. The AAAI truck was one of the first aid vehicles to reach the devastated town, making World Neighbors among the very first international donors to provide support to tsunami survivors. With a focus on keeping people from leaving their homes and becoming itinerant refugees, AAAI began to source drilling equipment and pumps to clear seawater from wells, building supplies and other articles that would enable survivors to remain in their communities and begin to rebuild their lives. In Medan, SOS (Orangutan Information Centre/OIC) staff worked with the NGO Indonesia Friends of the Earth (WAHLI) to strategically shop for food and basic supplies, find drivers with trucks who were willing to make the daunting journey to Banda Aceh and load the truck with the help of volunteers.

Three trucks left Medan December 29 and arrived in Banda Aceh on New Year's Eve. AAAI emergency supply trucks continued to make the 24-hour round trip from Medan to Banda Aceh. Each vehicle was accompanied by an OIC volunteer to ensure the supplies reached the intended recipients. In Banda Aceh and points between, AAAI aid was handed out through distribution centers run by WAHLI. On January 4, AAAI sent two volunteers to Medan to help coordinate logistics. AAAI was fortunate to have been able to work with several excellent local NGOs and community groups to deliver a variety of well-targeted and timely emergency support initiatives to the people in need of help in Aceh and the surrounding islands.

Four weeks after the tsunami, the situation on the ground remained chaotic. Although communications with the field were very difficult, returning volunteers recounted how the camps for Internally Displaced Persons lacked even the most basic sanitation. Also, surviving women had no place to go so they could be apart from the men. This was a serious cultural issue in a conservative Muslim society.

AAAI, working with Indonesian Friends of the Earth (WALHI), purchased shovels, buckets and building tools for the construction of pit latrines. They also bought tents to provide privacy for female tsunami survivors. These were sent by truck and distributed by volunteers directly to survivors in IDP camps. Another key role of AAAI volunteers was as cultural liaisons between the local communities in need and the International Aid agencies. Large international donor agencies were distributing relief goods around Banda Aceh and in other key distribution centers but because most staff

did not speak Indonesian, many were not aware of the many isolated communities which had not yet received aid. In some cases the inequitable delivery of aid was causing conflicts on the ground. Bilingual AAI volunteers played a key role in assisting with needs assessments and coordination for the more effective distribution of these goods.



The first delivery of Aid by Land in Banda Aceh • Volunteers help with corpse removal • Negotiating with International Agencies



Sanitation conditions in IDP camps were often terrible • AAI volunteers work with International agencies to deliver WATSAN

Earthquake Response

Nias Emergency Distribution Coordination and Nias “Ecotrainer” Project

In March 2005, another severe earthquake of 9.2 struck the island of Nias, not far from the site of the original earthquake and tsunami. Although many of the international aid agencies immediately went to Nias, many of their staff were not able to speak Indonesian. This made it extremely difficult for them to identify needs, form partnerships with local NGOs and effectively deliver aid. IDEP immediately sent a bilingual volunteer to Nias to undertake the role of liaising between international and local non-government organizations. This AAI volunteer established a local coordination center managed by local NGOs. The center proved invaluable in assisting both sides in increasing coordination and communication in the field, and many isolated communities that had been identified by the local NGOs were finally able to receive the support they needed.

After two months, the initial volunteer was replaced by a bilingual husband and wife team, the husband’s family was originally from Nias and his knowledge of local customs and needs proved invaluable in assisting local communities with identifying

some basic projects that could be undertaken on the ground using local skills and supplies. These volunteers were staff of IDEP's "Ecotrainer" program in Bali. While based on Nias they delivered several trainings in isolated farming communities that had been devastated by the earthquake. They taught seed saving, composting, productive kitchen gardening and other basic food security techniques. They also developed a water filter from locally available materials, which removed large suspended solids from the badly contaminated water, which was all that was available in the capital at the time.



The devastation of the earthquake in Nias • The NGO coordination center established by AAI in Gunungsitoli Nias' capital



Local volunteers and NGOs in Nias work with AAI to establish remote distribution centers



"Ecotraining" in remote areas of Nias to establish composting, seed saving and basic kitchen gardens on the ground