

**A WELCOME SPEECH**  
**BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**AS SECRETARY OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR**  
**THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF POST-**  
**EARTHQUAKE YOGYAKARTA AND CENTRAL JAVA**

**At**

**The Thanksgiving Gathering of  
the Java Reconstruction Fund:**

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND LOOKING AHEAD**

**Yogyakarta, April 22, 2008**

## **THEME:**

### **Community-based Development Model in Acceleration of the Settlement and Community Rehabilitation in Post-earthquake DIY and Central Java**

Distinguished rank and file of:

- The Provincial Government of Yogyakarta,
- The Provincial Government of the Central Java,

His Excellencies:

- Ambassador of the European Commission for Indonesia,
- Ambassador of the United Kingdom for Indonesia,
- Ambassador of the Netherlands for Indonesia,
- Ambassador of Canada for Indonesia,
- Ambassador of Finland for Indonesia,
- Ambassador of Denmark for Indonesia,

Distinguished:

- Country Director of the World Bank for Indonesia,
- National Technical Team for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of DIY and Central Java,
- Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

**Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,**

Let us first of all be thankful to God Almighty for all His blessings that we can all gather here on this friendly occasion in Yogyakarta, a thanksgiving ceremony of the Java Reconstruction Fund under the theme of Achievements and Looking Ahead.

**Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,**

In line with the Action Plan of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Post-earthquake Yogyakarta and Central Java Areas, the housing and settlement rehabilitation has been a main priority besides the rehabilitation of public facilities and the revitalization of the people and regional economies. The rehabilitation and reconstruction activities have been made possible thanks to the enormous support from a host of parties including those of the Indonesian government and overseas donors.

The Indonesian government had disbursed from the APBN state budget 5.4 trillion rupiah to help rebuild 279 thousand homes and rehabilitate 253 thousand others that had been damaged by the earthquake in Yogyakarta and Central Java. Besides from the domestic sources, the Indonesian government had also received an enormous attention from the international

community who came to help us rebuild areas affected by the earthquake disaster. One of the most outstanding assistances extended officially to the Indonesian government has been those given through the Java Reconstruction Fund (JRF), which amounted to 60 million US dollars, earmarked for the implementation of the **Community-Based Settlement Rehabilitation-Reconstruction Project**, or better known as the REKOMPAK JRF, the abbreviation of Proyek Rehabilitasi-Rekonstruksi Masyarakat dan Pemukiman Berbasis Komunitas di Wilayah Jawa Tengah, Jawa Barat, dan DIY. It is expected that this project would help rehabilitate 15,153 homes in Klaten regency in Central Java province and Bantul regency in Yogyakarta province. It is also expected that this project would help rebuild settlement infrastructures that could help mitigate earthquake disasters in at least 100 villages and sub-districts in Central Java, West Java and Yogyakarta.

For all the kindness and care, allow me on behalf of the Government of Indonesia to express our gratitude and high appreciation to all parties involved, especially to the friendly countries from the European Union, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Canada, Finland, and Denmark, which joined up in the Java Reconstruction Fund (JRF) and to the rank and file of the World Bank in Indonesia, which has been providing all their

supports during the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Post-earthquake Yogyakarta and Central Java.

**Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,**

It has been against the backdrop of our heartfelt gratitude for all the attention and care that we have received that the Executing Agency of the Yogyakarta and Central Java Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Program made a great effort to set up a right implementing strategy so that all of the available resources could be used efficiently and made to deliver the greatest benefits. The community-empowerment paradigm was used and was reflected in the implementation of the Urban Poverty Project (UPP), which affected directly the target groups, encouraged active community participation, and fostered community independence. The paradigm was the most appropriate for an effective implementation of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The rehabilitation-reconstruction activities in the Central Java and Yogyakarta areas, which was started by the P2KP Peduli in June 2006, had finished its distribution of assistance to rebuild 6,480 homes and settlement infrastructures in Yogyakarta and Central Java. Here, the rebuilding of homes and infrastructure damaged by the earthquake has been completed in early 2007.

