

**RAPID ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS IN PADANG PARIAMAN, INDONESIA**

*Project Period: 10 January – 10 May 2010*

*Progress Report: April 2010*

**Key Achievements**

→ Total Beneficiaries Served: 300 households in three villages (Kasai, Sei. Gimba Ganting, Kampung Gelapung)

- Beneficiary selection completed by Relief International (RI) and local partner Pondok Humanity and ratified by community Walis
- Completed housing assessment and geo-housing coordinate collection at all 3 villages using GPS (see Appendix 1)
- Design of voucher system whereby beneficiaries receive building materials in exchange for vouchers
- Distribution and redemption of first vouchers (out of two) value USD 100 to 300 selected beneficiaries as a support to self-constructed transitional shelters
- Basic Training for Earthquake Resistant Building Construction at three villages by RI and project partner Disaster Study Center Andalas University



**Photo:** Beneficiary’s damaged house pre-reconstruction

**Progress by Objective**

Key Objectives:

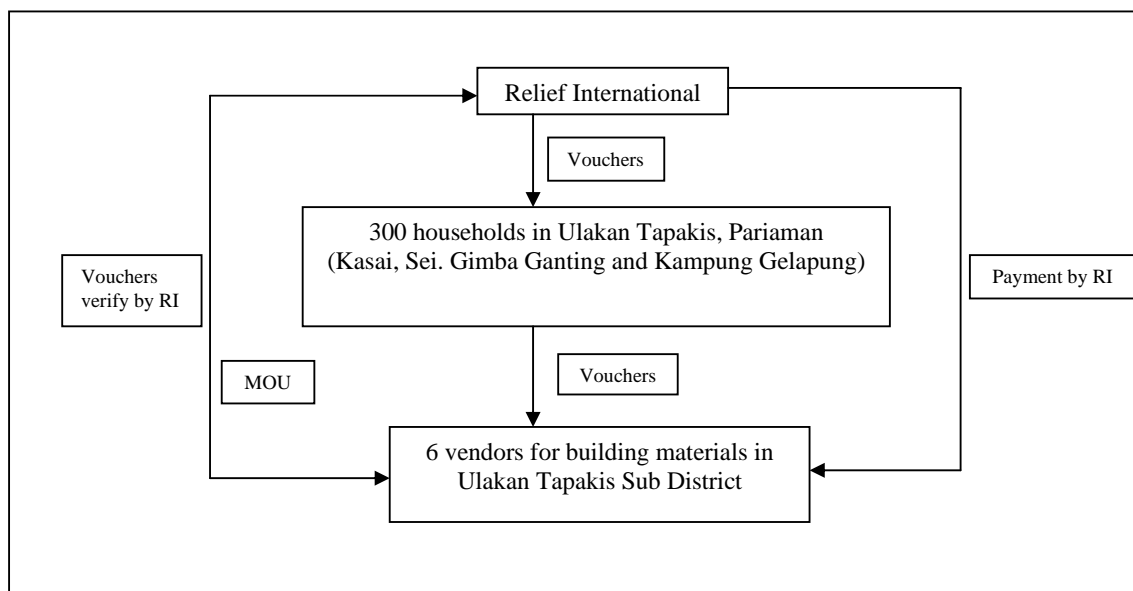
1. Provision of cash grants (USD 200) to 300 selected beneficiaries as a support to self-constructed transitional shelters
2. Organization of community training to 1,000 community members (including 300 cash recipients) on construction of safer transitional shelters and/or houses

Progress toward achieving Objective 1:

→ **Phase 1 (out of 2) of the provision of cash grants has been completed**

RI signed an MOU with a local NGO Pondok Humanity (PH) to conduct consultations with potential beneficiaries. RI and PH conducted initial consultation with the key stakeholders in each of the three targeted villages of Kasai Village part of Nagari Ulakan and Sei Gimba Ganting Village and Kampung Gelapang Village is part of Nagari Tapakis. Consultations involved the Wali Nagari, the Wali Korong, community leaders, and village residents. Following the consultations, beneficiaries were identified and the field team visited each household to collect photos, beneficiaries’ key details, conduct housing assessments, and plot geo-housing coordinates using GPS.

