

New Hope

for Situ Gintung's Flash Flood Survivors

Just one month ago, a wall of water cascaded through Cirendeu, Ciputat, overturning cars, rushing through homes and destroying livelihoods. Over a hundred people lost their lives and many more were left homeless and struggling with the reality of supporting loved ones after their livelihoods were destroyed. At the moment, 468 persons still live in shelter.

Two weeks later, SD Indonesia continues to evaluate the situation in the community and is currently providing support in the form of an economic recovery program. This includes the distribution of grants to local small business owners to help them rebuild their livelihoods.

Beneficiaries include food and drink stall operators, a welder and a t-shirt printer – all of whom lost their livelihoods in the tragedy. The grants from SDI are invaluable in helping these small business owners reopen their businesses and begin the tasks of rebuilding their lives and supporting their families.

One beneficiary, Fathullah, spent almost two weeks in hospital after the disaster and returned home to find his livelihood gone. The grant from SDI will allow him to restart his work as welder. Another beneficiary, Sobaruddin, lost his brother in the tragedy. The grant from SDI will help him reopen his coffee stall and also help his mother run their food shop stall.

The next distribution was done by Subud Youth Indonesia to other group in Situ Gintung. They met Pak Larso, a Subud member who lived in the located but fortunately he was saved from the disaster.

Pak Larso facilitated grant disbursement to 10 beneficiaries who need capital to continue their livelihoods. Most of the beneficiaries were food seller, but not all the be-



neficiaries work in small scale home industries. There was one beneficiary who was very old and homeless. Although the fund was limited, but SD Indonesia distributed it to the person in need.

Total grant amount that SD Indonesia and Subud Youth Indonesia had received and distributed was Rp 8,285,000 (including stuffs and food).

SD Indonesia and Subud Youth Indonesia would like to thank you for the following generous donator.

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At the moment, they still need fund to continue their livelihood, such as welding equipment, stall, seed capital to running small business and tires compressor.

Please send your contribution to:

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The Jakarta Post had published article regarding SD Indonesia activity in Situ Gintung. Please download <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/05/04/dam-burst-victims-get-business-grants.html>

The Jakarta Post also interviewed SD Indonesia and the journalist, Andra Wisnu had published it on May, 4, 2009. You can read it in <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/05/04/to-build-or-not-one-many-questions.html>



The Jakarta Post

Dam burst victims get business grants

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JAKARTA: Small business owners who were victims of the Situ Gintung dam burst in Ciputat, Tangerang, Banten, have received grants to help get their businesses get up and running, a local NGO, Susila Dharma Indonesia, said in statement recently.

The beneficiaries, which included food and drink stall operators, a welder and a T-shirt printer, lost their livelihoods from the disaster, which occurred more than a month ago, it said in a statement. Many victims in the area were small entrepreneurs prior to the disaster.

Many individuals and organizations have helped the victims by handing out food and money. However, sustainable economic programs, such as the one provided by Susila Dharma are rare. The economic program, however, is currently short on funds, thus can only reach nine beneficiaries.

The NGO is still accepting contributions, which can be sent to its office at Griya Lestari, 2nd floor, Jl. RS Fatmawati 52, Jakarta, phone number: 021-7669663. - JP



To build or not, one of the many questions

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After more than one month since the Situ Gintung dam collapsed and changed the lives of hundreds of residents in the area, victims are now asking whether they should rebuild their homes.

"The government must answer this question soon. When can we start rebuilding our homes in Situ Gintung?" said Dali, who lives in the Kerta Murti building in Cirendeui, Tangerang, just West of Jakarta near the Situ Gintung site. "My extended family and I want to know how we should plan out our lives in the future," he added.

Dali is just one of the 20 families who was evacuated to the Kerta Murti building after the Situ Gintung dam collapsed early morning Friday March 27, unleashing a torrent of water that destroyed his home.

At least 100 people died in the incident and several have been presumed dead or missing. Hundreds of homes and buildings were destroyed, with an estimated 368 displaced people currently still living in refuges spread all around the Situ Gintung area.

Dozens of aid workers have since poured into the site to help the refugees. While food and material supplies have been plentiful, the government has so far prevented residents from rebuilding homes in the incident site, saying spatial planning work in the area was needed to prevent future incidents. This has prevented Dali, who currently lives in a 20-square-meter space in the Kerta Murti building and shares a kitchen and bathrooms with other families evacuated there, to plan their future.

This is one of the major problems of short-term aid, said Ariana Susanti, chairperson of Susila Dharma Indonesia (SDI), an aid organization focusing on providing temporary housing to Situ Gintung victims.

Ariana said the families now needed tools and homes to rebuild their livelihood rather than more food and direct cash assistance.

"Especially now they've lost their documents too. They're going to need help getting their birth certificates, diplomas and degrees back," she said. She said the SDI was concentrating on finding places to live for people who would eventually be forced to leave evacuation sites.

"Many of these people have simple jobs. For example, there is this man who is a welder. We simply bought him new welding tools and he said he was eternally grateful to have something to depend on for now," she said.

She said SDI plans to provide education to help victims form a cooperative, which should help them purchase tools quickly by credit or installments. However, the plan would require money from the victims, who had lost nearly everything in the incident. When asked how long she foresaw this problem lasting, she said she could not tell since many of the victims' decisions depended on the government's plan for the area.

The government, in this case the Banten province that governs the Tangerang region, has already delivered compensation worth Rp 5 million (US\$470) to each family. The central government has pledged to give an additional Rp 30 million per family. However, there has been no update on what the plan for the area is or when it will be implemented. The prognosis is: "not for a while," said Prasetyo Subekti, an aid consultant helping SDI.

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