

MOUNT AGUNG APPEAL April-June 2018

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On 22 September 2017, the status of Mount Agung in Bali was raised to level IV or "Beware". As a result, thousands of Balinese villagers living around Mt Agung fled to safer areas. Based on the last eruption in 1963 which lasted for over a year, Gaia-Oasis Foundation assumed that the Mount Agung emergency alert situation would last for between 6 – 9 months, until end June 2018. At its peak, Gaia Oasis provided assistance to over 21,000 refugees who had evacuated to our home village of Tejakula.

In the January-March quarter, volcanic activity decreased, and on 10 February 2018, the status of Mount Agung was lowered from "Beware" to "Standby". The danger zone was reduced to a 4 km radius from the crater, and refugee camps were dismantled as the villagers of Mt Agung started to return home.

Together with the Indonesian Red Cross, Gaia-Oasis Foundation decided to support several hundred households living at the edge of the 4 km danger zone who remain displaced viz. in the hamlets of Untalan, Galih, Tegeh and Rendang. Being closest to the crater, these villagers sold their livestock very cheaply in a bid to escape when the volcano started erupting. Since their return, they have had crop failures as their areas were exposed to harmful volcanic ash fall.

In this April-June quarter, Mt Agung continued to have small eruptions, with ash columns reaching 2 kms. Fortunately the displaced communities could

return to farm their land and look after their animals during the day. However, since they were on-site, they received minimal or no government support.

In addition to foodstuffs, Gaia-Oasis Foundation also provided peanut, corn and marigold seedlings to the villagers to be planted in communal and individual plots, as short-term cash crop. The first yield from these seeds were harvested in July and contributed to the villagers' income or food stock.

Gaia-Oasis Foundation had set the end June 2018 as a review date, with the intention to close the project shortly thereafter. However, from 28 June, Mt Agung showed increased activity, with Stromboli an eruption that has caused forest fires. The latest scientific data from Indonesia's Volcanology Center (*PVMBG*, *CVGHM*) shows that magma is still moving to the surface; however the effects will be localized to the 4km danger zone and the likelihood of a major explosive eruption is currently very low.



The increased activity has sparked another exodus of villagers from the volcano. As at 19 July, there were 2.894 people in 40 refugee centres, including 208 children, 305 elderly, 6 pregnant mothers and 1 handicapped adult. The Minister of Social Affairs, Idrus Mahram, has guaranteed support for the refugees for the next 3-4 months.In this situation, our Foundation will continue to monitor situation for the another three months. The last tranche of support, USD 4500, will be reserved and only disbursed in case of a major eruption, and a final decision will be taken depending upon developments. Once

all monies are disbursed, a final report with full financial disclosure will be issued and the project will be closed.

MOUNT AGUNG PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Gaia-Oasis foundation program has targeted the basic needs of refugees such as:

- 1. WATER & FOOD
- 2. HEALTH
- 3. EDUCATION & INFORMATION

In the third quarter, the foundation program was focused primarily on provision of food and seedlings. After the refugees returned to their homes in February, they could once again access government services for health and education. The Red Cross and the government monetary body (OJK) also provided water and waste disposal systems to the remote hamlets of Galih and Untalan, such that their prime need, as identified by the villagers themselves, was food; preferably also some cash crops. Although the government provided rice, no other foodstuffs were provided and the villagers were unable to go back to farming as a source of living, due to crop damage from volcanic ash. Even when rice was provided, often the supplies given were inadequate as, due to social pressure, rice meant for refugees families had to be shared with other villagers in Untalan living outside the refugee zone.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

To date, our foundation has raised \$ 24,485 for the Mt Agung appeal. Of this, we have spent approximately \$19.441 (Qtr 1 \$10.736, Qtr 2 \$4.180, Qtr 3 \$4.525) The remaining funds will be held in reserve as the condition of Mount Agung is not stable yet.

GAIA-OASIS FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT TO SUPPORT REFUGEES MOUNT AGUNG

BIDANG KEGIATAN	ANGGARAN PROYEK	PROJECT COST TO DATE	BIAYA SELAMA TRIWULAN 1	BIAYA SELAMA TRIWULAN 2	BIAYA SELAMA TRIWULAN 3	DANA BELUM TERSALUR
Donations Accepted	\$24,485					
Program Budget	\$23, 916					
Unallocated	\$ 569					\$ 569
Water and food assistance :	\$19,144	\$14,668	\$6,264	\$3,879	\$4,525	\$4,476
Foodstuff			\$2,945	\$3,735	\$4,332	
Food and flower seeds				\$64	\$175	
Water purification			\$2,518	\$0	\$18	
Cooking Gas			\$553	\$81	\$0	
Logistics Transportation			\$248	\$0	\$0	
Health and safety assistance:	\$3,491	\$3,491	\$3,190	\$301	\$ 0	\$0
Emergency Toilet			\$1,116	\$301	\$0	
Safety (mask, goggle, lamp)			\$1,522	\$0	\$0	
Child & infant health			\$244	\$0	\$0	
Garbage disposal, ecological utensils			\$309	\$0	\$0	
Education & information assistance:	\$1,281	\$1,281	\$1,281	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0
430 stationery sets			\$1,065	\$0	\$0	
1 television			\$216	\$0	\$0	
		\$19,440	\$10,736	\$4,180	\$4,525	\$5.045

¹ USD = Rp 13.500,-

THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2018

In this period, we undertook activities to support the refugees as follows:

A. Food and seedlings

In this period, Gaia-Oasis continued to assist the villagers of Galih and Untalan hamlets. The villagers' farms are within the 4 km danger zone, hence they work in their farms during the day, but sleep outside the 4km zone at night. As in previous periods, we provided the 186 villagers with foodstuff such as rice, oil, peanut, anchovies, organic palm sugar, onion, and garlic.

