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HIGHLIGHTS

• The Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) will officially commence 15 September. To assist reintegration of released political prisoners and demobilized GAM fighters, the European Commission announced it would provide €4 million in funding. The IOM will implement the assistance which includes basic subsistence and medical care for the above mentioned beneficiaries.

• The Governor of North Sumatra, Teuku Rizal Nurdin, was killed along with around 149 other people in the Mandala Airlines crash in Medan on 5 September. The late Governor is remembered for the outstanding leadership in the post-tsunami emergency and recovery phases and his strong support for the aid community.

• Eric Schwartz, the new UN Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery, visited Indonesia on 6-9 September. Mr. Schwartz met with officials from the GOI, donor countries and various NGOs in Jakarta. In Aceh, Mr. Schwartz visited tsunami-affected areas in Aceh Jaya, Banda Aceh and Aceh Besar to assess the state of IDP camps and recovery & reconstruction activities.

• Eric Morris, UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias, assumed duty on 2 September. The Office of the UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias (UNRCAN) now encompasses the former-UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Aceh and Nias. The key objective of the UN Recovery Coordinator is to achieve UN system-wide coherence and act as a counterpart to BRR to support its coordination role in recovery and reconstruction. Other UN coordination support components will also be integrated to UNRCAN in coming weeks.

• The United Nations will hold the National UN/INGO/Donor Convergence Workshop and the Regional Workshop on Education for Natural Disaster Preparedness consecutively on 15 and 16 September 2005. The purpose of the UN/INGO/Donor Convergence Workshop is to enhance the coordination among international humanitarian actors in Indonesia. The Regional Workshop on Education for Natural Disaster Preparedness intends to provide a forum to share experiences and best practices regarding the use and development of educational media for natural disaster preparedness in relation to the UN Decade on Education for sustainable Development.

BAPPENAS
Bappenas has appealed to the international community for aid to support priority programs to be implemented following the RI-GAM Peace Agreement. Bappenas is seeking donor support of approximately US$26 million for three areas:

- Socialization and communication of the MOU
- Capacity building of police and local government to support demobilization
- Reintegration of GAM combatants and prisoners into communities

Disaster Management
The National UN/INGO/Donor Convergence Workshop and the Regional Workshop on Education for Natural Disaster Preparedness takes place on 15 and 16 September. The Convergence Workshop, facilitated by the Indonesian Society for Disaster Management, aims to enhance coordination among international humanitarian actors in Indonesia. The Regional Workshop on Education for Natural Disaster Preparedness intends to provide a forum to share experiences and best practices regarding the use and development of educational media for natural disaster preparedness in relation to the UN Decade on Education for sustainable Development.

UPDATES ON ACEH & NIAS

Key Issues

Banda Aceh
Before the tsunami, PDAM (public water company) serviced 90% of the Banda Aceh area with the capacity of 505 litre/second. PDAM is currently working at a 100 liter/second lower capacity than pre-tsunami levels. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been undertaking repairs to the distribution network and 5,000 connections will be restored. PDAM plans to set up another 12,000 new connections and requests information from the aid community on the locations of where new connections are urgently needed.

Aceh Jaya
According to data presented by the local government and PU (public works), a total of 16,283 houses need to be reconstructed in the district, including the houses destroyed by the conflict. Thus far, a Memoranda of Understanding covering 4,810 units has been concluded, and 815 units are currently under construction. UNDP and UNRRCN Calang Field Office are completing the matrix of shelter activities which will be regularly updated to coordinate shelter reconstruction.

