



Reducing Risks: Developing Psychosocial Capacity of Responders: Phase II

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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE: PROTECTION



Main Achievements of Fiscal Year 2016 Q1: October 1-December 31, 2015

Signing Agreement and Partnership Building:

The previous quarterly report summarized the process JDC undertook to refine the contract with the University of Indonesia, the sub-award grantee, according to OFDA's stipulated regulations and those set forth in Circular A-122. Following that report, the contract remained under review by the University for several weeks, beyond the timeframe that JDC had anticipated for this process.

It should be noted that, over the course of 2015, the University of Indonesia changed its oversight policies with respect to the academic faculties, including the Crisis Center of the Faculty of Psychology, with whom JDC had partnered for Phase I of this project. The new arrangement meant that JDC was in the position of forging a new partnership framework, now with the University as an entity rather than with one Faculty. This shift signifies an important opportunity to ensure the sustainability of this intervention as it engages the University as a strong stakeholder in, and supporter of the program. In addition to helping sustain the program as a University priority, having the support of such a large national institution will lend itself to improving the infrastructure for psychosocial support in Disaster Risk Reduction throughout the country.

In order to advance this new partnership, both the Technical Advisor and the Area Director travelled to Jakarta in November 2015 to meet with the University's Dean as well as with the Crisis Center staff. These meetings proved critical to solidifying the partnership with the University. Indeed, as a direct outcome of that visit, the University of Indonesia signed the agreement with JDC on December 17, 2015 for Phase II of the Reducing Risks initiative. Planning and meetings are already underway, and JDC eagerly anticipates a fruitful two years of activity together.

In working with the Crisis Center and University staff, JDC leverages knowledge, technical expertise and support, and provides ongoing collaboration on the ground. Indeed the process of cultivating the partnership with the University and the Crisis Center together is characteristic of JDC's partnership approach overall.

Planning Activities for 2016- Refining Training and Improving Network Coordination:

Indicators addressed:

Indicator 1: Number of people trained in psychosocial support, by gender

JDC Indicator 1: The development, implementation, publication, and promotion of a curriculum

JDC Indicator 3: The inclusion of psychosocial response in National DRR

With the agreement finalized, JDC was able to commence the working partnership together with the local staff to provide compliance training and develop a robust timeline of activities for Year 1 including curriculum revisions, Immersion Course assessments and trainings, follow-up supervision, and Advanced Trainings for professionals. The first milestone event will be the Curriculum Revision Workshop now scheduled for late February 2016 (postponed from November due to delays signing the agreement) which will refine the psychosocial training curriculum developed during Phase I of the project. It will engage an intimate group drawn from the various project stakeholders holding the most first-hand knowledge of the program and its implementation. These will include: JDC's Technical Advisor, staff from the Faculty of Psychology at the University of Indonesia and Atma Jaya University, representatives from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA), the Indonesia Psychology Union (HIMPSI), and the Indonesia Professional Social



Worker Association (IPSPI). Emphasis will be placed on ensuring that the curriculum helps fill existing gaps in knowledge and training within Indonesia.

The Curriculum Workshop is just one example of how JDC and its partner are making a concerted effort to ensure full coordination with other agencies and avoid program duplication. Key to this process has been developing a relationship with MOSA who has been mandated to oversee psychosocial support programs in the country according to an MOU signed between MOSA and the National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) in May 2015. A first formal meeting with MOSA representatives was held in December 2015 wherein plans were put in place for a gathering of all agencies involved in psychosocial programming to review activities happened in 2015. The meeting closed with the decision that all stakeholders would gather to conduct a collaborative planning session in 2016 to achieve maximum breadth and impact of programming.

Also during this review meeting, MOSA suggested options for new priority locations for dissemination of the refined psychosocial training curriculum in the summer of 2016. This expansion will follow refined trainings in the original four village locations currently scheduled for the spring of 2016. Options for new locations include the Karo District-North Sumatera, Central Moluccas District-Moluccas Province, Alor District-East Nusa Tenggara, Bandung-West Java, and Jakarta province. JDC is currently doing a feasibility check to determine which high-risk region will be selected for the expansion utilizing the selection criteria previously established. Once again, these criteria include:

1. Degree of need for this program
2. Logistical feasibility for effective training
3. Assessment of priority areas of various stakeholders, both national and international, in DRR implementation
4. Capacity (of both the UI Crisis Center and the target local authority) to test and implement the revised curriculum
5. Assessment of the location's strategic significance as a platform for national advocacy and dissemination
6. In the case of a location that is experiencing an ongoing disaster, a particular analysis of the needs of the area's capacities as well as the needs of any IDPs is needed in order to determine if the location can absorb this program

Moving forward, JDC and its local partner continue to view every opportunity for collaboration and knowledge sharing with other agencies engaged in psychosocial support and crisis management as critical to achieving the goals of this project. Activities over the coming months will continue to demonstrate this strong emphasis on cross-agency cooperation as well as the implementation of the advanced courses, supervision program, and leadership & facilitation workshops.