On 28 September 2018, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck Central Sulawesi Province, Indonesia. This triggered a tsunami, soil liquefaction, mudflows and landslides to occur. As a result, there were thousands of fatalities, hundreds of missing people, and more than ten thousand injured individuals. An estimate of USD $1.5 billion was lost in damage. Mercy Relief deployed its disaster relief team upon an appeal from a local organisation. Food, clean water and health services were provided to the affected communities in Sigi, Palu, and Donggala Districts. The efforts benefited 5,509 survivors in total.

Since then, we have been working with our ground partner to build the resilience of locals against the effects of natural disasters. With your support, we are able to implement the 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.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

S$862,143.35
Total funding received in SGD

15,049
Beneficiaries to date

TIMELINE

28 SEP 2018
1 OCT 2018
2 OCT 2018 - 25 OCT 2018

RESPONSE
7.4M earthquake struck Sulawesi
MR deployed response team
Mercy Relief & ground partners provided its first phase of emergency relief distribution benefiting 5,509 survivors.

POST RESPONSE
Commenced Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Community Preparedness Project, involving 2 villages and 11 schools benefiting 9,540 people.

OCT 2018 - MAR 2022

Commenced Project RISE, disaster preparedness project benefiting 2,408 people.
Response

RELIANCE ACTIVITIES

Mercy Relief focused on preventive healthcare, clean water and nutrition for the affected communities in Sigi, Palu & Donggala district during the Response Phase. Our team identified groups that are most vulnerable: children, mothers, elderlies and expecting mothers to amplify impact, providing access to food rations, clean drinking water, shelter kits, and solar lamps. Health services were also provided across 3 camps and a church to treat illnesses or injuries sustained by the locals.

5,509
Beneficiaries reached

02-25 Oct 2018
Duration

Project Outcomes

SAFE DRINKING WATER
Survivors were provided with clean drinking water over a period of 9 days.

SOLAR LIGHT
Following the earthquake, power outages were commonplace. Solar lights were handed out to families in three districts to help them navigate better in the dark.

MOBILE CLINIC
Health clinics were set up in a church and 3 camps to help treat injuries sustained from the disaster.

SHELTER KIT
Provision of shelter kits valuably aid survivors with temporary shelter solutions.
Mercy Relief conducted school-based disaster risk reduction socialization activities, reaching as many as 1,187 individuals. Various activities were also carried out to establish a School Disaster Preparedness Team (TSBS) in each school. In addition, external parties such as government institutions were invited to establish a disaster risk reduction network with all 11 schools.

**Main objectives**

1. Provide information on the importance of TSBS
2. Drafting of SOP & TSBS role division
3. Encourage a decree for TSBS from the principals
4. Supporting TSBS visibility in each school
5. Establishing a network of TSBS

**Beneficiaries reached**

9,540

**Duration**

Sep 2019 - Aug 2020
The over-arching objective of the project is to increase an awareness on disaster preparedness among the school populations, before reaching out to the wider community. This was done through workshops on topics such as first aid. A Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) online jamboree festival for the wider community was held online in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. This festival involved 200 school children, village governments, local governments, partner institutions, and other stakeholders. The Mercy Relief team assisted in the drafting of School Action Plans and DRR syllabi. Additionally, workshops were held to ensure that the syllabi could be understood by school staff and students. Lastly, a phasing out strategy workshop was held. A Partnership Project Orientation with 58 participants was held, and all 11 schools each had a School Project Orientation. Through the Participatory, Capacity and Vulnerability Analysis (PCVA) Focus Group Discussions, each school formulated their own document containing information on disaster vulnerability and their capacity to withstand disasters.

HIGHLIGHTS:

PROVISION OF DRR FACILITIES

- 171 units of indoor evacuation routes
- 22 units of outdoor evacuation routes
- 11 units of assembly points
- 9 units of EWS/sirens
- 22 units of First Aid boxes
- 11 units of emergency tents
- 14 fire extinguisher packages
- 20 units of PRB
- 17 predict play tools about disasters
- 250 school-based DRR books

SCHOOL DRR PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

2

Radio talk shows

‘On one day’ short film

1 day after publication:

12,143 views

126 comments

TRAININGS

1. DRR
2. First Aid & Little Doctor

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ADVOCACY

11

Writing teams

DRR ONLINE FESTIVAL

239

Participants

DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL ACTION PLANS (SAPs)

1. Discussion and coordination with school representatives
2. Workshop on drafting SAPs
3. Dissemination of SAPs
Project RISE (Resilient Initiatives for Sulawesi Tengah) is an 18-month project that aims to enhance the village community disaster preparedness capacity and enhance the economic resilience of the families through thematic trainings and developing village information system. A series of community-managed disaster risk reduction (CMDRR) activities are targeted at the larger community, 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 Summary

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Project Activities include:

1. Community disaster awareness and assessment workshops to identify risks and activities to mitigate them
2. Emergency mock drill at community and school levels
3. First aid and shelter management training for villagers
4. Formation of Village Disaster Task Force
5. Geo Socio Spatial Database & Village Information System Development
6. Participatory Action Research Workshop
7. Resilient agriculture through model farming
8. Development of rural resilient economic model

Ongoing

PROJECT RISE
Limboro Village, Donggala District & Tangkulawi Village, Sigi District

2,408 Beneficiaries to be reached
Oct 2020 - Mar 2022 Duration

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TESTIMONIALS

Name: Firdawati, S.Pd  
Age: 43 years old  
Role: Teacher in SMP 8 Sigi

Previously I had never been involved in any disaster risk reduction training. Thanks to Mercy Relief and PKPA, I became aware of the risks that exist in our school premises and through the two days coaching workshop, I’ve learnt about the importance of archiving and compiling the school’s curriculum in a more systematic manner. I hope this formula can be implemented in other schools too."

Name: Amir S.Pdi  
Age: 41 years old  
Role: Head of TSBS in MTs DDI Lonja School

We are very happy to be learning many new things for disaster and disaster risk reduction facilitated by the programme carried out by Mercy Relief and PKPA. Through this programme, we were able to connect with important stakeholders in Sigi district, such as BPRD, DP3A, Department of Education and Culture, PMI and Tanambulava sub-district apparatus. We are now able to identify the needs of supporting facilities in disaster preparedness, and we will continue to be actively involved in this program.

Public fundraising commenced on receipt of the foreign fund permit no. 0057/2018 from the Commissioner of Charities (COC) for the period of 01 Oct 2018 - 31 Oct 2018. Completed project accounts were audited and submitted to COC within the 2 months requirement.