



## **TIM PENDUKUNG TEKNIS REHABILITASI DAN REKONSTRUKSI PASCA GEMPA BUMI SUMATERA BARAT**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

To:  
**Head of Agencies post West Sumatra Earthquake**

Re: *Ongoing Shelter cluster agency activities*

First of all, we would like to thank all agencies and NGO's for their generous assistance to the earthquake affected families of West Sumatra. The assistance provided by shelter agencies is welcomed and we wish to assure you that such assistance does not have any impact on the rights of affected families to receive Government Assistance as outlined in the Rencana Aksi.

Please note, however, in accordance with the Disaster Management Act No. 20/2007 and BNPB Regulation No.11/2008, all assistance programs must be coordinated with BNPB through TPT-RR West Sumatra and with the relevant local authorities. In addition all such shelter assistance programs must be compatible with the Indonesian government's rehabilitation and reconstruction plan for West Sumatra, as per the following points:

### **1. T-shelter**

- a. Transitional shelter assistance programs are permitted through a variety of methodologies (including, cash grants, direct construction, material delivery etc), though all programs should be to a similar value of approximately 3million rupiah to reduce the potential for jealousy amongst recipients.
- b. Ideally transitional shelter assistance programs should be designed to flexibly assist families to achieve safe shelter.
- c. Current transitional shelter programs may continue, diminishing until completion; however we request that no further such 'transitional' programs are commenced. This is to encourage communities to focus now on permanent shelter.

### **2. Permanent shelter**

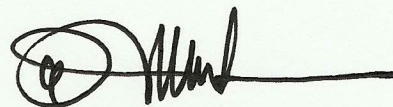
- a. Permanent shelter assistance programs are allowed in principle, as long as they are of a matching value to the planned government assistance program and conducted in coordination with the local community reconstruction groups (PokMas) so as to maintain social harmony.
- b. Like any other assistance, permanent shelter program must be undertaken in coordination with the local community, local government, and BNPB through the TPT.
- c. Higher levels of assistance may be provided to more vulnerable families with special needs (such as widows, handicapped and the elderly, etc) as long as the assistance provided is both appropriate to their needs and agreed upon with the local community.

**3. Tools, training, public outreach**

The provision of tools, construction training, or public outreach programs is welcome, as long as the information or training provided supports and promotes the use of earthquake resistant reconstruction.

I hope this letter helps to allay and clarify any concerns of the assisting agencies and NGO's.

Best regards,

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2. **Governor of West Sumatra**