Aceh Barat & Nagan Raya
The second Arongan Lambalek sub-district coordination meeting was organized on 8 September. NGOs, village heads/representatives and the Kecamatan Development Programme (KDP) discussed issues such as potential temporary relocation before determining the final relocation site; the urgent need for temporary shelter in some villages; and the lack of employment opportunities in Arongan. NGOs updated the activity matrix developed at the first meeting. The sub-district coordination initiative is assisting Camats (sub-district heads) in strengthening their facilitation role.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

BRR
BRR (Recovery and Reconstruction Agency for Aceh & Nias) developed a new form to monitor progress of off-budget activities (available at <www.e-aceh-nias.org>). In addition to the submission of the concept note for the approval of activities, aid organizations are now requested to submit the monthly project status form to <projects@brr.go.id>. The data would assist BRR in improving thematic and geographical coordination of recovery and reconstruction and minimizing duplication.
Among the estimated 21,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs), 10,000 are living in spontaneous settlements and 11,000 are living with host families. While there are two UN agencies, at least 12 international NGOs and a number of local NGOs, comprehensive activity mapping has yet to be done. There is an urgent need for improving coordination amongst NGOs as well as for better engagement with local government.

**Humanitarian Action Forum (HAF) – District-level humanitarian assistance coordination mechanism**

HAF completed the second round of meetings in Aceh Besar (1 September), Banda Aceh (6 September) andPidie (8 September). The first HAF meeting for Aceh Barat was held on 13 September in Meulaboh.

The TSMM (Transitional Settlement Monitoring Mechanism) teams are on schedule for data collection in Nagan Raya and starting the coverage of Aceh Jaya very shortly. TSMM will continue to expand monitoring activities all along the affected areas on the west coast as far as Aceh Singkil.

HAF is relying on the recently-established bilateral working arrangements with WFP and IFRC to address certain needs such as food, shelter and non-food items. However, TSMM continues to identify outstanding and urgent humanitarian needs that must be addressed by the aid community. HAF is in the process of adding three staff members in order to strengthen liaison and monitoring of commitments made.

**Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**

IOM signed a cooperation agreement on 7 September with the Dinas Sosial (social affairs department) for the implementation of the second phase of an IDP registration program targeting all tsunami-affected areas of the province. IOM provided technical support for the initial IDP registration program that reached roughly 452,000 IDPs around the province between March and the end of August. An estimated 72,000 Meulaboh-based IDPs could not be reached during Phase One because of the security situation. The second phase of registration will gather more comprehensive information about settlement locations, the intended future destination of IDPs, housing conditions, family medical status and return assistance needs. Last month, IOM trained 22 coordinators from Garansi, a implementing partner NGO in data collection and reporting procedures. A second training session is scheduled ahead of the next three-month registration process once the necessary technical equipment has been procured.

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In Nias district, SATLAK (district disaster & IDP unit) identified over 75,000 IDPs living in tents or makeshift houses. A joint verification assessment is underway to confirm IDP numbers, where they are located and all other outstanding needs. As a result of the prolonged makeshift shelter arrangements and the recent heavy rains, water and sanitation conditions have significantly deteriorated, posing health risk concerns.

**Shelter & Non-Food Items**

The UNDP/UN-HABITAT Aceh Settlements Support Program (ASSP) completed the estuary and Sarah river dredging project in Leupung sub-district, Banda Aceh, on 12 September. The project, worth 34 million rupiah, started on 9 August and will help reduce flood risks caused by the topographical changes in the area.

Until recently, temporary shelters and permanent shelter locations used to be flooded within hours of rainfall. The project benefits 600 people from Lammesia and parts of Meunasah Mesjid, Munasah Bak U, and Dayah Mamplam. It also generated 1,920 person-days of employment for the community. ASSP will now move onto providing technical and financial support for the construction of 158 units of permanent shelter in Leupung, valued at US$500,000. An additional US$100,000 will be provided for community infrastructure.

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ASSP has also started shelter construction elsewhere in Aceh and Nias. Construction has already begun in Kuta Raja and Pidie. By the end of December, UNDP/UN-HABITAT aims to have completed a minimum of 603 permanent houses.

Mercy Malaysia plans to hand over 200 core houses on 21 September to 700 IDPs who are currently living in its camp in Lhok Nga, Aceh Besar. The houses are built on the original land.

