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Dear Friends,

The past few months have been difficult for our region. Typhoon Ketsana ravaged Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and the Phillipines - the worst typhoon in our region in decades. A powerful tsunami ravaged Samoa with terrifying results. And here in Indonesia, we have suffered a number of destructive earthquakes, the most devastating being in West Java and West Sumatra.

On 2 September an earthquake struck Tasikmalaya in West Java and the effects spread throughout many surrounding vil-lages, destroying infrastructure and public utilities. Thousands of people are displaced, many living in make-shift tents near their destroyed homes, or with their families. Read on in this newsletter for details about SD Indonesia's activities in this region.

Just weeks later, a strong earthquake struck just off the southern coast of Sumatra. Over 1000 people are now confirmed dead and more than 200,000 homes were severely or moderately damaged. SD Indonesia has responded with a relief strategy to provide clean water and other assistance to the victims of this terrible tragedy. For more details please read on.

I'd like to thank you all for your support through this challenging time; with your help SD Indonesia is making a real contribution to the many people struggling in Indonesia today.

Enjoy reading!

**Ariana Susanti
Chairperson**

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SD Indonesia providing clean water to West Sumatra Earthquake victims



On 30 September, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Padang in West Sumatra, Indonesia. In addition to shocking loss of life, numerous buildings were destroyed - schools, hospitals, office buildings and homes. Many thousands of earthquake survivors were displaced and are in need of relief.

SD Indonesia responded quickly and was briefed by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) on the scope of the earthquake's effects and the districts most in need. SD Indonesia has been regularly attending UNOCHA update meetings with a number of major international and national NGOs.

SD Indonesia chairperson Ariana Susanti travelled to Padang with Ary Sutedja (JakArt) and Nandang Noor (Saudara Sejiwa Foundation – SD Indonesia's member) from 11 -14 Oct 2009 to survey affected regions and consult with field officers and contacts to assess damage and consider potential locations for relief projects.



In consultation with local government representatives and international NGO coordinating bodies, SD Indonesia identified 3 locations in and around Padang, in which to construct water towers in collaboration with Australian-based Skyjuice Foundation (www.skyjuice.com.au). Each unit is capable of producing 10,000 liters of drinking water per day and will provide much needed relief for some of the many thousands of people left homeless in these regions. The water facilities will serve some of the worst hit areas, including Padang Pariaman Regency and Agam Regency.



SD Indonesia representative Alison Martin and Skyjuice Foundation representative Larry James travelled to Padang on 27 October 09 to oversee the installation of the water filtration units. SDI has an excellent team in place in Padang and the project was a great success.

In addition to constructing clean water facilities, SD Indonesia has also conducted trauma release sessions and distributed emergency relief, including tents, shelter material, blankets, sleeping mats, sarongs, generic medicine, food items including milk and baby food.

If you're on Facebook you can see many photos of SDI's Padang activities – you just need to become a fan of SDI.

SD Indonesia responds to the needs of earthquake victims in Cikelet Village, Garut, West Java

The effects of the earthquake in West Java on 2 September 2009 spread throughout many surrounding villages, destroying infrastructure and public utilities. Thousands of people are displaced, many living in make-shift tents near their destroyed homes, or with their families. Cianjur district is worst affected, with the largest number of fatalities and displaced persons, as well as many people still missing from the landslide.

SD Indonesia was briefed by UN-OCHA (United Nation-Office for Coordinating Human Affairs) in Jakarta and also consulted with its field officers and contacts across West and Central Java. SD Indonesia is responding to local villagers' needs in Cikelet Village, Garut, where water wells are contaminated and no longer potable.

"Local authorities are already over-burdened with relief efforts and don't have resources available to assist remote communities such as Cikelet," says Ariana Susanti. "Villagers need clean water urgently and it may take years for the local government to redevelop the infrastructure."



In response to local needs and with funding from Subud Japan, SD Indonesia coordinated with Subud Garut and the Subud Youth Team to construct clean water facilities in Cikelet. The project began on 1 October 2009 and was coordinated in consultation with local residents. A dam has been built in a local spring and a water pipe constructed to carry clean water to the community of Cikelet.

Many earthquake survivors are displaced and suffering from various skin rashes and gastrointestinal disorders and diseases, so access to clean water is a necessary priority. SDI will also build two public latrines (i.e. bathing, washing and toilet facilities) to help solve health and sanitary problems for the earthquake casualties. This project still requires additional funding.

SDI member Yayasan Saudara Sejiwa (YSS) in West Java has also scheduled a trauma counselling program for displaced residents, especially for women and children. Funding is also still required for this project.



Profile of SDIndonesia volunteer in West Java project, Yos Soenaryo



Tell us a bit about yourself:

My name is Yoyo Sunaryo, but people call me Yoss. I study at Ars University, Bandung, majoring in economic management. Now I am volunteering for SD Indonesia disaster management program in Tasikmalaya, West Java.

Tell us how did you get involved with SD Indonesia?

I was asked by (Chair of Subud Youth Indonesia) to help the earthquake victims in West Java. As a Subud Youth Bandung chair, I asked some friends, Agas, Hendra and Jojo to volunteer as well. In Garut, I met Ibu Ariana Susanti and helped her with this program.

Are you enjoying working on this project?

Of course, I really enjoy working with the community here. We have created friendships here; a brotherhood. The community is happy to have us here and helping them has made me happy inside.

Have you ever done anything like this before?

