



## UNICEF NIAS IN 2009 'COMPLETING THE PATH'

As Country Program Policy onto program shift in UNICEF Nias from massive emergency relief effort, with early transition and recovery response, towards sustainable development, re-alignment is taking a place. With the programs closure of Child Protection and Water Sanitation and Hygiene sections by end of 2008, UNICEF Nias is completing the path.

The milestones marked the completion of 2008 emergency relief effort UNICEF Nias are **18 of 120 schools completed** in which 14 schools were completed within past 6 months in 2008. Over **15,000 children** benefited from Creating Learning Communities for Children (CLCC) of education programs. **Strengthened health care system** in Nias by providing continuum interventions onto 5 approaches Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI), Communicable Diseases Control (CDC) in Malaria, Early Childhood Care Development (ECCD), Nutrition and Maternal Newborn-Child Health (MNCH). More than **50,000 people including children** benefited from WASH facilities, and been provoked on WASH related issues awareness in Nias. Last but not least enabled protective environment for children been stated through Bupati's decree onto **strengthened Child Protection Referral System** in Nias.

Stepping on 'path completion', remaining 102 schools to be constructed and furnished plus 28 posyandu- village health center construction is taking the most portion. While Health Care and Education systems interventions will strategically addresses enabling environment of policy, institutionalization and mainstreaming of lessons learned and good practices toward its sustainability and expansion.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### EPI North Sumatera; 'Appreciable progress toward national target on 2010'

KEPMENKES RI NO. 828/MENKES/SK/IX/2008 on the guideline of basic health service standard at district level stated; "By 2010 UCI at village level would reach 100% in which  $\geq 80\%$  infants within the village will have completed basic immunization (1 dosage of BCG, 3 dosages of DPT, 4 dosages of polio, 4 dosages of H B, 1 dosage of measles)".

Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) is stated through Universal Coverage of Immunization (UCI). An EPI review meeting of North Sumatera had been held on December 2008. Based on November 2008 data, UCI status for North Sumatera is  $\leq 67\%$ , in which is an appreciable progress toward 80% of end target status for 2008. Following to national UCI trend from 2003-2007 is showing disparity of UCI status; 2003; 74.8%, 2004; 69.4%, 2005; 76.2%, 2006; 73.8 %, 2007; 76.1%. For about 320,362 infants in North Sumatera basic immunization ratio reach  $\leq 78.1\%$  of infants. Within this status optimistically North Sumatera will achieve 100% UCI as National Target 2010.

5 particular districts (Nias, Sibolga, Tapanuli Tengah, Mandailing Natal and Nias Selatan) with the assistance of PATH (UNICEF partner on immunization programme) are showing astonishing improvement. Nias district respectively showing remarkable feat for basic immunization with coverage above provincial ratio standard. On the other hand unfortunately Nias Selatan District showing lowest basic immunization coverage with only  $\leq 36\%$  in status. Acceleration of basic immunization coverage should be integrated with Maternal Newborn and Child Health programme while particular government avocation on basic immunization in Nias Selatan District should be addressed to achieve national UCI target on 2010.

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Share the information of Nias Zonal Office's programs in quarterly basis highlights to broader audiences. Capitalize programs achievement onto 'A road to achieve Millennium Development Goals in 2015'.

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### UN Tsunami and Evacuation Drill in Nias

"...Tsunami alerts! Tsunami alert!, staff should move to tsunami concentration points...!"

The radio room was alerting staff on tsunami in Nias. Everybody is getting alert. The communications were made by all UN office management teams for all staff coordination on evacuation. Final alert informing staff to be evacuated to designated tsunami concentration points. Wardens of each UN organization reached the concentration point and made head count of all the staff and identified staff member in different locations. All staff were mobilized in array.

The Tsunami drill was practiced on November 2008. This yearly drill was involving around 50 UN agencies- Nias staffs within the area. It's also completed with scenario on chaotic situations which is forced all staffs to be evacuated out of Nias Island. Sea port of Gunungsitoli became a chosen to be exit point site of drill.