The second batch of IOM shelter units in Cot Paya, Aceh Besar has been completed with 45 of the Japanese-funded houses which were handed over to IDPs on 12 September. Approximately 200 households will benefit from the Cot Paya construction project by the time it is completed. IOM’s community outreach team has also been in discussion with the community members about their future needs and aspirations in order to determine possible future livelihood assistance.

In Aceh Jaya, Bupati (district head) is increasingly concerned with varying shelter styles and standards and is requesting NGOs to provide the same shelter standard per village. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been requested by BRR to build 5,000 houses in the district and is conducting initial assessments so as to avoid duplication with other shelter activities. The CRS shelter project will include water and
sanitation components. 150 houses out of 969 houses to be built by Samaritan Purse in Panga are almost ready. For the integrated community-based shelter reconstruction project in Krueng Sabee, UNHCR closed the tender process on 1 September for the construction of the first 200 houses out of planned 1,022 units, and for the repair of the junior high school. The tender award is expected by mid-September and actual construction is slated to start by the end of the month.

In Aceh Barat, German Red Cross plans to build 700 houses in Teunom.

At a Nias Shelter Working Group meeting on 7 September, UNHCR announced its plan to provide free timber for organizations undertaking shelter activities in Nias. A technical meeting is planned for 14 September to discuss the size, quantity and quality of timber required in Nias. UNHCR plans to purchase 10-20% of the requirements locally and import the remainder. Approximately 16 organizations are planning to build almost 9,896 houses.

World Vision (WV) has completed 25 TLCs throughout the province, providing shelter to more than 2,000 IDPs. Two more TLCs are under construction in Banda Aceh. WV is phasing out NFI distributions.

Water & Sanitation

The American Red Cross plans to provide water and sanitation systems for the city of Calang, both in the current and future locations of the administrative centre. It has also committed to repair water and sanitation for all TLCs in Calang town and review the conditions in TLCs in Lamno and Teunom. The German Red Cross is rehabilitating 1,000 wells in Teunom.

In Nias, PDAM Gunung Sitoli assessed locations and conditions of the water supply network in the town. As water trucking is dependent on the condition of the network, a comprehensive assessment of the entire water supply network and a strategic approach to repair are needed.

Economic Recovery & Livelihoods

As part of a supply chain assessment into the coffee industry led by UNDP, an industry forum on the development of the coffee industry in Aceh took place on 12 September. The purpose of the forum was to draw together all the key stakeholders in the coffee industry, including representatives from provincial and district governments, farming and export associations, the chamber of commerce, donors, NGOs and the private sector, in order to develop a coordinated approach to the development of the industry.

Out of 40,000 job seekers registered at the ILO employment service centre database in Banda Aceh, 1,600 have so far found employment. It is anticipated that the number of placement will significantly increase in coming months as large infrastructure projects start.

IOM’s livelihood support programs will expand to the tsunami-affected districts of Aceh Besar, Pidie, and Aceh Utara. Final assessments are underway in two villages in Aceh Besar district, Meunasah Kuede and Alue Naga, to determine the types of training needed for 47 single women and 59 widows. IOM considers these villages to be priority areas because of their proximity to ports, which are frequently used as transportation points by human traffickers.

IOM also plans to provide 144 women in two Pidie villages with pandanus, a traditional material for mat weaving, to make up for a shortfall in supplies that has prevented the women from resuming their livelihoods.

Meanwhile, 38 women in Lancang village, Bireuen, have begun to reap profits in the form of market-ready eggs from a duck husbandry program IOM helped develop and implement. In addition to providing 380 adult duck and coordinating the construction of coops with the help of local men, IOM organized five days of training in duck husbandry and small business skills.

Agriculture

Bireuen-area farmers, who received onion, chilli and tomato seeds and training in the use of organic fertilizers (bokasih) in June, have begun harvesting their crops. Sixty-six households harvested more than 31,000 kg of onions. A further 66 beneficiaries will shortly begin harvesting the tomatoes and chillies.

