

# PROJECT FACTS

## 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
• Implementing partner	: Agency for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias (BRR)
• Donor	: Multi Donor Fund (MDF)
• Location	: Aceh and North Sumatra

### Background

The Agency for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias (Badan Rehabilitasi dan Rekonstruksi - BRR) was established in May 2005 to oversee and implement reconstruction following the December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami and earthquake, as well as the March 2005 earthquake that devastated the island of Nias.

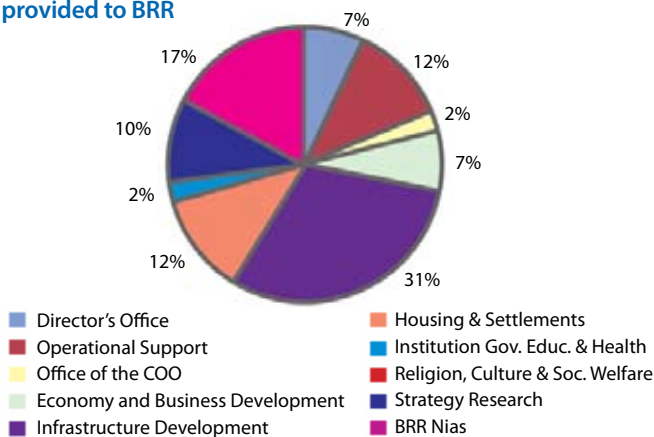
BRR's mission is:

- To rebuild Aceh and Nias societies for both the individual and the community
- To rebuild the physical and institutional infrastructure
- To rebuild the economy to help business return to normal
- To rebuild the government as a facility to serve the people

BRR requested UNDP's assistance to effectively and accountably fulfil its mandate. With financial support from the Multi-Donor Fund for Aceh and Nias (MDF), UNDP provided assistance through the Technical Assistance (TA) to BRR Phase I, 2005-2008, focusing on technical and operational support.

Considering its successful performance in Phase I, and responding to BRR requests and needs, TA to BRR was extended

### Breakdown of MDF/UNDP Technical Advisor personnel provided to BRR



Beneficiaries of the land titling programme

for a second phase of implementation, with the provision of additional resources by the MDF. BRR's mandate will finish in April 2009. Therefore, Phase II of the TA to BRR project continues to provide supplemental technical and operational capacity to BRR during the transition and exit phase.

### Objectives of TA to BRR Project Phase II Project 2008-2009

Phase II is:

- Supporting BRR in completing its mandated projects before exiting in April 2009, and transferring assets to relevant stakeholders. This is supported through a procurement helpdesk, undertaking environmental impact assessments, as well as the continued provision of technical assistance;
- Documenting and transferring assets to relevant stakeholders, including developing BRR's asset transfer decree and implementation strategy; developing and managing systems for assets and documentation; a knowledge management exercise for lessons learned; and human resources support for the repatriation of BRR staff

### Donor:



- Engaging stakeholders in the transition and exit phase, most notably the Aceh Government through UNDP's Aceh Government Transformation Programme.

## Key Highlights

BRR considers the **Spatial Information and Mapping Centre (SIM)** an extremely valuable asset in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Aceh and Nias. The SIM Centre has now been transferred to BAPPEDA, the local development agency, and changed its name to the Aceh Geospatial Data Centre (AGDC). BRR has repeatedly praised this project's efficiency in transferring assets and skills to local government. The Centre will continue its role as the leading organisation in data processing.

A new joint land titling programme has been initiated at the **Relocation Centre** in collaboration with the BRR Directorate for Women and Children, in an effort to protect the rights of women and children. Available data confirms that out of the total land titles issued or in process to date (2,767 in total), more than 82 percent



*Technical support to BRR focus areas such as GIS mapping is helping to ensure a smoother recovery for Aceh and Nias.*

are issued as joint titles or to female-headed households. This was a major and groundbreaking initiative through which equal access to land for both women and men were provided. The Relocation Centre receives financial and technical support from the project.

The project provides **quality assurance** and monitoring for construction and reconstruction of projects implemented under BRR's 2005-2006 budget, and development of information systems for quality assurance and monitoring. Achievements in this sector include the development of guidelines for monitoring the procurement cycle; establishment of a database and information system; more than 1,400 site inspections; review of more than 350

tender evaluation reports; numerous reports on various issues including housing, procurement, work teams' performance; and proposed improvements in BRR systems.

The **Tender Evaluation Team** is another significant achievement. Through the prompt follow-up action of BRR's Anti Corruption Unit, the team's capacity in identifying tendering irregularities produced significant financial savings.

The **BRR Anti-Corruption Unit**, the first such institution formed by the national Government, has ensured transparency and accountability in the planning, implementing and monitoring of reconstruction activities. Out of 1,730 complaints received, 75 percent have been investigated and resolved. UNDP provides ongoing high-level support to BRR's Director and Deputies on good governance matters, particularly anti-corruption initiatives, and managing relations between BRR staff and local government.

The Adviser at the Office of the Director provided the Director with regular detailed programme and policy analysis, addressing current and future pressure points. On a policy level, the Adviser coordinated and supported the Director's Policy Advisory Groups in areas of local government reform, social transformation and economic development. A team of Advisers was assigned to assist the Director with strategic high-level advice on the creation of policy briefs for options and strategies for Aceh's future development. These briefs discuss and analyse the issues of growth and equity in the region, with the aim of building a common vision for the region's overall future development.

The project supported **decentralization and devolution** initiatives in Nias. In support of BRR Nias' tasks to oversee the island's reconstruction, UNDP has significantly contributed to increase efficiency and performance of economic and business leadership, earthquake preparedness, urban planning, health, road and bridge departments. In addition, local capacities in decision making have been developed and strengthened. In particular, the project assisted the health sector with a capacity development initiative to increase the number of qualified and trained medical practitioners in Nias through scholarship and Masters programmes at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta.

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