



# **Reducing Risks: Developing Psychosocial Capacity of Responders: Phase II**

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## Executive Program Summary

Thanks to the support of USAID, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has continued its partnership with its subaward grantee, the Crisis Center of the University of Indonesia (UI) on Phase II of the Reducing Risks program began. Though, as previous reports attested, finalizing the agreement between the two organizations took longer than expected, the agreement was signed in December 2015, enabling program activities to fully commence during this last quarter (FY 2016 Q2).

Through deep collaboration with numerous government and civil society agencies during the last few months, JDC and UI have successfully:

- Held a milestone program event: the Curriculum Revision Workshop
- Coordinated with leaders in Bogor, the location of Phase I Immersion Course (IC) trainings, to introduce the opportunity for participation in the refined Phase II courses
- Surveyed possible locations for expansion of the refined IC trainings
- Developed the basis for a baseline study of the communities targeted for training, both in Bogor and outside, in order to ensure a robust measurement of the training's impact
- Built relationships with key stakeholders on the government and civil society levels
- Hosted and participated in psychosocial advocacy trainings and coordination meetings
- Advised the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) during emergency interventions
- Hired new program personnel in Jakarta
- Refined oversight procedures in accordance with best practices and regulations

This report details the aforementioned achievements- including numbers of beneficiaries- during this period spanning January 1-March 31, 2016.

## The Process of Revising, Restructuring, and Re-Implementing the Training

INDICATORS ADDRESSED:

**Indicator 1: Number of People Trained in Psychosocial DRR**

**Indicator 3 (JDC Indicator 1): The Development, Implementation, publication and promotion of a curriculum**



*Curriculum Revision Workshop: Plenary Sessions*

### *Curriculum Revision Workshop*

The program milestone Curriculum Revision Workshop was held on March 3-4, 2016 at Santika Hotel, Depok. The workshop included 20 participants (5 male and 15 female) with various professional backgrounds, including practitioners, academicians, policy makers, social workers, and psychologists. Most of the participants were actively involved in Phase I of the program, and were thus equipped to provide valuable feedback in order to improve the program implementation. However, it is important to note specifically two key participants in the workshop whose presence constituted an integral element of the program, i.e. to integrate these trainings into the national frameworks for DRR. One was

the head of the Directorate of Social Protection for Natural Disaster Survivors at the Ministry of Social Affairs who provided key feedback to the process of psychosocial DRR from the perspective of the government. The other was a representative from the United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

in Indonesia who provided useful information related to volunteerism in community-based programs. His participation followed a visit of UNV personnel to the University in January 2016 to learn more about the Reducing Risks program, at which point they took interest in the participation of village volunteers in the program and looked for opportunities for potential collaboration.

Issues explored during the workshop included:

- Defining the selection criteria and core competencies of trainees, facilitators, and policy makers in order to maximize the effectiveness of training
- Outlining key components of program implementation to maximize sustainability
- Methods of introducing the program in new communities



*Curriculum Revision Workshop: Group Discussions*

The main outputs of the workshop were to:

1. Refine the curriculum-- reducing the required training time by 20%-- to be able to scale it easily to new locations.
2. Identify effective systems for implementing Ongoing Enrichment (OE, formerly referred to "Supervision") and retention of volunteers.

Following the workshop, the actual revisions that were outlined during the workshop commenced at the end of March 2016 in order to produce the following:

- A Revised syllabus
- Pocket book with reading materials
- Training manual
- Assorted Immersion course materials such as brochures, flyers, posters, flipcharts, etc.

### *Moving Forward: Immersion Course Trainings*

The first Immersion Course (IC) implementations are scheduled for May 2016 in four villages in Bogor. Bogor was also home to the Phase I IC trainings. Initial meetings have been held with offices and numerous stakeholders in the Bogor district, subdistricts, villages, and community and neighborhood groups to reintroduce Phase II of the Reducing Risks program to the area. Specifically, meetings have been held with the BPBD and Social Welfare Department of Bogor, and with community leaders, women's groups, youth leaders, religious leaders, and those affected by the recent landslides. The revised training will focus on community disaster preparedness as well as the role of community volunteers in managing daily activities in camps/shelters.

Following the trainings in Bogor, the IC will then expand to a new district, which is yet to be determined. The team has conducted an initial survey in Kampung Pulo, East Jakarta-- located on the riverbanks of Ciliwung. This area is prone to chronic flooding, thus causing some residents to have become internally displaced due to the area's risks. This initial survey was an attempt to understand psychosocial changes due to eviction amongst people in Kampung Pulo and to identify possible needs for relevant interventions.

Other potential program location that will be surveyed is the Karo District, North Sumatra in the area of the Sinabung volcano eruption. UI's Crisis Center has already established a connection with the University of North Sumatra for this purpose. Since the implementation of the program in the new location will be in 2017, the full assessment will take place in September after completing the IC trainings in Bogor. Note that preliminary trips and surveys have already been accomplished in this area.