IOM conducted a second bokasih training for 132 farmers in Alue Waki village, Darul Makmur, Nagan Raya and the organization expects to expand its assistance in coordination with the local authorities.

Cash for Work

The World Vision’s Cash for Work programme, which employs 900 people, completed clearing debris and restoring agricultural land in eight out of ten targeted villages in Lhoong, Aceh Besar.

One of UNDP’s implementing partners in livelihoods, PCI, has begun work on their UNDP-funded livelihoods and infrastructure development project in Aceh Jaya. PCI has begun repairing the mosque in Lageun, building boats in Babh Nipah, constructing health centres in Lageun and Rigaih, and rebuilding a fish auction market in Rigaih. Islamic Relief has submitted their Cash for Work workplan for Aceh Jaya, and anticipates that activities would begin shortly.

Under the Cash for Work scheme, Mercy Corps International has been clearing rubble from the City Park near the seaport in Johan Pahlawan, Aceh Barat. Once rehabilitated, this park can be used by the local community for recreation.

Waste Management

Under the Tsunami Recovery Waste Management Project (TRWMP), Dinas Kebersihan (park & waste management department) in Banda Aceh have employed 200-220 workers daily, and accrued 23,742 person days since 11 April. Over 78,368m³ of tsunami waste has been removed, and more than 5 hectares of land cleared. Some 10,000m³ of wood and 4000m³ of rubble has been separated from other tsunami waste.

Dispenda (regional revenue service) and UNDP held consultations in Calang to discuss waste management needs in the Aceh Jaya.

Dinas Kebersihan (transportation department) in Banda Aceh has demolished 16 buildings at the request of the building owners. Additional 31 buildings will be demolished under this project. 11,153m³ of the rubble from these buildings, along with separated rubble from the TRWMP, has been used to build the road to Ulee Lheu Port, which is now over 200m long.

The Municipal Solid Waste project in Banda Aceh has removed more than 17,350m³ of domestic waste since 11 March 2005. In Meulaboh, 461 workers have been employed under the TRWM Project and 21,491 person days accrued. 20,804m³ of waste
has been removed, and 12,596 m³ of waste has been sorted. Work at the Lapang dumpsite in Aceh Barat has now stopped, though drainage clearing and street sweeping continues.

Infrastructure
In the first phase of the Banda Aceh Military Airport repair project by UNDP/Dinas Perhubungan (transportation department), the damage caused by trucks during the relief effort has been repaired. The second phase of the work, in which broken concrete slabs around the apron and taxiway will be replaced, is due to begin shortly. Construction of local government offices and residences in Calang is progressing, despite extensive delays caused by rain. The ILO engineer anticipates that the buildings will be completed within two weeks.

Education
UNICEF plans to build 300 permanent schools and rehabilitate 200 schools. The project is worth US$90 million. Thus far, BRR and UNICEF have identified sites for 230 schools and 137 schools for rehabilitation.

UNICEF, UNOPS and line ministries concerned with school reconstruction are currently preparing for a workshop on school reconstruction standards. The aim is to provide clear and consolidated information on minimum requirements.

World Vision has completed eleven prefabricated school buildings across the province. These structures are expected to last for at least 20 years. Once the building construction is completed, World Vision supplies the school with furniture for students and teachers.

UNICEF posted transparency notes in public places in all sub-districts in Nias to prevent mismanagement of school kits. It also plans to develop a monitoring and evaluation system to review the effectiveness of school kit distribution in the Back to School Campaign. UNICEF is continuing the distribution of School-in-a-Box and Recreational Kits for primary schools in Nias.

Governance
As part of the UNDP package to assist local government in capacity building, UNDP handed over IT equipment to the Jaya and Sampoinet sub-district offices in Aceh Jaya. The Arongan Lambalek sub-district coordination meeting identified the needs of IT and office equipment as well as transportation for the sub-district office, which will be followed up by UNDP as well.