In this period, we gave more seedlings to the 112 villagers in Untalan, as they were quite excited when we gave them peanuts in the previous quarter and asked us for more cash crops. From 33 kgs of seedlings which we gave them and which were planted in March, the villagers have managed to get a yield of 165 kgs of dried peanuts in July. This was better than we had hoped for, as the villagers doubted if the crop would grow well due to unseasonal rains and occasional ashfalls. Although this is not an optimal yield, it is still quite good and was sufficient for food and to supplement their income, especially as the villagers incurred no costs for fertilizers and relied on their own labour.

Our Foundation was happy to see that villagers took their own initiative to enter a "ngadas" agreement with business owners nearby, whereby the Untalan villages undertook to look after the owners' cows and in turn, they could use the cow dung and would get 25% of the value of the cow when sold.

In addition to just selling dried peanuts, the villagers also made peanut crackers which they sold for a higher profit. Overall, all parties were very pleased with this outcome.

In April, we gave another 49.5 kgs of peanut seedlings to Untalan, which the villagers planted in a communal plot and also on individual land. These seedlings will likely be ready for harvest in August or September. In May, we did not provide seedlings pending the outcome of the March and April planting. In June, we provided corn and marigold flower seedlings on the villagers' request, as they had successfully planted these items before and wanted to try again.

On 28 June 2018, Mt Agung had an eruption which spewed volcanic ash 2.5 kms into the atmosphere. Residents in Untalan fled to the Village Hall, 5 kms from the crater. Residents in Galih fled to Treteg Hamlet, 12 km from the crater. In this situation, the villagers have put all plans to plant on hold.



Handover of Foodstuff, Corn and Morigold Flower Seeds





Marigold Garden in Galih



Handover foodstuff & seedling to Untalan Hamlet



Peanut yield and cow farming in Untalan Hamlet

In this quarter, Gaia-Oasis Foundation spent IDR 58.730.000 for foodstuff including transport and meals for the driver. For seedlings, Gaia-Oasis Foundation spent IDR 2.360.000.

B. Repurposing facilities after the refugees' return

1. Water Filtration System : value Rp 33.100.000

Earlier on, Gaia Oasis Foundation had provided a water filtration system to ensure clean water for refugees in Buleleng. After the refugee centres closed, as agreed with the donors, the system was handed over to the village to be repurposed for other social needs. On May 7, 2018, the Gaia-Oasis Foundation handed over the water filtration system to the Bumdes organization in Tejakula, with the proviso that the filtration system would be redeployed for refugees should they return to Tejakula. The Bumdes Organization undertook to use the filtration system to produce clean drinking water for sale and for use in government offices, reducing plastic

waste. The profits would be used for waste management, and for village social programs.

Before the handover, the Health Office in Singaraja conducted water tests to ensure the output met all required health criteria. We have spent IDR 242.000 for water tests bacteriological and chemical examination at the Health Office in Singaraja. The following test results we have received:



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Water Chemistry Examination Results of Filter Machines

2. Emergency Toilet value Rp 19.124.700

In keeping with our commitment to ensure donations are fully utilized, Gaia-Oasis Foundation had previously agreed with the Red Cross that all Emergency Toilets built would be redeployed for the use of local communities, after the refugees returned.

Accordingly, we undertook a field check and found that 12 out of the 14 toilets built are being reused, as per our original planning. The toilets were reused by local villagers, a kindergarten, a marine business, a community centre and 2 village halls. Only the 2 toilets built in Tembok remain unused as they were located in a field far from village houses;

however these 2 toilets were still being well maintained by the local people in anticipation of the refugees returning.

3. Other assets and items such as a television, undistributed N95 dust masks and safety goggles were handed over to the Village Municipal Waste team, the health centre and the Red Cross. We did these as these workers are at the frontline of any disaster event, and would find these items useful.

DONATION AND SUPPORT OF GAIA-OASIS FOUNDATION

Fundraising

The Gaia-Oasis Foundation fundraises through direct appeals and through its website: http://www.gaia-oasis.com/gaia-foundation/mount-agung-appeal/

Information is delivered in two languages, English and German. Fundraising had met the target in the first Quarter, so we did not raise funds for expenditures in the second and third quarters.

To make a good relationship with donors, our foundation sent every activities regarding the funds allocation and activities that have been carried out.

Our Work Partners:

Gaia-Oasis Foundation would like to say thank for everyone as individual or organizations that support our foundation to help refugees of Mount Agung.

Social Department Singaraja, Buleleng Regency.

Head of Tejakula Village.

International Red Cross, Buleleng Regency.

Bumdes Village Waste Organisation, Tejakula.

Red Cross Karangasem Regency.

Closing

The program to support Mount Agung refugees has been drawn up between the Gaia-Oasis Foundation and our partners including the Social Department of Buleleng, Red Cross Singaraja, Red Cross Karangasem and Tejakula Village. There are many programs change from initial plan because our foundation should follow the condition in the field and the funding capabilities. Hopefully the third quarter report can answer all challenges during activities that support to help Mount Agung Refugees.

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