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1. Executive Summary

Major accomplishments:

This month the focus has been on program start-up. The program officially began on 3 December 2012 with a kick-off meeting at the office of Mercy Corps Padang. Preparations of key program documents, such as the work plan, organizational structure, and job descriptions, were drafted later in the month. Staff recruitment, an announcement seeking local partners, and initial communication with stakeholders such as District Disaster Management Agency (BPBD - Badan Penanggulangan Bencana Daerah) Padang, BPBD Bengkulu, BPBD Mentawai, BPBD Meulaboh, and community radio stations/organizations in Yogyakarta and Padang all occurred in the first month of implementation.

Challenges:

Turnover of BPBD staff and internal issues in BPBD slightly inhibited the coordination in this early stage. In December it was announced that the Head of BPBD Padang City will be replaced; the new Head of BPBD Padang City will be named in early January. Internal issues in the BPBD Mentawai are not yet resolved at the end of this reporting period, so coordination with Mentawai is a challenge.

2. Program Overview

Intervention context:

This quarter was focused on program startup, and laying the groundwork for the launch of program implementation activities in Q2. Preparations this quarter include: initial coordination with BPBD Padang, BPBD Bengkulu, BPBD Meulaboh, and Bupati Mentawai Islands; coordination with Perkumpulan Skala who has experience in the development of the radio community in Yogyakarta; and coordination with the Disaster Preparedness Network Journalists (JJSB - Jaringan Jurnalis Siaga Bencana) who actively convey the news of disasters in Padang.

The other activities are ongoing, such as preparation of the work plan, program organizational structure, logical framework, indicator plan, job descriptions, and staff recruitment process for key positions (Program Officer, Team Leader, Government Liaison Officer, Social Media Officer, and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer). By early January 2013, the entire team will be recruited and will participate in orientation and the official program launch in Padang.

The kick-off meeting was conducted at the office of Mercy Corps Padang on 3 December and was attended by 22 staffs of Mercy Corps Padang (Appendix 2). An announcement was published in Padang Ekspres newspaper on 10 December to recruit local partners in Padang and Mentawai Islands with interest in cooperating in disaster risk reduction awareness campaigns. (Appendix 3). The selection of local partners will start in January 2013.



Picture 1. Kick-off meeting for READI Program.

Program goal:

The program goal is *to build DRR capacity and enhance resilience of vulnerable urban coastal populations in Sumatra*. The objective of the program is that government officials and vulnerable communities in the target areas have increased knowledge of hazard risks plus mitigation measures, and the skills to apply DRR models, as well as improved access to functional emergency information infrastructure.

Beneficiaries:

The total number of target beneficiaries are 1,814,122 people, with estimated beneficiaries in Bengkulu around 308,544 people, Padang 833,562, Meulaboh 173,558, Nias 422,037, and Mentawai 76,421. *Note: these numbers may change slightly after the baseline.*

3. Performance Summary

SECTOR #1		To build DRR capacity and enhance resilience of vulnerable urban coastal populations in Sumatra	
Natural and Technological Risks			
Beneficiaries Targeted	1,814,122 individuals		
	IDPs: 0		
Beneficiaries Reached	0 individuals	0%	
	IDPs: 0	0%	
Geographic Area (s)	Bengkulu, Padang, Meulaboh, Nias, Mentawai		
Sub-Sector 1.1. Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation, and Management			
OFDA INDICATORS	TARGET	PROGRESS	
		1-31 Dec 2012	Cumulative
<i>Indicator 1: Number of people trained in disaster preparedness, mitigation and management.</i>	50 people received DRR training	0 people received DRR training Boys 0-14 yo: 0 Girls 0-14 yo: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0
<i>Indicator 2: Number and percent of beneficiaries retaining disaster preparedness, mitigation, and management knowledge two months after training.</i>	40 people and 80% beneficiaries retaining knowledge	0 people and 0% beneficiaries retaining knowledge Boys 0-14 yo: 0 Girls 0-14 yo: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 and % 0 0 0 0 0 0

