

THEMATIC OVERVIEW

Aceh and North Sumatra Recovery



As Aceh and North Sumatra emerge from the most catastrophic natural disaster in living human memory and 30 years of recurrent armed conflict, a historic opportunity presents itself. The 2005 peace process, technical assistance and billions of dollars from donor funding has flowed into the region - all in support of strengthened democratic institutions and reconstruction/rehabilitation efforts.

The United Nations Development Programme is committed to helping the people of Aceh and North Sumatra seize this historic opportunity to achieve sustainable peace and work towards a prosperous tomorrow. Much of its work comes under a USD127 million umbrella programme, the Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery (ERTR) Programme for Aceh and North Sumatra, which includes projects focusing on economic development, governance, waste management, housing and livelihoods.

In addition, there are separate projects aimed at peace-building, access to justice, technical assistance and capacity building for government agencies and civil society organizations, disaster risk reduction and job creation. These projects reflect the transition from supporting immediate recovery to assisting with longer-term, sustainable human development.

UNDP's work in the region falls within these five areas: (1) Combating poverty; (2) Promoting good governance and access to justice; (3) Supporting peace process; (4) Disaster risk reduction; and (5) Ensuring environmentally sustainable development.

1 Combating Poverty

Through its ERTR Programme, UNDP has contributed to poverty alleviation efforts in Aceh and North Sumatra since 2005. In this regard, UNDP has worked to:

- Rehabilitate and restore public facilities destroyed by the tsunami;
- Support livelihood recovery through the provision of small grant assistance that is strengthening the capacity and role of civil society organizations to act as a force of positive change;
- Provide housing and settlement assistance through the UNDP - UN Habitat Aceh-Nias Settlements Support Programme;
- Promote fair trade coffee production through a partnership between the Aceh Provincial Board for Planning and Development (BAPPEDA) and the UNDP Aceh Partnerships for Economic Development Programme;
- Support gender mainstreaming with regard to all activities implemented by UNDP;
- Assist the Mahkamah Syariah mobile courts to resolve land claims of orphans and other vulnerable groups
- Support the Rehabilitation and Recovery Agency for Aceh and Nias (BRR) in establishing a Specialist Relocation Centre for the registration of land claims.

2 Good Governance and Access to Justice

(a) Good Governance

UNDP promotes good governance in Aceh and North Sumatra through a programme to support the transition process from recovery to development in the province. This programme responds to three needs: *Firstly*, there is a need to ensure a smooth transition process during which projects, programmes and assets are transferred to provincial or district / municipal governments. *Secondly*, there is a need to strengthen the capacity of the provincial government to implement their good governance policies. *Thirdly*, there is a need to underpin the wider transition from a province recovering from disaster and conflict under agencies such as BRR and the Aceh Reintegration Agency (BRA), to a sustainable developing province.

To respond to these needs, UNDP is working to:

- Provide technical assistance to the provincial government, in areas ranging from human resource development strategies to data collection that supports planning processes, and decisionmaking on the distribution of special autonomy grants;
- Support the development of a staff college and other training programmes;
- Support a series of executive training exercises for the newly elected head of regency (Bupati) and head of district (Walikota);
- A public-awareness campaign that assists in ensuring free and fair elections;
- Providing office equipment, new offices and relevant training for local government employees in Nias and South Nias.

(b) Access to Justice

UNDP is providing support to the formal and informal justice delivery systems in Aceh through the Strengthening Access to Justice for Peace and Development in Aceh project. Key elements of this support include:

- Conducting a comprehensive access to justice assessment throughout Aceh;
- Improving the legal framework in support of access to justice as a basic human right. One component will be to develop, in collaboration with the government, a "Strategy on Access to Justice" to be included in the National Medium-Term Development Plan 2010–2014;
- Launching legal awareness campaigns and establishing of free legal aid facilities, to help marginalized citizens obtain access to justice;

- Strengthening the institutional capacity of formal and informal justice delivery systems.
- Strengthening the capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate for the rights of the most vulnerable.

3 Supporting the Peace Process

UNDP continuously works to support the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement, as contributing to wider post-conflict reconstruction, recovery and development.

UNDP promotes peace building in Aceh and North Sumatra through:

- The development and implementation of public-awareness campaigns to strengthen understanding as to the contents of the 2005 peace agreement;
- Providing assistance for the reintegration of former combatants and livelihood support to conflict-affected communities;
- The provision of technical support through conflict-monitoring activities, impact and needs assessments and socio-cultural analysis to mainstream conflict sensitivity throughout the reconstruction and peace processes.

4 Disaster Risk Reduction

The UNDP Disaster Risk Reduction for Aceh Project (DRR-A) is helping to strengthen community-based DRR initiatives, establish a comprehensive public awareness campaign and support communities to develop and implement local DRR plans.

