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Raba River Bridge, September 2008



Photo: USAID/ CHF

USAID has constructed more than 1,200 houses in Aceh



Photo: USAID/ NCBA

Coffee farmers in Central Aceh earn premiums for the sale of certified organic beans through USAID economic development activities

OVERVIEW

The U.S. government is one of the largest contributors to relief and reconstruction efforts in Indonesia's Aceh Province, following the devastating 2004 earthquake and tsunami. Through USAID, the U.S. is working with the Government of Indonesia, NGOs and other development partners to rebuild the province.

PROGRAMS

REBUILDING SHELTER AND KEY INFRASTRUCTURE

USAID is reconstructing major infrastructure that will benefit the entire Province, including the West Coast Highway – which will open up trade between Aceh, Sumatra and the rest of the country, educational facilities, homes and public buildings, including clinics and meeting halls. USAID is also helping the local water utility company rehabilitate and improve operational procedures, management and financial efficiency as well as increase water distribution in major municipalities.

Road construction begun

USAID is rehabilitating and reconstructing the West Coast Highway from Banda Aceh to Calang. Construction has begun at most locations along the route from Banda Aceh to Calang, and completion of the entire project is anticipated in early 2010.

New houses for Internally Displaced Persons

With partner CHF International, 1,200 homes have been reconstructed, providing shelter to more than 2,200, people who were left homeless by the tsunami. CHF will construct 1,800 houses in total with other funding sources under the agreement with USAID. With the intervention of ESP, USAID trained numerous Indonesian NGOs to build houses, design and construct environmentally sound sanitation facilities for relocated villages.

RESTORING LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC SERVICES

By focusing efforts at the local level, USAID enables communities to manage the recovery process in their villages, generating employment and restarting or launching new businesses. Emphasis is placed on providing economic opportunities for women and youth. Other activities promote health, hygiene and access to clean water.

Revitalizing communities

USAID is helping 56 villages rebuild community infrastructure and restart fishing, agriculture, trade and other livelihoods. The Community Based Recovery Program is providing \$5 million in grants to communities for small scale construction. More than 8,000 people were employed in community clean up and rehabilitation projects after the tsunami.

Generating jobs and income for Acehnese farmers

A program with the National Cooperative Business Association focuses on high value coffee production. The program is training more than 7,000 farmers in organic coffee production and establishing coffee processing facilities. Approximately 1,500 metric tons of Grade One certified Organic Coffee has been exported to Starbucks Coffee Company. A similar agribusiness program is promoting the production and marketing of patchouli oil.



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Aceh Polytechnic building in Gampong Pango Raya



Photo: Bank Danamon

A Development Credit Authority (DCA) Program with Bank Danamon provide loans to micro and small businesses and traders in Aceh and other tsunami affected areas

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The Aceh Polytechnic

USAID is partnering with Chevron to develop the Aceh Polytechnic, a post-secondary institution for education in technical areas such as electrical engineering and information technology. The construction work of the modern building is underway. Additionally, academic program and business operations are ready to start its first academic calendar in September 2008. This program will prepare Acehnese students for job opportunities in business and technical professions. The ability of the Province to provide trained personnel will improve its chances of attracting the domestic and international investment needed to achieve economic recovery.

Improving the quality of basic, inclusive, and higher education

The USAID Decentralized Basic Education Program is improving the quality of teaching and learning in 148 public and private elementary schools in five districts. The project is strengthening the capacity of local governments and communities to manage educational services; enhancing teaching and learning to improve student performance in key subjects such as science, math, and language while improving teacher training and facilities at the University of Syah Kuala, Banda Aceh.

USAID, through the Helen Keller International's inclusive education program, works in 22 schools to highlight student's potential, address stigmas, and bring attention to the rights of children with disabilities, impairments and special needs. For these children, Helen Keller's Opportunities for Vulnerable Children affords them the rights – and open closed doors – to receive their instruction in the mainstream classroom setting.

Reducing vulnerability of women and children

With USAID funding, The Asia Foundation and local partners have launched a comprehensive anti-trafficking public awareness campaign and established Aceh's first women's crisis center, providing gender sensitivity training to Islamic Court judges, religious leaders, civil society activists, law professors and law students. Improved education for girls in Islamic boarding schools is also promoted through new libraries and computer labs. Access to capital and business skills training has been made available to more 2,250 women.

Health clinic renovations

Clean water and access to maternal and child health services are vital to the future of Aceh. Through the USAID Environmental Services Program and Health Services Program, new water and sanitation systems have been constructed and health clinics have been equipped and renovated with midwives and health professionals trained in nutrition, sanitation, pediatric care and psycho-social services.

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY AND GOVERNANCE

Assisting Key Reconstruction Coordination Efforts

USAID has provided technical assistance to the Aceh Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency (BRR) on housing policy, communications, disaster preparedness, logistics and anti-corruption.

Increasing Accountability and Transparency

The Local Governance Support Program has trained more than 3,000 Acehnese local government officials, legislators and community leaders in planning, budgeting, and management.