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Empowering Small Scale Entrepreneurs in Pangandaran, West Java

SD Indonesia has approval from UN-OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) for implementing micro credit projects for economic recovery in West Java tsunami / Pangandaran with a total funding of USD \$ 44,536 for 6 months programs.



Susila Dharma Indonesia (SDI) has started the micro credit program in Pangandaran, West Java, Indonesia, collaborated with UN OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) since June 1, 2007. This project provided loan without interest for six month period to 75 beneficiaries. To compliment the micro-grant project, a series of trainings and workshops were conducted to improve the capacity of the beneficiaries to run their business and maintain their livelihood. These training were given both to loan micro credit beneficiaries and other small home industries in Pangandaran in order to improve their small business knowledge.

Most of the beneficiaries are women and located in 3 villages (Karangjaladri, Pangandaran and Sukaresik). By this project, SDI and UN OCHA will empower the women in that area to have side family income.

In order to strengthen and consolidated the team, SDI made coordination meeting and capacity building training in one of our project, Harkat Foundation, West Java on June 8-9, 2007. As the facilitators are Mario Suhendro and Robert Riovanni, which are experienced facilitators in many workshops. During the meeting, all SDI team were ready and enthusiastic to undergo this challenging project.





In June 25-27, 2007, SDI has conducted socialization and trainings program on Management and Entrepreneurship Aspect for the beneficiaries. These 3 days trainings were attended by 89 participants and most of them found that the trainings were useful and important.

The UN OCHA representatives came to these trainings. Anyway, they were satisfied as they saw many participants and our well prepared for this project.

The distribution loan was given on 3 July, 2007 to 75 beneficiaries in 3 villages, which are in 13 groups and consist of 11 clusters. The clusters are fish ball, shredded fish that has been boiled and fried, jerked meat, fish stick, crispy chips made from shrimp,

coconut palm sugar, handicraft, coconut fiber, bamboo art, veil, salty fish and ketchup.

Most of the beneficiaries will use the loan to increase business capital including material and production tools such as vacuum and sealer. They were very happy and optimist, this program will go well.

The distribution loan was done by Patricia Medina (Project Manager), Sukardjono and Rusman (Field Officers), and Itong (Local Office Administrator – a young bachelor degree who lives in Pangandaran). Boards of Directors who attend were Ariana Susanti and Sutinah Sudarsono. We already rent a nice house as our office in Bulak Laut, Desa Pananjung, Pangandaran.

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