# ACEH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF 2016

**2 YEAR REPORT** 

#### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

On 7 December 2016, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck the Aceh Province, Indonesia with a shallow depth of 17km. As a result, thousands of houses and shops were damaged, displacing more than 90,000 people. Mercy Relief deployed its disaster response team the following day upon an appeal from a local organisation in Aceh.

Since then, we have coordinated community kitchens, health clinics and constructed transitional communal latrines.

With your support, Mercy Relief is able to implement Preparedness and Mitigation programmes, focusing on reducing the overall loss of lives in the event of future disasters with improved disaster risk reduction capacities and reduced vulnerability.

**AREAS AFFECTED** 



\$274,000

Total raised in SGD

3,459

Beneficiaries to date

### TIMELINE

7 DEC '16

8 DEC '16

10 - 20 DEC '16

DEC '16 - MAR '17

#### Response

6.5M earthquake struck the Aceh Province MR deployed response team

Mercy Relief and ground partners conducted Relief Distribution Operations (RDOs) including community kitchens and health clinics benefiting 750 survivors Commenced Recovery Phase with the construction of Transitional Communal Latrines

MAY '18 - NOV '18

AUG '18 - MAY '19

Preparedness

Mitigation

Commenced Community Preparedness project

Commenced Mitigation Phase with Resilient Aceh project



## **RELIEF ACTIVITIES**

Mercy Relief focused on nutrition and preventative healthcare for the affected communities during the Response Phase. The team implemented a variety of programmes including support for community kitchens, coordination of health clinics and distribution of mosquito nets. Due to the nature of relief efforts, which focus on the community at large, Mercy Relief identified the most vulnerable group: children, mothers and expecting mothers, to amplify impact, providing 3 nutritious meals daily and access to healthcare.

750

Beneficiaries reached

10 - 20 Dec 2016

Duration



### **Project Outcomes**



COMMUNITY KITCHEN PROGRAMME More than 700 villagers were provided with hot nutritional meals over 10 days.



#### FOCUS ON VULNERABLE GROUPS

Pregnant, lactating mothers and children under 5 years old were identified as the most vulnerable group.



### **HEALTH CLINICS**

Organised 2 health clinics that provided medicines and attended to 261 villagers, primarily mothers and children.



# MOSQUITO NETS DISTRIBUTION

To prevent spread of dengue and malaria, 266 mosquito nets were distributed to families in 2 affected villages.



# TRANSITIONAL COMMUNAL LATRINES

# Kuta Pangwa Village

11()

Survivors benefited

Dec 2016 - Mar 2017

Duration



#### **Project Summary**

Communities residing in transitional shelters lack proper sanitation facilities and resort to open defecation, potentially contaminating water sources and in some cases jeopardising the safety of women. Mercy Relief supported the construction of 4 latrines for use during the transitional period which may last 1-2 years in the Kuta Pang Village.

#### Project Impact



IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES



ELIMINIATE ODEN DEFECATION





INCREASED SAFETY FOR WOMEN



# **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS**

# Leung Bimba Village

739

Survivors benefited

May - Dec 2018

Duration



# **Project Summary**

The communities of Pidie Jaya district are vulnerable to hazards ranging from natural disasters, to the long-term effects of climate change which greatly threaten community resilience and survivability in times of crisis. The overall aim of this project is to provide the community of Leung Bimba village and an identified sister village with improved disaster risk reduction capacities and reduced vulnerability.

## **Project Activities include:**

- 1 Community disaster awareness and assessment workshops to identify risks and activities to mitigate them
- 2 Seed funding to support activities identified by the community, creating ownership
- 3 Identification of a designated evacuation point or sister village, equipped with emergency water and sanitation facilities
- 4 Community emergency mock drill
- 5 First aid and shelter management training for villagers, formation of village Disaster Task Force
- 6 Provision of community disaster emergency kits



# **RESILIENT ACEH**

# Lancang Paru Village

1,433
Survivors benefited

Aug 2018 - Jul 2019

Duration



## **Project Summary**

This project aims to increase the resilience of the community, specifically to disasters through the increase of economic security and in tandem, increasing disaster preparedness measures and community participation. The economic component of the project is specifically targeted at women salt farmers, whose income have been affected post-disaster.

A series of community-managed disaster risk reduction (CMDRR) activities are targeted at the larger community of Lancang Paru, which aims to reduce the overall loss of lives in the event of a future disaster through increasing community capacity to manage and mitigate hazards.

#### **Project Activities include:**

- 1 Community disaster awareness and assessment workshops to identify risks and activities to mitigate them
- 2 Seed funding to support activities identified by the community, creating ownership
- 3 Household financial training and formation of community savings groups for women salt farmers
- 4 Distribution of tools for salt farming production
- 5 Emergency mock drill at community and school levels
- 6 First aid and shelter management training for villagers, formation of village Disaster Task Force
- 7 Provision of community disaster emergency kits



# SURVIVOR STORY SURYATI, 32

Being the sole breadwinner in her family did not stop Suryati from learning new skills where she is able to help community in times of emergencies.

"The medical first aid training was very helpful as I was taught on how to better care for my loved ones."

#### MERCY RELIEF TEAM STORIES

"We will drive our focus to strengthen economic and social resilience among the women salt farmers at the earthquake affected coastal communities. We hope that through our savings group activities, the salt farmers improve their financial status and disaster preparedness." said Masahiro Ishizeki, Senior Manager of International Programmes, Mercy Relief.



# A huge thank you from Mercy Relief!

We would like to acknowledge our key supporters for their contributions to this relief effort.







Look forward to more updates about our on-going efforts in Aceh from our team.

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