

**Project title****SUPPORT PROJECT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANDA ACEH****Country, region(s)/ city(cities) of intervention**

INDONESIA – Sumatra, Banda Aceh

**Executing agency**

Municipality of Banda Aceh

**Brief summary of the project**

The disaster that hit the island of Sumatra in Indonesia on 26 December 2004 destroyed a large area of the city of Banda Aceh. Out of a population of approximately 264,000 inhabitants, the authorities reported more than 71,000 people dead and 50,000 refugees lost their homes.

The Municipal Assembly building of Banda Aceh suffered partial collapse. The mayor's offices were also damaged, with destruction of a number of municipal archives and office equipment and some infrastructures (markets, bus terminal, roads) suffered collapse or damage. Some 20% of municipal employees and 25% of teachers were killed in the disaster, with destruction or disruption of 60% of the equipment and infrastructures (buildings, transportation system, services).

To enable the municipality of Banda Aceh to respond to the challenge of post-tsunami reconstruction and at the request of the local population, it needs to restore its work tools to ensure internal management and reconstruction of the archives. The records it was possible to salvage are at present packed in boxes and need to be processed and recorded, given that a considerable part of the IT equipment was destroyed or seriously damaged.

The local authorities encountered in the affected zones and Banda Aceh in particular have requested the support of local governments worldwide to help them recover their ability to function and strengthen their capacity to respond to requests for reconstruction aid on the part of the communities.

An initial aid project was prepared by the Banda Aceh authorities with the support of the associations of the local Indonesian authorities members of UCLG, the associations of municipal councillors – ADEKSI - and the Mayors of urban municipalities – APEKSI. The project below is the outcome of this joint effort. It is supported by the City Hall of Barcelona, the City of Fontaine l'Évêque (Belgium), and the city of Rome.

**Beneficiary(ies)**

The whole local population of the region administered by the Municipality of Banda Aceh.

**General aim of the project**

Contribute to restoration of local governance and democracy by strengthening the capacity and working facilities of the Banda Aceh City Hall.

**Specific objective**

Provide the Banda Aceh city hall with the necessary office equipment to restore its operations and enable it to put its capacities to work in the reconstruction phase in response to requests by its citizens. The objectives are as follows:

- Ensure the necessary tools to enable the administration to restore essential public services in the reconstruction phase and improve them over the longer term.
- Ensure the necessary equipment to reconstitute the city hall records, including in particular data on the population administered and other administrative services to the population.
- Improved collection and management of requests from the population, given that the new technology will also be used to set up local consultation mechanisms. Communication with the population and dissemination of information on the various actions of the municipality and the services available to inhabitants will be facilitated.

## **Activities**

### **First stage:**

Identification and mobilization of an expert on sustainable cities to prepare the file of bids for the installation of information technology at Banda Aceh City Hall and finalize the technical contract specifications, in cooperation with a municipal Indonesian official. The supplier will be required to carry out the supply and installation of the equipment and the training of municipal employees. The call for bids will be carried out respecting local legislation, but should ensure that procurement occurs as rapidly as possible complying with the following principles: (i) ensure transparency of the operations and, (ii) obtain quality services, supplies or work requested at optimum cost.

### **Second stage:**

Issue of the call for bids on the local and/or regional market (Southeast Asia)

### **Third stage:**

Reception and analysis of bids. Evaluation of bids will be carried out by an evaluation committee at which representatives of sustainable cities will be invited to participate.

### **Fourth stage:**

Notification of allocation of the purchase and signature of the contract.

### **Fifth stage:**

Delivery and installation of equipment by the supplier.

### **Sixth stage:**

Training of municipal employees, including in municipal branch offices, to facilitate the shelter of refugees and their access to the municipal databases.

### **Seventh stage:**

Mobilization of personnel and the technical assistance necessary to classify and process the salvaged documents. Design of the database of reconstruction projects.

## **Expected results**

- The 10 administrative divisions of the Banda Aceh city hall and its branches close to the refugee camps are equipped with 107 computers, the corresponding printers protection system and networking system (for details of the equipment see annex 1);
- The personnel has been trained in the use of the new IT equipment (150 people);
- The functioning and circulation of information between the various municipal units and the municipality outposts have been restored through the availability of IT equipment;
- The essential archives for the functioning of administrative services and basic public services are being reconstituted;
- A database with requests from the population for the reconstruction phase and information on projects or initiatives being carried out by the City hall and the various cooperating institutions is being created.

## **Success indicators in terms of results**

- Inventory of the equipment provided and the state of the installation;
- The performance and quality of the training received by the municipal employees;
- The setting up of technical assistance teams for reconstitution of city records;
- The establishment of a database for the collection of information on the requests from the population and projects under way.

## **Long-term vision/ Sustainability**

Towards a common cooperation platform in Indonesia: the city of Barcelona, the Catalan Cooperation Fund, United Cities France and the city of Apeldoorn (Netherlands) have proposed their collaboration with the Aceh municipalities.

Following an identification mission in Indonesia organized by the UCLG World Secretariat, the city of Barcelona and the municipality of Apeldoorn (Netherlands) from 8 to 12 March 2004, the national Indonesian associations of mayors and municipal councillors (ADEKSI and APEKSI) have proposed a support project for reconstruction of Banda Aceh City Hall. The project has two components: an

investment fund for projects to rehabilitate the infrastructures or services and technical assistance to the city hall. Regarding the infrastructures, two options are at present being analysed: reconstruction of the administrative building in Banda Aceh or the municipal assembly. The project foresees mobilization of approximately \$ 400,000.