

LAM UJONG VILLAGE

Project & location

This project aims to understand the linkage of mangrove forest and sustainable livelihood in Lam Ujong Village, Baitussalam Subdistrict, Aceh Besar District.

Problem description

Lam Ujong is a village located in Baitussalam subdistrict of Aceh Besar district. It takes about 30 minutes drive from Banda Aceh to Lam Ujong. About 189 people in this village were killed during the tsunami (from the total of 600 inhabitants). In the early 90s about 50 ha of the former mangrove areas were converted to brackish water fishponds and salt pans. However, during the tsunami, both ponds and salt pans silted up with mud. This left the community with very limited options to sustain their livelihood activities.

Tsunami response phase

During implementation of the Tsunami response phase, the area has shown successful rehabilitation from a tsunami devastated area into a silvofishery culture area. Approximately 45 ha was replanted with two mangrove species: *Rhizophora mucronata* and *Rhizophora apiculata*. The socio-economic situation of about 150 families was improved during this Tsunami response phase.



Recovery goals

The rehabilitation effort within this follow-up project will focus on planting diverse mangrove species such as *Avicennia* sp, *Bruguiera* sp, *Ceriops* sp. This rehabilitation activity will cover a new area of 25 ha in the village and 10,000 mangrove seedlings will be planted.

In terms of economic activities, the project will focus on the development of brackish water fishponds and salt production. Improving the role of women within economic activities and the rehabilitation process will also be encouraged.

Funding allocation

The total budget available for this project equals 10,000 Euro. In obtaining the objective, the provision of fund will mainly be allocated for:

Rehabilitating 25 hectare ha by planting 10,000 mangroves of various species along the canal and pond dikes.

Supporting sustainable community livelihoods such as aquaculture and salt production.

Beneficiaries

It is expected that 500 people will benefit from this project; the number of women participating and benefiting will be 250.

Partners on the ground

The implementation of project will be conducted by community groups of Lam Ujong Village.

Results so far