UNDP is supporting DRR in Aceh and North Sumatra through:

- Close work with the local government and BRR to develop DRR policies, and action/resource allocation plans;
- Developing a database on DRR projects being implemented throughout Aceh as contributing to enhanced stakeholder coordination;
- The establishment, in partnership with local government, of a DRR Working Group that will coordinate UN and government agencies and NGOs;
- The development of the Tsunami and Disaster Mitigation and Research Centre at Banda Aceh's Syiah Kuala University.

5 Managing the Environment

UNDP works to address the environmental impact of the conflict and tsunami, and to ensure that the ongoing development and reconstruction processes factor in environmental considerations. UNDP is helping to manage the environment in Aceh and North Sumatra through:

- The Tsunami Recovery Waste Management Programme, now expanding to promote long-term sustainable solutions to the challenge of environmentally friendly waste disposal and recycling
- Supporting the local Environmental Control Agency (BAPPADELDA) and other provincial government agencies to conduct comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessments;
- Collaborating with the Government of Indonesia's National Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) to implement the Critical Environmental Pressure Points (CEPP) project, helping to establish environmental baseline measures for ongoing reconstruction processes.

The Future

As part of a UN coordinated approach, UNDP is developing a new strategy in support of the longer-term recovery and development for 2009 – 2011. UNDP's programme is set to grow as new funding has been mobilized for this longer-term programme, from USD 35 million in 2008, to an estimated USD 40 million in 2009.

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Projects

Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme (ERTR)

Total Budget : USD 127,174,857
Available Budget : USD 127,174,857
Project Period : January 2005 – December 2008
Donors : AEDES, Armacell, Australia, Banamex, Belgium, Canada, Coca Cola, CRF, DSF, DHL, Germany, Ireland, Japan, South Korea, MDF, Nepal, Netherland, Nike, Norway, Sweden, UNFIP, UAE, United Kingdom, OCHA, WFP

Technical Assistance to BRR-Phase I and II: Support to Transition in Aceh and Nias

Total budget : USD 22,479,539
Available budget : USD 22,479,539
Project period : August 2005–April 2009
National partner : Agency for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias (BRR)
Donor : Multi Donor Fund (MDF)

Support to Strengthen the Capacity and Role of Civil Society Organisations in the Recovery of Communities in Aceh and Nias

Total budget : USD 5,996,500
Available budget : USD 5,996,500
Project period : January 2006 – February 2010
National partner : Agency for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction for Aceh and Nias (BRR)
Donor : Multi Donor Fund (MDF)

UNDP Tsunami Recovery Waste Management Programme (TRWMP)

Total budget : USD 52,460,592
- Phase I : USD 14,431,105
- Phase II : USD 10,571,591
- Phase III(a) : USD 14,993,512 (under discussion)
Available budget : USD 39,996,208
Unfunded budget : USD 12,464,384 (Phase III(b))
Project period : December 2005 – September 2007 (Phase I)
: September 2007 – December 2009 (Phase II)
: January 2009 – December 2010 (Phase III)
Donors : Multi-Donor Fund for Aceh and Nias (MDF), French Red Cross (FRC)

Strengthening Access to Justice for Peace and Development in Aceh

Total budget : USD 5,650,856
Available budget : USD 5,650,856
Project period : 2006-2009
National partner : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
Donor : European Union - Aceh Peace Process Support

Aceh Government Transformation Programme (AGTP)

Total budget : USD 14,573,149
Available budget : USD 14,573,149
Project period : 2008-2011
National partner : Provincial Gov. of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam
Donors : Multi-Donor Fund for Aceh and Nias, UNDP

Aceh Partnerships for Economic Development (APED)

Total budget : USD 1,310,317.63
- Phase I : USD 694,057
- Phase II : USD 2,004,374.63
Available budget : USD 2,004,374.63
Project period : June 2006 – June 2008 (Phase I)
: July 2008 – June 2009 (Phase II)
: July 2009 – June 2012 (Phase III)
National partner : Bappeda NAD
Donors : UNDP Indonesia, DSF, UK DFID, UNDP BCPR

Creating Jobs: Capacity Building for Local Resource-based Road Works in NAD and Nias

Total budget: : USD 11,799,220
Available budget: : USD 11,799,220
Project period: : March 2006 – December 2009
Partner : International Labor Organization (ILO)
Donors : : Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) Aceh Nias

Strengthening Sustainable Peace and Development in Aceh (SSPDA)

Total budget : USD 15,200,000
Available budget : USD 6,699,076
Unfunded budget : USD 8,500,924
Project period : 2005 - 2008
Partner : Aceh Peace Reintegration Board (BRA)
Donors : European Commission, SIDA, DSF, DFID, BCPR

Disaster Risk Reduction in Aceh

Total budget : USD 10,000,000
Available budget : USD 10,000,000
Project Period : 2008-2011
Donors : Multi-Donor Fund (MDF), UNDP