Based on the results of the implementation, the Indonesian Government is sure that such pattern of community driven development is the most appropriate one to use to finish off the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program of Post-earthquake Yogyakarta and Central Java Areas. The reason for that is because this pattern has got elements of the community or stakeholders to get involved, fostering a stronger sense of ownership, a better quality of control by the community, and a more direct control of the community over the speed of the completion of a redevelopment.

**Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,**

After one and half a year of the implementation of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program of Post-earthquake Yogyakarta and Central Java Areas, 97.31% of earthquake victims in the provinces of Central Java and Yogyakarta have been able to resettle in their new and safe earthquake-resistant homes. The rest are still completing their redevelopment. It is expected that by the end of May 2008 all of the rest, which amounts to 4,759 households, will be able to resettle into their new and safe homes. The redevelopment of 274 thousands homes in such a short period of time would have been impossible without the active participation and the

traditional wisdom of the community who worked hand in hand in rebuilding their homes and settlements.

Referring to the results of the rehabilitation and reconstruction program implementation, it is expected that such community-based development approach can become a strategic model and approach for the handling any national-scale disasters that often occur in Indonesia.

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Supports for the acceleration of structures and basic settlement infrastructures provision will be very helpful for the people to start rebuilding a system of infrastructure that is integrated and based on disaster mitigation, which can support further rehabilitation.

Through this community-based rehabilitation-reconstruction approach, the people's awareness of the need to stay alert over disaster risks within the settlement can be increased. This awareness needs to be taken even further for encouraging the development of the capacity of community institutions and for formulating a medium-term plan that is prepared by the community themselves as a form of a consensus with regard to their holistic vision of the disaster-responsive settlement environment management and control.

Equipped with community institutions that are soundly capable and well-armed with a formulation of plan that is environmentally responsive, this community-based development of settlement environment infrastructure can become a model for the self-reliant settlement environment planning and management program.

Towards the end of this stage of housing rehabilitation and reconstruction in Yogyakarta and Central Java, a Community Settlement Plan (CSP) consultation Phase 1 has begun in 20 sub districts/villages across Central Java and Yogyakarta. This CSP will become the basis for allocating and using the BDL, the Environment Assistance Fund in those villages. Following that, there is presently a concurrent selection of 80 more sub districts/villages for the Phase 2 implementation in the areas of Central Java, Pangandaran of West Java, and Yogyakarta.

The above program is a very good opportunity for the local community to realize a settlement environment management that is equipped with infrastructures that are supportive of a complete and integrated disaster mitigation that is contextual with spatial planning of the area. In this light, I hope the village/sub district community where this program is being carried out can make use of the big funding opportunity carefully and

wisely and within a reasonable timeframe so that an optimum output and benefits can be obtained.

**Excellencies, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On this occasion, allow me to extend my utmost gratitude and appreciation to all the officials at the provincial governments of Yogyakarta and Central Java, who have dedicated their attention, thoughts and efforts to achieve the objectives of the rehabilitation and reconstruction process through REKOMPAK JRF. May all the strengths and efforts that we have given out so far be useful, especially for the people of Yogyakarta and Central Java. So we congratulate all the people of Yogyakarta and Central Java. We also hope and pray that everything that has been achieved throughout the implementation of the rehabilitation and reconstruction program would be useful to help make a better life.

We also wish to extend our deepest gratitude to all parties that have given their supports to this community-based rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts through REKOMPAK JRF.

Finally, I wish you all a very fruitful Gathering and Discussion on the Result and Lesson Learned From

Community-Based Settlement Rehabilitation-Reconstruction Project, may this series of activities be useful for the improvement of the implementation strategies of the community-based rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts or any future rehabilitation program either in D.I. Yogyakarta, Central Java and West Java or on a wider scale on the national level. Now, by saying *Bismillaahir-rahmaanirrahim* I declare the Gathering and Discussion on the Result and Lesson Learned From Community-Based Settlement Rehabilitation-Reconstruction Project officially opened.

**Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi  
wabarakatuh**

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