### *Baseline Survey Process*

In order to ensure maximum impact of the trainings, JDC and UI have been working on the development of a robust baseline survey which will monitor the implementation process and assess effectiveness of the program in building psychosocial capacity and fostering resilience to reduce disaster risks in communities. Part of this process will include a cross-sectional survey, interviews, and focus group discussions amongst stakeholders in order to collect additional information about awareness, knowledge, attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors related to the disaster risk reduction program in their communities.

## **Coordination/Advocacy for Psychosocial DRR**

### INDICATOR ADDRESSED

#### **Indicator 5 (JDC Indicator 3): The inclusion of psychosocial response in DRR.**

JDC and UI have prioritized advocating for the inclusion of the psychosocial response in DRR on the national level whenever possible. In order to successfully achieve this objective, full coordination with other agencies involved in this effort is critical to prevent duplication of interventions. JDC and UI quickly identified the Ministry of Social Affairs (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, as a key player in this coordination process and has been building a collaborative relationship with MoSA ever since. Toward this end, on January 21, 2016 the UI Crisis Center co-hosted a Psychosocial Support Coordination Meeting with MoSA. The goal of the event, facilitated by Indra Nurpatricia of Atmajaya University who formerly served as coordinator of the Indonesia Psychosocial Support Network, was to produce a 4W (who, what, when, where) mapping of all psychosocial support programs and begin initial discussions on potential collaboration. While initially anticipating 20 attendees, in the end 25 Participants (16 male; 9 female ranging in age from 30-55) from 19 institutions attended including three universities, two UN agencies, and seven NGOs/INGOs. The meeting proved very useful for JDC and UI both in terms of understanding the coordination needs and in terms of honing the strategic added value of the Reducing Risks program.



*Psychosocial Support Coordination Meeting*



*Learning Forum Visit to Cibadak*

Other recent opportunities to improve coordination and advocate for psychosocial DRR include the following:

- In January 2016, International Federation of Social Workers- Asia Pacific (IFSW-AP) hosted a learning forum on Psychosocial Support in Disaster Situations in the context of which they visited Cibadak, one of the villages where Reducing Risks had been operating since Phase I, to learn about our psychosocial support program. The Crisis Center at UI coordinated the meeting with the District of Bogor Social Welfare as well as a meeting with landslide survivors at temporary shelters. The participants also met with village volunteers from Sukamakmur and Cibadak.
- In mid-February 2016, University of Indonesia Crisis Center staff presented the psychosocial program in Yogyakarta at the Multi-Disciplinary Workshop on Resilience, Well-being, and Culture—a collaboration between Coventry University, United Kingdom (UK) and Gadjah Mada University (UGM), Indonesia. This academic forum

comprising 45 national and international stakeholders (23 male and 22 female ranging in age from 30-55) from several institutions was an opportunity to advocate for the importance of psychosocial interventions in DRR, a key goal of the Reducing Risks program. The workshop constituted a critical multidisciplinary effort to explore the research theme of natural hazards, disaster risk reduction, community resilience, and the role of cultural practices in recovery. An important outcome of the workshop was the relationship built with the University of North Sumatra which has valuable expertise working in Sinabung, where the Reducing Risks program will likely be expanding during Year 2 pending the outcomes of the assessment.

- While in Yogyakarta for the resilience workshop, the Crisis Center staff worked together with members of the Yakkum Emergency Unit and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to organize a workshop for 24 personnel (15 male and 9 female ranging in age from 20-40) on psychosocial support and camp management to camp volunteers and managers at Donohudan Hajj Dormitory that manages more than 688 Gafatar IDPs.
- In March 2016, the Crisis Center gave a psychosocial advocacy training to 60 local leaders (28 male and 32 female ranging in age from 30-60) from three sub-districts of Bogor: North Bogor, East Bogor, and Tanah Sareal. The main purpose of the training was to introduce the participants to the importance of psychosocial support and the general protocols to follow to ensure that the needs of survivors are met in post disaster situations.

## Program Oversight and Strengthening Internal Capacity

INDICATOR ADDRESSED:

### **Indicator 6 (JDC Indicator 4): Crisis Center UI Capacity Built**

Part of the objective of the Reducing Risks program is not only to enhance the infrastructure for psychosocial DRR nationally, but also to strengthen the UI Crisis Center internally so that it is well positioned to continue its efforts moving forward. With this in mind, following a competitive selection process, two new program staff, specifically a Program Officer and an Administrative Coordinator, have recently been hired at the University of Indonesia Crisis Center to assist with program implementation. Additionally, JDC CFO for International Development, Mr. Danny Pins, traveled to Jakarta February 22-24 to give financial briefings to the University team to ensure the appropriate mechanisms are in place to support the program implementation. While there, he also met with key University and USAID personnel to review policies and procedures related to financial oversight of the program.

## Looking Ahead

JDC is proud of the progress made in the last quarter from January-March 2016. In the coming months, JDC anticipates increased activity as the new materials produced from the revised IC curriculum are finalized, the baseline survey begins in Bogor, and the first Phase II IC trainings take place. As has been the case throughout this project implementation process, activities over the coming months will continue to demonstrate a strong emphasis on cross-agency cooperation as well as the implementation of the advanced courses, supervision program, and leadership & facilitation workshops.