

NEWSLETTER

GLOBAL THINK TANK



Strengthening Child Resilience with Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection

Rapid Risk Assessment in Cianjur District for Save the Children, August—November 2016

Resilience Development Initiative conducted a rapid risk assessment for Save the Children’s project on integration of disaster risk reduction, social protection and child protection. The assessment was done in various period of time between August to December 2016 in different locations in Cianjur. The locations visited are Karangtengah subdistrict, Campaka subdistrict, Cibinong subdistrict, and Cikalongkulon subdistrict, each have different issues and characteristics. In order to collect data, RDI conducted focused group discussions in different level from district level, village level, to school level; other than that RDI also interviewed stakeholders such as local government officers, village administrators, beneficiaries, and local communities.



In-depth Interview with Cibinong Subdistrict Head

The assessment showed Cianjur district is facing many challenges imposed from natural hazards, child protection issues and the overlay of these issues. The child protection issues in Cianjur district is in alarming state and increasing along the recent years. Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and building community resilience in order to fight the impact of the disaster become a necessity in society Cianjur district. This includes counteract the affect of not only natural disasters, but also the social vulnerability embedded in the community. For both issues, the existing social protection system has provided partly a sense of security and contributed to the resilience of children and families. It is partly successful because the high magnitude of social challenges in Cianjur.



Focused Group Discussion at Cianjur District Social Affairs Office



In the Face of Drought: Sumba and Belu's Struggle of Survival

Written by Husnul Aris Alberdi

RDI done a consultancy for Save the Children Indonesia in evaluating a project in NTT about emergency response for communities that experienced drought. Subsequently, RDI members went to West Sumba and Belu for 7 days (18-24 September 2016). Data collection was conducted by focused group discussion and in-depth interviews towards community beneficiaries, local disaster management office, local planning office, social affairs office and other stakeholders. Communities in West Sumba and Belu was affected by drought caused by El Nino and they are exacerbated by the vulnerabilities of the communities. In response this condition, RDI as global think tank, try to study about this condition and how we can reduce vulnerabilities and improve community's resilience.

5th Psychological Intervention After Disaster Capacity Building Workshop

Manila, Philippines. 14—17 November 2016

Written by Yasmina Wulandari

Psychological Intervention After Disaster (PIAD) Capacity Building Workshop was organized by International Union of Psychological Science. The workshop was the fifth arrangement in its series. The focus on the Asia and Pacific region is related to two important facts: First, the four billion inhabitants of the region form 60% of the world's population and 41% of the natural disasters around the world occur in this region, frequently causing extensive damage, loss of life, and severe hardship; Second, the majority of countries in this region often lack an advanced infrastructure or responsive rescue systems, and help is typically concentrated on addressing physical and infrastructural devastation with less attention being paid to effects on individuals and groups, especially of psychological adversity. Yasmina went to present RDI research "Displacement and Deadlines: Issues Found in Mt. Sinabung Displaced Communities".



Alpian Angga Pratama with Rajendra Singh, Winner of Stockholm Prize 2015

Water Security and Climate Change Conference

Bangkok, Thailand. 29 November—01 December 2016

Written by Alpian Angga Pratama

Water security and climate change conference (WSCC 2016) was organized by the exceed centers CNRD (TH Köln, Germany) and SWINDON (TU Braunschweig, Germany) together with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). This conference is a platform for engaging leading experts in the region and beyond in discussions on water security issues in Asia in order to facilitate the path towards water-secure societies. The participants were come from various countries in Asia, like Thailand, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Nepal, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Philippines and also other countries like Australia and Germany. The big theme of the conference was to present some challenges and opportunities toward water security and climate change in Asia. Alpian went to present RDI working paper titled "Resilience Perspective on Water Management in Indonesia".

Voice of Members



Dr. Ayu Krishna Yuliawati

Cluster Chair of TCH, *Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia*

Finishing your doctoral degree you need 3P: patience, patience, and patience. The point is we have to go through all process and consistency in compiling your dissertation. All is due in their own time and every life experience will bear fruit. Mental factor is important in sailing through doctoral education, because problems that arise should be addressed wisely to find their own solution.