Gathered staffs who were practicing the drill, expressed their excitement and the need of improvement on the practice. Included in debriefing point is the need of staff to be always equipped with basic emergency stuff. UN agencies which participated within the drill; UNICEF, UNDP, UNORC, UNOPS, ILO, WFP, & UN Clinic

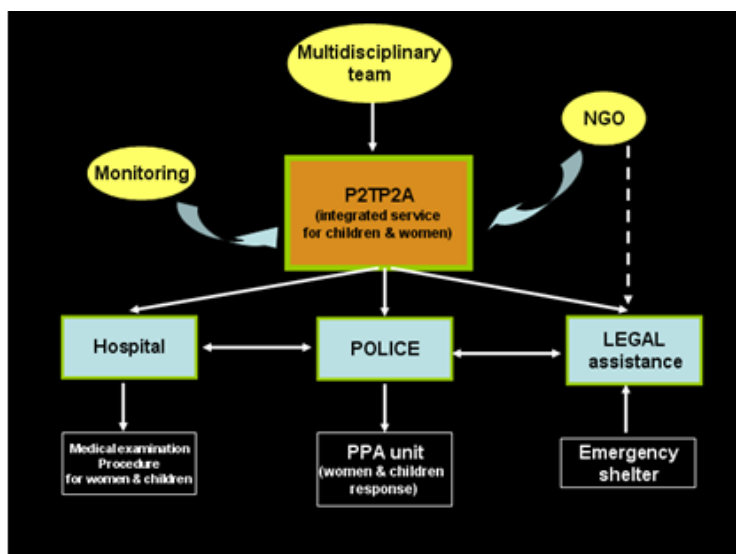


'On the evacuation processes'

## Child Protection Referral System in Nias; Scaling up the systems and services.

Realigning protective environment for children to a continuum of prevention and respond of child violence, abuse and exploitation will require a sound policy base. This fact has been increasingly recognized in a series of Nias District coordination forums held since mid of 2007. Over time, these meetings have identified critical upstream constraints at the policy level that need to be urgently tackled to support effective scale up.

### Institutionalization of Child Protection Referral System in Nias



Scaling up existing intervention is critical to accelerating progress onto Child Protection referral system in Nias. There is consensus on expanding the provision of essential services and practices which involves a complex range of actions, many of which are interrelated to both achieve breadth and ensure the long term sustainability of the expansion (as presented on scheme picture above)

Building blocks of consensus for the referral system in Nias;

- **Child Protection Secretariat (CPS)** is legalized by **Bupati Degree No. 476/397/K/2008** and its institutionalization under government funded institution – P2TP2A (Integrated service center for children and women).
- Government provides office building and furniture for CPS. **Government agreed to provide funds** to support CP program and operational in 2009 (for **40 million IDR**).
- **MOU with Gunungsitoli Hospital No. 445/498/RS – No. 03/P2TP2A/Kab.N/I/2009** to provide medical service as integral part of Referral system.
- Joint program with social welfare section for socialization of child protection, rights and referral system that reach out approximately 17.000 families
- **PUSAKA** as NGO focused on Child Protection in Nias agreed to be based in P2TP2A to ensure direct transfer knowledge and support action with government on handling children and women issues.

#### Field fact

January 2009, Government of Nias through P2TP2A within the assistance of Pusaka reacted direct response to victim of family abused case and implement the referral system procedure. The case was smoothly solved, with the full support of local government. The system is getting in place an appreciable progress.

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### BRR closure in Nias



'Certificate of appreciation presented by Bupati of Nias for UNICEF'

BRR (Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Body) Regional Nias office has been officially closed by December 2008. The office closure was celebrated through series closure activities.

Within the opportunity of BRR coordinator visit; Mr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, BRR marked the closure with the grand hand over projects assets to government of Nias and Nias Selatan which is value involved IDR 1.9 quintillion. UNICEF contributed around IDR 1.7 billion of assets value by October- December 2008.

Rally of field project visits were also been held as it's included in the series closure activities. Not only for BRR project but the visit also cover government partners recovery projects. Canadian Red Cross was one leading organization which involved within this activity.

At the end of the closure, government of Nias held 'Nias District Thanking Ceremony'. Appreciation was presented by Nias Government to all recovery agencies in Nias including UNICEF.



