

# NEWSLETTER

## 2020 JULY

### **A NEW SEASON**

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

I believe this is the season to rebuild. Our country is currently recovering from COVID-19. Many businesses and economic sectors are facing massive challenges.

Like businesses, humanitarian organisations need to adapt to new challenges by changing existing methods of performing daily operations and conducting relief missions.

CREST has upgraded our computer systems and applications to a cloud-based solution. Thanks to Microsoft’s non-profit programme, we can truly work everywhere and anywhere. Besides having a cloud-based operational system, the programme has also allowed us to upgrade our applications to the latest version. While we must pay for some of the upgraded versions (but at discounted prices), majority is free.

If you run a non-profit organisation and wish to have a cloud-based system, we are happy to share relevant information with you.

### **PALU EARTHQUAKE - INDONESIA PROJECT**

31 July – We have officially ended the Palu earthquake development project by closing the local coordination centre and ending our volunteers’ contracts. On behalf of CREST, we thank Mr Dey and Mr Imanto for their hard work and passion towards the poor and needy in crisis. We pray that God will continue to lead and guide them as they cope with the pandemic situation.

This project was started on October 2018. Together with our local partners and volunteers, we provided essential items to the affected communities 1 month after the earthquake, built 390 transition shelters within 1.5 years and supported 20 families with our livelihood project. The local coordination centre also aided visiting NGOs for post-disaster response.

<b>INDONESIA CRISIS PROJECT (2018 - 2020)</b>	<b>RM</b>
TEAM EXPENSES (TRAVELING, ACCOMODATIONS, LOGISTICS & MEALS)	37,336.09
PROJECT – RELIEF FOOD & WATER SUPPLIES	26,486.51
PROJECT – LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE	27,474.00
PROJECT – MEDICAL SUPPLIES	30,495.24
PROJECT – SHELTER / COMMUNITY CENTRE	653,206.71
PROJECT – LOGISTICS & OTHERS	8,252.93
PROJECT – LOCAL OFFICE EXPENSES	66,635.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>849,887.06</b>



Mr Deky Junaedi (second from the right)

Firstly, I would like to thank CREST and the donors for giving us the opportunity to help the people in Palu who were affected by the disaster events. Personally, my time in Palu had been a very enriching one because it helped to deepen my calling in disaster response and management.

Palu has opened my eyes and given me practical experience from what I have learned previously about disasters. Because of this field experience, I can share with my colleagues new ideas to improve on our disaster preparation programmes and humanitarian response.

Once again, I really appreciate CREST and everyone who made my trip to serve in this project possible. I hope more like-minded people will be able to experience and receive opportunities like this.

- Deky Junaide



Mr Imanto Santoso (second from the left)

Just want to say "Wow"! What an amazing experience. Thank you CREST and all for the support and trust given to me throughout this project. I have learned so much especially on communicating with the locals and understanding the different social dynamics.

Working in Palu was not easy. Still, it was a good learning experience for me. Even though the project was not as smooth as I wanted, by being there and having the support of CREST, I was able to make an impact in the community. I assisted the local Sunday School teacher, enriched the church and helped kickstart an educational programme for 128 children, which is timely during this coronavirus period.

Thank you CREST family and donors for your support.

- Imanto Santoso