

START UP WORKING GROUP ON LIVELIHOODS AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALONG ACEH'S WEST COAST: AGROFORESTRY, COASTAL PROTECTION FOREST AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

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Introduction

After the December 2004, earthquake and tsunami devastated most coastal areas of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and Nias Islands of North Sumatra, the world responded quickly. However, at the transition point to work rebuilding livelihoods, the progress seemed too slow. There is a rapid need to provide a better bridge between action and analysis. Many agencies embraced livelihoods from work for analyzing the impact of tsunami. Focus on rebuilding livelihoods should be in achieving better lives than what was lost. As we understand, sources of livelihoods distributed across the landscape and the various sectors. There are variations in access along the coastal zone that need to be agreed and understood before we go or continue to the next steps of rehabilitation efforts.

The areas flattened by the tsunami in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam were classified into four situations: urban and semi urban, lowland agriculture (including tambak), Aceh's west coast, and the remote islands of Simelue and Nias (of North Sumatra province). Livelihoods should be analyzed by considering five main components: natural capital, human capital, social capital, infrastructure and financial/economical capital which are need to be better determined regarding the aftermath tsunami rehabilitation efforts. The condition of livelihood over a timeline before and after tsunami started from natural setting without human interferences, followed by livelihood state prior to tsunami, compared to the state aftermath tsunami. Finally, options on immediate responses would be important, considering some options for reorganizing the communities.

BAPPENAS master plan for Aceh's post-tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts based on a holistic, comprehensive and integrated analysis. However, at local level, the transfer from planning to action is still slow, while perceptions of what is possible are gradually evolving. Various international bodies and organization have been working together with local governments and/or NGO to support rehabilitation efforts aiming at normalizing the people's livelihood. Inline with the main goals, in support for the site level's rehabilitation and coordination efforts led by UNDP, there is a need to have a more targeted working group to face livelihoods and INRM related activities. A four days multi-stakeholders meeting and discussion will be held at Meulaboh, facilitating the need.

Objectives and Participants

The meeting and discussion seeks to acknowledge the diversity condition of pre-tsunami landscape and livelihoods strategies in Aceh, to provide opportunity to reflect on progress and issues in the current phase of post-Tsunami rehabilitation along Aceh's west coast. Later the discussion will formulate how rehabilitation efforts at farm level can become better prepared for the coming changes in infrastructure, to identify issues that require additional knowledge sharing and research, and to enhance network between active development and relevant research agencies.

Participants will include the representatives of organization and government agencies actively involved in rehabilitation efforts for agriculture, agroforestry, forestry and livelihoods issues, along Aceh's west coast, researchers and resource persons from research institutions, universities, and government agencies

Venue

The event will be held at one of the Meulaboh's hotel, with a location for field visit (both location on confirmations), with an expected participants of 100.

Language

The meeting and discussion will be in Bahasa Indonesia, with possible translation for English based presentation.

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