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PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO SPEED UP AID TO TSUNAMI VICTIMS

The Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (BRR) for Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and Nias, in cooperation with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank/RALAS, on Friday, 25 November 2005, launched a public campaign to speed up the process of providing house reconstruction and rehabilitation programme for earthquakes and *tsunami* waves victims in the Province of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and Nias. During the campaign, 100.000 copies of leaflets explaining the procedures on how to get assistance in building and rehabilitating houses distributed to survivors living in tents, host families and temporary shelters across the regions.

The leaflet contains clarifications on the overall rights of the victims as well as the obligations of the Government to meet the needs of the victims. The initial step to be taken by the victims is for them to establish a credible community-based committee charged with coordinating rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

Working closely together with the local community, the committee would conduct a land mapping and draw a village reconstruction plan, linking settlements with infrastructure networks including water and sanitation, drainage and roads. The committee, along with the local community, then files a proposal to BRR which will forward it to donors for immediate reconstruction. However, the victims themselves could directly submit the proposed reconstruction plan to donors so that the process can be started immediately.

The leaflet also serves as a notification letter on land title of the victims, which includes the map of the land bearing signatures of witnesses and acknowledgement of the local community leaders. In order to speed up the process of issuing land titles, which will be provided free of charge, the beneficiaries are requested not move the land boundaries already agreed upon by the community and the local village leaders.

The Government of Indonesia, in close cooperation with the international funding agencies, is preparing a special programme to help victims who have lost their land as well as renters whose houses have been destroyed by the earthquakes and the tsunami.

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