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Indonesia: Special Events Commemorate 2006 Yogyakarta-Central Java Earthquake

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Commemorative events jointly hosted by IOM to mark four years since the 2006 Yogyakarta-Central Java earthquake on the morning of May 27th, 2006 included a gala night and community vigil.

Hundreds joined a night-time vigil service on Wednesday, May 26th to remember the 5,760 people who died in the earthquake.

May 2010 also marked the end of the first phase of the IOM Livelihoods Recovery project in the earthquake-affected area, which addressed the need for post-earthquake socio-economic recovery and was funded by the Java Reconstruction Fund (JRF).

Administered by the World Bank, the JRF is a multi-donor fund supported by the European Commission, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Canada, Finland and Denmark and the Asian Development Bank.

Phase Two of the Livelihoods Recovery project will focus on access to finance for micro and small enterprises (MSE), government capacity-building and community-based disaster risk management.

The IOM project, launched in 2008, was designed to restore 3,000 micro- and small enterprises (MSE) to their pre-earthquake capacity.

It provided them with tools and equipment lost or damaged in the disaster, helped them to recover their traditional markets and identify new clients, boosted their technical and business skills, and facilitated access to micro-finance.

In May, the end of phase one of the project was marked with a product fair and fashion show displaying beneficiaries' products, as well as a photo exhibition marking four years of IOM activities in Yogyakarta and Central Java.

Under the auspices of the JRF and the provincial governments of Yogyakarta and Central Java, IOM and the other JRF implementing agencies GTZ and Rekompak, have also engaged the community, government and other external stakeholders in promoting disaster risk reduction awareness.

In June IOM will host a brain-storming workshop with government and other reconstruction actors to identify key lessons learned from four years of post-earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation in Yogyakarta and Central Java.

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