"Hand over assets of rehabilitation and reconstruction project to government of Nias and Nias Selatan District".

## First School for Nias Selatan District

Nias Selatan might remind us on least developed area where remote, and severely damaged (8.7 SR) by earthquake in March 2005, widely known magic and jumping stone also unique characteristic of community which is portraying strong cultural touched on the area. In different ways UNICEF is capturing the figure of Nias Selatan district, in which within the project of 40 schools to be constructed, UNICEF sees Nias Selatan as an area that highly needs improvement on access to education with the delivery of quality basic education services.

After times of school's construction process in Nias Island, happy faces were welcoming the new complete-furnished brand new school. SDN 076102 Soto'o Hilialawa- Lahusa an earthquake stand-child friendly school marked the end of year 2008 as the first school supported by UNICEF for Nias Selatan District.

"This is the commitment of UNICEF that we should feel grateful on. Not just a school, it's also accompanied with the facilities including its quality education activities. Nias Selatan would never left behind in terms of development and education. With UNICEF support we will optimistically catch up our steps" proudly said government representative on the grand opening. It's marked the new awakening phase of improving basic education services in Nias Selatan.



SDN 076102 Soto'o Hilialawa- Nias Selatan

## UNICEF Nias AWP 2008 review; 'ASIA a reliable tools to monitor development'

*"PP no.8 th 2008 about the region development planning is stated to include situational analysis within region. ASIA could be a best input in the cooperation of development program framework within Indonesia region". (Solihin-BANGDA on UNICEF Nias- AWP 2008 review)*

As completing the implementation of AWP (Annual Work Plan) 2008, coordination meeting had been held to review UNICEF and implementing partner program on 2008. An improved achievement toward programs implementation been gained with the key factor in place is close coordination between UNICEF and local government. "This improvement should be monitored into its development sustainability. And Analysis of strategic information on the situation of women and children (ASIA) is a reliable tool to be used" Solihin stated within the meeting.

ASIA is developed by UNICEF with Indonesian government which cover main achievements included participatory development planning, monitoring and evaluation and also decentralized planning for children and women, which was grounded on the data and information generated from respective local areas using a human-right based approach. UNICEF Nias is requested to give achievement input on Nias dan Nias Selatan ASIA. Lessons learned of ASIA in Nias and Nias Selatan district could be implemented in other region within Indonesia. ASIA approaches will not only benefiting for UNICEF program implementation but also all government programs within the country.

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### WASH Talk Shows

UNICEF with various partners is capitalizing the sound of International Year of Sanitation (IYS) Campaign through collaborated serial radio talk shows within the whole month of December 2008.

'Nias sanitation' was the theme. Each partners presented its concerns and interests.

UNICEF and Health Officer of Nias government presented global view of IYS 2008 campaign, with emphasized on behaviour change of its topic related. IFRC discussed on Nias clean water system and its facilities.

CWS-HP (ADB) and Health Officer of Nias government shared information on CLTS (community lead total sanitation), with the attendance of the champion on 'Open Defecation Free' village. KIMPRASWIL and UNDP talked about solid waste management in Nias and Save the Children on UKS (School Health Unit) initiative in Nias.

Within the serial of sanitation talk show, it hopes could boost up the awareness of community on health sanitation in Nias.

### Backlog fighting and LLITN distribution at Tello-Hibala Islands-Nias Selatan District

Backlog fighting immunization was held in Tello-Hibala, small group islanders in the south part of Nias Island. Low immunization coverage remains the same as it compare to previous survey held in 2006/2007. Isolated-remote-faraway place is the cause of poor supervision by District Health Office of Nias Selatan. Low level of awareness on the importance of immunization is reflecting throughout the islands. It showed on as many as mothers wouldn't want their children to be immunized. However at the end, about 90% of children throughout the islands been immunized within this backlog fighting on immunization activity.

10.000 LLITN (impregnated net) been distributed for more than 100 house holder. It's critical to use net to prevent mosquito borne communicable disease as it vulnerable area particularly of malaria. Strong supportive supervisions on health services from government at district level is needed to improve the child survival and health quality level in better status.