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Australian assistance for the South Java tsunami

Australia provided Rp 1.42 billion (A\$250,000) for emergency relief and short to medium term assistance following the South Java tsunami.

Australia's Ambassador, Mr Bill Farmer, announced that the funding would comprise Rp 1.03 billion through international aid agencies and non-government organisations to restore water supply and sanitation services, and re-establish livelihoods with a focus on fishing communities.

Mr Farmer said an assessment of the tsunami's impact showed that there would be a significant impact on people's livelihoods, particularly in the small business and fishing industries.

The remaining Rp 390 million was provided to the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) for emergency and relief supplies for affected communities.

The Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer wrote to the Indonesian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Hassan Wirajuda, to express Australia's condolences to the Indonesian Government and the families of the victims, and reiterating Australia's ongoing readiness to assist the Indonesian people in their recovery efforts.

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Australia to fund construction of 2000 schools in Indonesia

Australia and Indonesia signed agreements totalling Rp 2.4 trillion (A\$355 million) to build and extend 2000 schools in Eastern Indonesia over the next three years. This major initiative will

help to enhance education quality and improve education management in both public and Islamic schools.

The Australian-funded project will include both public junior secondary schools and Islamic junior secondary schools. Schools will be built by local tradespeople using locally-supplied construction materials.

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Australian Ambassador visits Yogyakarta

Australian Ambassador to Indonesia Bill Farmer visited Yogyakarta and Central Java in July to announce details of Australia's Rp 255 billion earthquake rehabilitation program.

The Ambassador examined progress at two Australian-funded emergency phase projects and met with the Governors of Yogyakarta and Central Java Provinces to discuss where Australian assistance could best be used.

During the visit the Ambassador met with the Chairman of Muhammadiyah, Professor Dr Din Syamsuddin, and toured an Australian-funded Muhammadiyah project in Desa Blawong. Australia provided Muhammadiyah with Rp 6.8 billion for emergency phase assistance.

The Ambassador said that Australia had a valuable partnership with Muhammadiyah on this emergency project, particularly through Muhammadiyah's hospital in Bantul, which served as a base for Australian doctors.

The main focus of Australian assistance is to support the provincial governments' reconstruction efforts, to help restore local incomes and to get children back to school in the worst affected districts.

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More Acehese move into housing

Another 1650 Acehese moved into high quality temporary housing in July, bringing the total number of people in the Province re-housed with Australian assistance to 6000.

New residents moved into the recently completed transitional shelters sites at Cot Cut, Aceh Besar and Lhong Raya, an occasion marked by community ceremonies and celebrations.

The Australia Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development (AIPRD) is providing Rp 20 billion for temporary housing and is employing more than 200 trades-people from the local community. This complements the additional Rp 47 billion for housing announced by Australia's Foreign Minister and Treasurer at the AIPRD Joint Ministerial Forum in Bali in June.

In overall terms, Australia has allocated more than Rp 1.7 trillion for various relief and reconstruction activities in Aceh and North Sumatra, of which just over Rp 1 trillion has already been spent.

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Land mapping in Aceh exceeds 53,000

An Australian land mapping project in Aceh has mapped over 53,000 parcels of land in 172 villages, allowing more permanent housing to be erected.

The LOGICA Program provides much needed assistance to tsunami affected regions by assisting to re-establish land ownership, strengthen sub-district governments, and re-establish village level communities.

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Aceh 'heroine' featured in *Tempo Magazine* article

One of LOGICA's female community land mappers featured in a recent edition of *Tempo Magazine*, in an article entitled "Aceh Heroines."

Twenty seven year old Yulia Dewi Astuti was featured in the magazine for the leadership role she has taken in the Australian LOGICA Program.

Yulia said in the article that she had never felt overlooked because of her gender and that LOGICA's success in community land mapping had made her more optimistic that women can work side by side with men in the reconstruction of Aceh.

To date, more than 600 village leaders have been trained to help their village plan reconstruction and access assistance and more than half of those trained have been women. In re-establishing land boundaries in Aceh, Australia has also been instrumental in ensuring both women and men are registered as land owners.

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Rp 69 billion Nias Reconstruction Program announced

Australia has provided Rp 69 billion to help the continuing reconstruction of Nias, following a massive earthquake last year.

The Nias Reconstruction Program (NRP) will help restore communities by rehabilitating community infrastructure and community livelihoods. It will also assist Nias government agencies restore local government services. This will be achieved by rebuilding, repairing and equipping local government offices in Nias Selatan; and by providing training, technical assistance and other forms of capacity building support to government agencies.

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Chairman of Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) visits Jakarta

ASIC Chairman Mr Jeff Lucy visited Jakarta in July to renew contacts with the Chairman of the Indonesian Capital Market Supervisory Agency (Bapepam-LK), Dr Ahmad Fuad Rahmany and other senior officials.

Mr Lucy also spoke on the topic of good corporate governance at an Indonesian Investor Forum, which was opened by Indonesian Minister for Finance Sri Mulyani. His visit coincided with the first of a series of workshops being held by ASIC as part of its 'Capacity Building – Indonesian Enforcement Program'.

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Note that this July update does not provide detailed information on the implementation of agreed programs. This information will be provided on a monthly basis, with the next full update scheduled for distribution in early September 2006. In the interim, any questions about program implementation or regarding this Update should be directed to Allison Sudradjat, Minister Counsellor on 3924322 x 501.