Ashley Carvalho

RDI Intern, *Notre Dame University*

I spent a semester as an intern at the Resilience Development Initiative in Bandung and really enjoyed the opportunity to take on a research project that looked particularly at Indonesia. My research paper explored the topic of what social protection measures would enable for children to build resilience in the face of natural disasters within the district of Cianjur. During my time at RDI I was able to develop a greater understanding of the social protection schemes that are currently in existence in Indonesia. My knowledge about disaster management has also increased greatly.

Through this internship I was also able to develop my research skills whilst being supported along the way from those working at RDI. It was through the friendly, approachable environment RDI created that I was able to learn from everyone at RDI in order to ensure that my research skills advanced. I have not only left RDI with a completed working paper, greater knowledge about Indonesia and developed research skills, but I have also gained many friends.

Michael Coffey

RDI Intern, *Murdoch University*

The field of community resilience is dynamic and rewarding, encompassing a variety of fields which can appeal to potential interns. I had considered my own background in arts/ humanities and anthropology as perhaps far-removed from the field of community resilience, but the research crosses a variety of cultural and societal boundaries making it appealing to almost all fields. RDI provide a positive working environment in which an intern can feel comfortable, whilst also make a solid contribution to the body of work produced by RDI. Personally, I've developed a keen interest in community resilience, and could see it playing a part in future employment considerations for myself. In terms of the expectations, they are reasonable and open to discussion about any changes an intern wishes to propose. The fellow staff are easily approachable, all speak excellent English, and go out of their way to ensure your needs are met. While the environment is professional, your colleagues are affable and provide valuable inter-cultural knowledge and experience. Ultimately, if you want to gain strong research skills from your internship, and experience academic writing making actual contributions to an expanding field, RDI must be considered a strong candidate for your application.



Anna Himmelreich

RDI Intern, *Australian National University*

At RDI I was able to conduct independent research and discover what it's like to be a researcher in Indonesia. I learnt a lot from the experience, not only about my research topic, culture and resilience in Sumba, but also about research and writing methods and working in a professional environment and under supervision of a senior researcher. I also enjoyed spending time with the staff at RDI and learning more about Indonesian politics and society. The time I spent at RDI was worthwhile and has equipped me with research skills for the future, and a greater understanding of Indonesia.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We thank all partners, researchers and fellows for 2016 and we are looking forward to 2017 collaborations.

Dr. Ayu Krishna Thesis Defense [04/11]



RDI Member, Efrain Sitinjak Wedding [16/12]



Intern Farewell Party [13/12]



Alpan Farewell Party [17/12]



AWARD

RDI Would like to announce and congratulate that RDI members have been awarded for degree, scholarship, conference grants, and training grants throughout the year

- Dr. Ayu Krishna for her doctorate degree in Management from UPI. With dissertation titled: "Resource-based Geotourism Equity Development Through Sustainable Marketing"
- Yasmina Wulandari for participating in 5th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters, in Manila, 14th—17th November 2016
- Alpan Angga Pratama for participating in Water Security and Climate Change Conference, in Bangkok, 29th November - 1st December 2016

New Projects

Oxfam—RDI:

"Mid-term Review of Indonesian Disaster Project: Rights in Crisis"
December 2016—March 2017

World Vision Indonesia—RDI:

"Policy Analysis Study Related to Forest Fires" January—March 2017

Save the Children—RDI:

"Rapid Risk Assessment on Community Based Mechanism in integrating Child and Family Resilience with Social Protection" August—November 2016
"Final Evaluation of El Nino Emergency Response" September—October 2016

New RDI Institution Partner



Global School of Global
Environmental Studies (GSGES)
Kyoto University, Japan

New RDI Members

Melyani Zantika Dewi
Administrator & Finance

Muhammad Agil
IT Officer

2017 Internship Opportunity

Until 2016, RDI received 20 interns from 11 different universities, and have seen their capabilities increased as researchers. We are now looking for highly motivated interns who are eager to get some research experiences. In 2017, we open internships on topics related to:

- (1) Forest Fire;
- (2) Children and Disaster;
- (3) Children & Social Protection;
- (4) Rural Biogas Adoption;
- (5) Urban Biogas Adoption;
- (6) Energy Security;
- (7) Volcano Evacuation; and
- (8) Water Security and Sanitation.

Interns at Resilience Development Initiative will be faced with many prominent research studies ranging from national to international scale. Internship period is January—June 2017.

For further information, visit <http://www.rdi.or.id/internship>