Indicator 3: Number of hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum developed.	5 hazard risk reduction plans developed	0 hazard risk reduction plans developed	0
PROGRAM IMPACT INDICATORS	TARGET	PROGRESS	
		1-31 Dec 2012	Cumulative
Indicator 1: Number of people with access to improved Emergency Warning Systems for earthquake and tsunami throughout the target areas of Sumatra.	1,814,122 people have access	0 people have access Boys 0-14: 0 Girls 0-14: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Indicator 2: Number of potential vertical shelters identified.	50 vertical shelters identified	0 vertical shelters identified	0
Indicator 3: Number of people with access to evacuation routes and certified vertical shelters.	100,000 people have access	0 people have acces. Boys 0-14: 0 Girls 0-14: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Indicator 4: Number of people participating in simulations.	10,000 people participate	0 people participated Boys 0-14: 0 Girls 0-14: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Indicator 5: Number of people within broadcast range of the AM/FM radio frequency to receive hazard information broadcasts.	1,000,000 people within broadcast range and receive information	0 people within broadcast range and receive information Boys 0-14: 0 Girls 0-14: 0 Men : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0 Women : 0 15-24 yo: 0 25-59 yo: 0 ≥ 60 yo: 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Indicator 6: Number of local authorities adopting disaster preparedness systems developed in the program.	4 local authorities	0 local authorities	0

Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation, and Management Sub Sector Summary

Awareness Campaign and Pro-active Engagement

No campaign and engagement activities were conducted in Q1. These activities will be implemented by local partners, which are currently being tendered in Padang and Mentawai. An announcement seeking local partners was conducted by an open invitation and published in Padang Ekspres newspaper on 10 December. Selection of local partners will be held in January-February 2013.

Evacuation Maps

No activities in this reporting period.

Capacity Building

No activities in this reporting period.

Tsunami Vertical Shelter

No activities in this reporting period.

Enhanced Emergency Information System (Emergency Masts)

No activities in this reporting period.

AM/FM Emergency Radio Broadcasting

No activities in this reporting period.

Partnership

Initial coordination with multiple stakeholders began, either in person or by phone, with the Head of BPBDs. A direct meeting was facilitated with the Head of BPBD Padang, BMKG of West Sumatra, and JJSB Padang. Additional meetings were conducted via telephone for BPBD Bengkulu, BPBD Meulaboh, Bupati Mentawai Islands, and Perkumpulan Skala Yogyakarta. The team has also met with several local NGOs in Padang, such as Kogami, Jemari Sakato, DRRI, Ready, and YEU.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Logical Framework and indicators plan drafts are prepared and will be finalized by the program team in January. Baseline and data collection is planned in February-March 2013.

5. Conclusion

Progress to date:

The program is off to a solid start, with leadership from the Program Manager starting from 3 December.

Planned activities in Quarter 2:

Activity	Date	Location
Staff orientation, launching program, and selection of local partners.	January 2013	Padang
Vulnerability capacity assessment, selection of local partners, coordination with BPBD, socialization.	February – April 2013	Bengkulu, Padang, Meulaboh, Nias, Mentawai

Lessons learned:

In addition to providing concise information about the program to stakeholders, Mercy Corps' existing reputation and presence in the target area helped stakeholders more readily accept Mercy Corps and this new initiative.

Project concerns:

Coordination with BPBD: Replacement of the Head of BPBD Padang, as well as internal issues in BPBD Mentawai, are already a concern for the coordination of the implementation in following months. Also, identifying the correct contact person for BPBD Nias has been a challenge due to administrative reorganization in Nias Island (the island had been divided into four districts and one town). We expect this to be cleared up in early January.

6. Annexes

- Annex 1. Minutes of Meeting: READI Kick-off Meeting
- Annex 2. List of Participant: READI Kick-Off Meeting
- Annex 3. Announcement looking for Local NGO
- Annex 4. READI one-pager