Through these initial consultations, the types of materials required for shelter construction were determined. 6 vendors within the geographic locations of the 3 villages were selected as suppliers for the construction materials. Consultations took place to establish a voucher system with the vendors to enable beneficiaries to exchange vouchers for the required materials at fixed prices. The voucher system would simplify the administration and tracking of the grant disbursement. All vendors signed an MOU to be reimbursed at the end of both rounds of the voucher exchange. See diagram below illustrating the voucher process.



The voucher system was conceptualized with two steps involving two rounds of voucher distribution. The two-step process was designed in order to better monitor the beneficiaries' procurement of materials and subsequent initial stages of construction. The first round of vouchers was distributed to the beneficiaries and RI project officers have visited all houses to record the materials purchased and track construction progress.

The second round of voucher distribution is ready to be conducted after confirming all data have been collected and reviewing phase one to see if any improvements can be made.

#### Progress toward achieving Objective 2:

→ **The organization of community training to 1,000 community members (including 300 cash recipients) on construction of safer transitional shelters and/or houses has been successfully completed**

RI signed an MOU with Disaster Study Center (DSC) Andalas University to conduct DRR training. RI and DSC conducted Basic Training for Earthquake Resistant Building Construction in the three targeted villages of Kasai, Sei. Gimba Ganting and Kampung Gelapung. 1,000 community members took part and the training was well received.

RI, in collaboration with DSC, has conducted training courses for the 300 household beneficiaries. The training has focused on self re-building construction techniques with an emphasis on earthquake resistance building.

### Challenges and Lessons

There have been some fluctuations in prices of the materials agreed with the vendors. RI has reasserted an upper ceiling price to prevent any overspend of the budget. It is important to note that the voucher scheme means that any market fluctuations or changes in price from the vendor will not impact on the beneficiaries.

Some beneficiaries have raised issues regarding only being able to use the grant, through the voucher system, on construction materials and not on labor to help pay a carpenter or construction worker. RI is resolving these issues at the community level to try and engage the community to cooperate and help facilitate the construction together. These resolutions are ongoing and will be reported on in the final report (submission by June 10<sup>th</sup>). The voucher system has proven to be successful at ensuring materials remain at a stable price that is consistent for all beneficiaries, furthermore monitoring and evaluation across a wide geographical area is easily facilitated. The process is transparent allowing for accountability by all stakeholders. See Annex A-geo-housing coordination and Annex B-map of the area.

**Sustainability and Replication:** The field team has reported visits from neighbouring villages and communities, who have still not received government support or support from other NGOs and are struggling to rebuild their houses and livelihoods, have expressed interest in the project. This project has been well received by the community and shelter cluster group. Early accounts show that implementation challenges are minimal and that this project design could easily be replicated. RI envisages being able to roll out this model of voucher provision and DRR training in other communities using the same system. Pending available funding, we hope to replicate this project in village Kasai, Kampung Gelapung, and Sei Gimba Ganting

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### In Photos



**Photo:** Voucher distribution and socialization



**Photo:** Exchanging voucher for construction materials



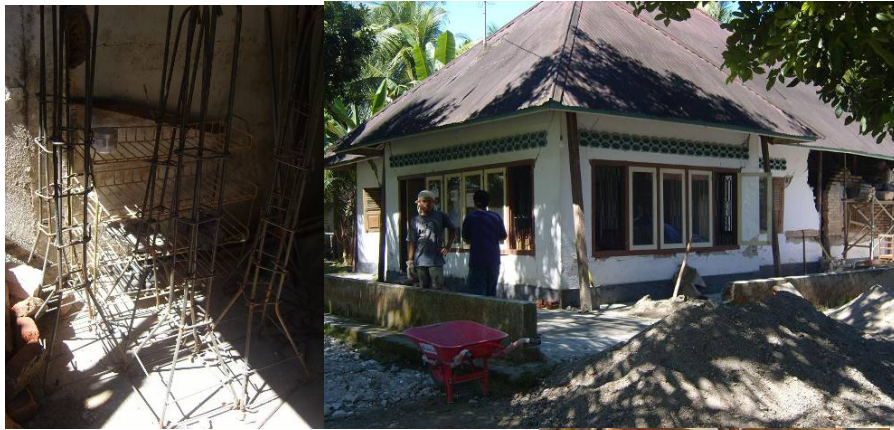
Photo: Retrieving and delivering construction materials



Photo: First stages of construction



Photo: Community DRR Training at Kasai Village



**Photo:** Community applied DRR training for rebuilding house