

# GAMPONG BARU / A NEW HOPE, A NEW LIFE

## Project & location

This project is developed to give a new hope, a new life to people living in Gampong Baru Village, Masjid Raya Subdistrict, Aceh Besar District.

## Problem description

Gampong Baro Village was the nearest village to the sea front. It was a shield for 5 villages behind it, namely Neuheun, Lamnga, Lam Ujong, Labui and Lambada. It was therefore, the village was the hardest hit by the tsunami. The area reduced from 420 ha to 320 ha due to abrasion, with a shoreline of about 3.5 km and the figure of people died over the devastation reaches to nearly 60 %. Total population before the tsunami was 286, comprising 130 males and 156 females. After the tsunami this fell to 140 persons, consisting of 94 males and 46 females. Most of the victims were women and children.



The village also suffered a 100% destruction of all its facilities and infrastructures including fish ponds (*tambak*) which were one of the community income sources.

Before the tsunami, the village had been renowned for their horticultural crops, particularly for their chilli, watermelon, papaya, banana, coconut and peanut production. The *tambaks* produced shrimps, fish and salt which was the main income of the community's economy. The coast side was densely forested with trees such as coconut and sea-pine while the river and *tambak* ponds were all lined with mangrove. The tsunami wiped out both the community so called natural defence and livelihood.

Currently the survivors live in a 2 ha rocky residency area which is located about 4 kilometres from Gampong Baro village. They are still struggling seeking any assistance to regain their old livelihood as the new location does not bring any economical benefit to them and no agencies have rebuilt the destroyed village. The community now depends on small-scale business and working as labourers for income.

## Recovery goals

The target of this new project site is to rehabilitate coastal ecosystems covering 10 Ha by planting 36,000 seedlings of mangroves and beach trees through reestablishment of sustainable livelihoods.

## Funding allocation

The total budget available for this project equals 25,000 Euro. Within the project, funds will be allocated for coastal rehabilitation and livelihoods.

The ecosystem rehabilitation covers:

Pond (*tambak*) areas will be planted with 20,000 *Rhizophora mucronata* and *Rhizophora apiculata* seedlings.

River sides will be planted with 15,000 *Rhizophora mucronata*, *Rhizophora stylosa*, *Rhizophora apiculata* and *Avicennia sp* seedlings.

Sea side will be planted with 2,000 *Casuarina eusetifolia* seedlings.

As for empowerment of the community's livelihoods, funds are allocated for fishing gear procurement, fish-traps set-up, capital for small-scale business and buffalo farming.

## Beneficiaries

It is expected that 270 people will benefit from this project; the number of women participating and benefiting will be 120.

**Partners on the ground**

Implementation of project will be conducted by facilitators from Wetlands International Indonesia Programme working together with the Gampong Baru community group.

**Results so far**

By October 2007, a community group called Hudep Teuma was established, consisting of 11 members. Meanwhile, respectively 5,000 seedlings were planted in the *Tambak* area, 15,000 at the river side and 2,000 seedlings of sea-pine along the coast line.