This is the second time I have worked with disaster victims. The first time was in 1998 when I helped the landslide victims in Sodonghilir, Tasikmalaya. At first I was so sad to see them, especially children and older women. I was also worried when I saw cracked and collapsed building and houses.



Then I started to help them and it gave me a different perspective – it was good to get involved, to find out what they needed and to be able to help them directly. I also made new friends and even met some other Subud members who were involved in the relief activities.

What has been your biggest challenge in conducting relief activities?

Our major challenge is communications – specifically the internet. We have to travel about 3.5 hours to reach the nearest internet café to send and receive information necessary for the project.

What has been your most memorable moment during this project?

I was riding a motorcycle with Pak Dedy (Subud member) to Ustad Komarudin's house (another Subud member). The road was narrow, rocky and dusty. All of a sudden, Pak Dedy and I fell off the motorcycle – unharmed. Everyone started to laugh – it was a bit of tension release. Then we joked: "is there any road worse than this one?"

What keeps you busy when you're not volunteering with relief projects like this one?

Besides studying, I also have a car rental business and travel agency. I also like spending time hiking and travelling.

Benefit concert for earthquake victims



Japanese concert pianist Miwako Fukushi and soprano Mariko Yamaguchi perform pieces by Bach, Debussy, Chopin, Brahms, Gounod, Puccini and a selection of Japanese classics in a charity concert at Wisma Subud, Cilandak, South Jakarta, on Friday evening. The concert, held by Susila Dharma Indonesia, was a fund-raiser for earthquake victims in West Sumatra.

A thrilled audience was treated to the musical talents of acclaimed Japanese concert pianist Miwako Fukushi and soprano Mariko Yamaguchi. In the free benefit concert in aid of earthquake victims, the duo performed Bach, Debussy, Chopin, Brahms, Gounod, Puccini and a selection of Japanese Classics.

SD Indonesia collected donations to support its earthquake relief activities in West Sumatra and West Java. SD Indonesia has been particularly active in providing sustainable clean water solutions to victims of the devastating earthquakes.

Pianist Miwako Fukushi travelled to Jakarta from Tokyo, where she is a celebrated performer and teacher. Born in Japan, she began playing the piano at the age of 4 and made her debut at age 10. She studied piano and harpsichord in Hungary at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music and has participated in the International Baroque Music Festival and performed with a number of major orchestras and leading musicians.

The benefit concert was held in Adipuri, Wisma Subud on 9 October and was featured in Jakarta media: <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/10/10/classics-charity.html>

Cooperative work project in Yogyakarta

SDI recently conducted cooperative work training in Yogya on the theme: "Establishing a Cooperative Work Institution – Strengthening Cooperative Work in the Community," with funding from Japan National Council of Social Welfare (JNCSW),

The training ran from 11 - 12 July 2009, giving basic information about cooperative work for small home industries. SDI chairperson Ariana Susanti attended the event, along with 55 participants from a number of different villages in the region.

In organizing the training, SDI collaborated with the Ministry of Cooperative Work Agency of Bantul, Jogjakarta. Two speakers provided expert advice to attendees: Ir. Abdullah Gozhali and Dalmijanto.

In accordance with government regulations, a minimum of Rp 15 million is required to set up a cooperative. For the Yogyakarta cooperative, SDI has contributed Rp 10 million and the additional Rp 5 million will be collected from the beneficiaries of SDI's micro-credit program. These beneficiaries will then be registered as members of the newly set-up cooperative.

Further skills training is now required in the following: working with debog (making accessories and furniture from banana bunch) for housewives, elderly people and unemployed (total cost Rp 9,025,000); as well as cooperative work training for additional micro credit beneficiaries (total cost Rp 12 million).

Project update: Pangandaran

SDI is refining its program in Pangandaran to focus on providing micro credit and capacity building programs in one village, based on recent field evaluations.

These programs will help beneficiaries develop successful small businesses (such as cultivating and selling coconut palm sugar or tapioca flour). SDI is currently deciding in which village to implement the programs.



New capacity building programs proposed for Wlingi, East Java

SDI partner Susila Bhakti Cooperative, based in Wlingi and Blitar, East Java, is currently running successful economic empowerment programs for young people. The programs focus on rehabilitating young people who struggle with a range of problems – predominantly drug addiction, alcoholism and delinquency. In consultation with Susila Bhakti Cooperative, SDI has identified a number of capacity building opportunities:

Intensive English language course: Susila Bhakti Cooperative staff and beneficiaries will greatly improve and develop their opportunities with the completion of intensive English language training. SDI aims to provide scholarships for English Courses focusing on English speaking and report writing. The classes are held twice a week for 6 months; the tuition fee is Rp 200,000 per month for each participant. Total cost for 20 participants is Rp 24 million.

Training in carpentry: Young people working for Susila Bhakti Cooperative will benefit from developing their carpentry skills, improving productivity and quality, thereby fulfilling market demands for higher quality goods (ensuring increased success for the cooperative). Course duration is 2 weeks and the total cost for 20 participants is Rp 20 million.

Training in handy crafts: There is an opportunity to use the leftover wood off-cuts for producing marketable wood craft. Beneficiaries need training in producing souvenirs and handy-crafts with the extra wood. Course duration is 1 week; total cost Rp 10 million.

Training in duck breeding: Duck eggs and duck meat are becoming increasingly popular in Indonesia and there is an opportunity to train beneficiaries and cooperative members in duck breeding. Course duration: 2 weeks; total cost Rp 25 million (including monitoring and supervising).