Indonesia Tsunami Situation Report

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1. Key issues

- ``In order to allow time for maximum participation from all relevant parties and in view of the meaningful contribution that humanitarian organizations have made and will continue to make, the Government of Indonesia will extend the transition period to reconstruction past March 26, 2005 for a period of 30-60 days initially. This time may be extended if necessary to ensure that the transition to reconstruction is carried out effectively and transparently. The Foreign Affairs Department will establish a mechanism for visa application and renewal, with details to be announced after March 20, 2005`` (Press release from Coordinating Ministry Of Social Welfares)

- Planning of Health facility Reconstruction in Sub districts
  WHO assisted the Directorate General of Community Health Services to circulate the latest version of a planning matrix. The director General also provided a clear mechanism for coordination. Reconstruction coordination is to be organized on a sub district basis. Each sub district will be assigned to a single party to take the lead (where a party is either an NGO, donor or corporation). Each nominated party is expected to coordinate all other parties in that sub district to provide a comprehensive reconstruction including staff accommodation and operational costs and supplies.

2. Situation Update

Casualties
As of 17 March 2005 (Bakornas):

	Aceh
Deaths & Buried	126,439
Missing	93,715
IDPs	400,062 (in 20 districts)
Relocation sites	730 barracks in place out of 854 planned (11 districts)

As many bodies were not identified before burial, it is possible that there is some double counting between the "missing" list and the "deaths and buried" list. The IDP counting continues to be difficult due to the mobility of the population. Currently not clear how many people live in camps, in barracks or in host-families.

3. Health status and trend*

Communicable Diseases

Alerts and outbreak investigation:

- Two suspected measles cases were reported from the Peuremee camp in Kaway XVI sub district in Aceh Barat. Four hundred vaccinations were quickly done in response to the cases. No further cases from this camp have been reported.
- Sporadic cases of Acute Jaundice Syndrome have been reported from Kuta Baro and Trans Jantho in Aceh Besar, and from Kaway XVI in Aceh Barat. Investigations have not revealed clustering. Hepatitis A virus was implicated in one case and Hepatitis E virus in another.
- *Updates:*
  A stool culture taken from a patient with bloody diarrhoea from Krueng Sabe, in Aceh Jaya grew *Vibrio cholerae*, non-epidemic type. This type is not associated with the clinical syndrome of cholera.

Rapid health assessments and surveillance

WHO has donated to support a plan for immediate improvements for restoring Lambaro Water Treatment Plant and increases its capacity, including preparing equipment list and specifications for Banda Aceh Cleaning Plant workshop and further waste handling equipment to replace those destroyed.

WHO team inspected the Sirong Water Treatment Plant and its current conditions and operating status. The team prepared plan, objectives and justifications to restore and upgrade the Sirong Water Treatment Plant.

Review of the actions of WHO/UNICEF water and sanitation team to address poor water and sanitation conditions at TLCs :

- WHO representative and UN Organization for Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance conducted on-site inspection and assessment of water and sanitation needs of seven TLCs and camps (Suatnie TLC, Seulamat TLC, Tzu Chi Taiwan Buddhist Camp, Damaged TLC, Seumeureung Barracks, Beureungang TLC, and Lapang TLC).

- There was a meeting with UNICEF head in Banda Aceh to discussed needs for Water and Sanitation efforts into smaller projects and expediting projects. Team developed plan for monitoring, recording and verification of distribution of trucked water to the TLCs and camps.

WHO's Watsan officers coordinated provision of 3 sludge trucks to city starting next week - provided on assignment from World Vision. This will greatly increase capacity of city to remove sludge from septic tanks.

In Zainoel Abidin Hospital, WHO is also assessing watsan conditions at - broken and blocked gray water lines, overflowing septic tanks. It will work with AusAid to improve.

Primary health care (Mother and child health, nutrition, mental health etc)

Measles immunization

The second measles campaign conducted in Aceh Besar by provincial health office with collaboration with WHO and UNICEF has covered 16717 persons which is around 83% coverage. Measles immunization for IDPs in Banda Aceh has reach 83,03% (37,630 persons), Pidie 6,6% (10,24 persons), Aceh Barat 25,56% (14,430 persons), Bireun 80,5% (68,068 persons). (Bakornas report).

Nutrition

Next week will be available the result of nutrition surveillance assessment in 13 sub districts.

Mental health
Teams are finalizing the proposal from the Mental Hospital. WHO is supporting the restarting of the activities of outpatient and emergency unit and the rehabilitation unit with a budget of 30,000 USD.

A working group on mental health & health system has been formed. It is a forum of organizations that work with the health system.

The working group on public information has come up with a general guideline for information giving.

The epidemiological study of mental disorders has finished the data collection phase. The result is expected by April 2005.

Intervention on Zainoel Abidin General Hospital will start 28 March 2005. A team of psychiatrist from Jakarta/MoH and from Banda Aceh will conduct the program designed for 3 months.

Malaria Training

WHO funded the Malaria Case Management Training which conducted in 19 Districts of all Aceh and attended by 10 persons per each health center.

Health systems and Infrastructure

Hospital and Laboratory

On March 14th, 2005 there was a hospital coordination meeting which conducted by PHO, MOH and WHO which is attended by hospitals from around Aceh and NGOs concerned about the revitalization process. The purpose of this meeting was to gather all necessary information needed for preparing the concept of hospital revitalization in Aceh.

Medical logistic

On 15th March 2005, Provincial Pharmacy ran a complete inventory of medical supplies. Financial and technical support was provided by WHO as well as AusAid and Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres (PSF).

Data will be computerized to be electronically shared on health web site. To be finalized on 28th, March 2005.

4. WHO action, sub-offices in Meulaboh and Calang

WHO Meulaboh

Child and Adolescent Health

To do rapid assessment of the availability and possibility of District Meulaboh as one of the training site for IMCI training (Training venue, district hospital and HC for clinical sites of the training). There is a plan to conduct IMCI training in Aceh at the 3 regions: Aceh Barat, Aceh Utara and Aceh Besar.

Hospital Laboratory

There are a number of deficiencies in the laboratory, which are compromising its essential functions. The lab appears to need more refrigeration capacity.

Malaria and vector-borne diseases

There are 12 malaria cases reported from the March 1st - 7th, 2005 which are under treatment in several foreign hospitals and Indonesian military hospital.

Dr. Holani, the malaria specialist of the MOH in Jakarta, held a malaria training day for the clinicians and technicians from the puskesmas system. WHO gave the opening presentation to this group emphasizing the importance of accessible and efficacious therapy as key to controlling the disease along with the use of treated bed-nets.

There is also a plan for additional bednet distribution in tsunami affected area in west coast which will be done by UNICEF. The PHO and each DHO, IRC/Cardi will be doing the distribution in Aceh Besar.

WHO proposes that there be a weekly coordination meeting for malaria.

Districts Pharmacy Warehouse

WHO has donated a desktops computer to the warehouse, which is under the direction of Mr. Arfan. The Jakarta team says that they will train Mr. Arfan's designated assistants in the use of their software for pharmacy warehouse management, which they have brought with them from Jakarta.

Pharmacy Waste Disposal

A large quantity of tsunami damaged medical supplies at the District warehouse are waiting to bury in landfill sites under the direction of David Newgreen, the WHO environmental, water and sanitation expert, in association with district authorities.

Nagan Raya District.

WHO donations of basic medical and surgical supplies were delivered to the District Health Office in Juream. Dr. Nasrun has designated 5 of the 9 puskesmas as the primary recipients of this contribution.

Environmental and Water / Sanitation

The WHO is currently surveying the IDP populations for environmental conditions. The TLCs and the larger tented camps are the primary targets for assessment.

WHO and its resident expert, has taken a lead role in coordinating the organizations most active in these specialized services.

WHO Health Coordination Meeting

The meeting featured a presentation by A.Awaini, the director of Aceh Barat`s Tuberculosis/Leprosy program.

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reports, incl Epi/surveillance (WMMR), logistics & supplies; 2) Minutes Health coordination meeting Banda Aceh, Meulaboh, Calan; 3) Aceh regular meetings: IASC,UN, Bappeda; 3) Jakarta regular meetings: PPMK, MOH; 4) Bakornas bulletins; 5) WHO/EHA and HAC informations; 6) UN and INGO Network; 7) Local and international news media.

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