BRR and UNDP plan to hold a “Good Governance Best Practice” workshop in November for government officials throughout Aceh and Nias. The workshop will assist local governments in improving knowledge of good governance practices. The improvement of public service and financial management systems, and government bureaucracy reforms will be also developed.

Food
WFP plans to target the more vulnerable groups for its General Food Distribution (GFD) while expanding supplementary feeding activities that promote recovery activities. The number of beneficiaries planned for GFD in September stands at 734,000 in 18 districts in Aceh and Nias; for School Feeding Programme (SFP), at 379,000 in ten districts in Aceh province. PMI, following the signing of LoA with WFP, will start GFD in Aceh Timur supporting 15,000 IDPs. The first SFP distribution for Bireuen started in partnership with Keumang, covering 63,000 primary school children. WFP Calang sub office temporarily suspended food deliveries to Krung Sabee, Panga and Teunom areas due to a broken bridge.

WFP and its cooperating partners have been discussing the criteria for WFP food assistance for October to December with the aim of improving targeting and reducing potential dependency on food aid.

Health
IOM has completed construction of 25 Satellite Health Clinics around the province. Nine clinics in Bireuen, and another two in Aceh Besar are already receiving patients. The clinics are equipped by AmeriCares and staffed by the Provincial Health Office. They will eventually provide primary healthcare to tsunami-affected people currently living in and around government-built TLCs in Aceh.

The District Health Office in Nias informed that Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) for malaria prevention has been completed in five priority villages (Moawe, Lahewa, Balefadorotuho, Marafala and Ombolata). Further spraying in 22 villages is needed and ten villages are in need of mosquito nets.

UNFPA has completed training session in Basic Delivery Care, Mother and Child Health and Reproductive Health for midwives as well as training on Minimum Initial Service Package for local health providers. The training sessions were held to improve health care providers’ skills for the provision of reproductive health services.

UNFPA has also provided inputs to BRR’s plan to set up around 33 women’s crisis center at district and sub-district levels. Currently in Aceh, there is only one women crisis center, run by the Provincial Office for Women Empowerment, which is supported by UNFPA. The center provides income-generating training and holds periodic religious activities.

Logistics
Air
A new UNHAS flight schedule became effective as of 12 September. The new schedule is available at http://www.unhas.it/Indonesia/Indonesia_Sched.html. Users are now requested to fill the UNHAS passenger movement request (http://www.unhas.it/Indonesia/Indonesia_Bookpass.html) not the UNJLC PMR. The booking email address is now changed to <UNHAS.Indonesia@wfp.org>.

All UNHAS passengers are now subject to airport tax at the following embarkation points (per passenger):
- Banda Aceh IDR20,000
- Medan IDR15,000
- Meulaboh, Simeulue, Nias IDR10,000.

The current UNHAS air assets are two Mi-8 helicopters, two Twin Otters and one Dash 7.

Road Repair/Maintenance
Repairs on the road to the Ulee Lheu port are 160 meters completed. A project for clearing rubble deposited on the seabed at the port will be addressed at the completion of the road project.

CRS has circulated the paper “Emergency road and bridge repairs, District of Aceh Jaya – Scope of work and bidding requirements” for open bidding for the reconstruction of multiple road and bridge locations between Lamno to Calang in the district of Aceh Jaya. Open bidding closes on 14 September at 1500hrs. The scope of work includes:
- Bridge Replacement: 3.6km South of Calang
- Repair 200m Main Road Section: 2 km South of Calang
warehouses were operational:
During July the following logistics fleet of transport vehicles and reported that the new budget should be announced very soon. Up to 15 September in anticipation of a new budget. Atlas land freight service to the Banda Aceh area only for the period UNJLC previously reported that Atlas has been forced to limit recovery basis, for up to one week per month.

IOM has extended its LCT services from Sibolga to Nias until end of the month. The LCT can load up to 17 trucks at a time.

UNJLC previously reported that Atlas has been forced to limit land freight service to the Banda Aceh area only for the period up to 15 September in anticipation of a new budget. Atlas reported that the new budget should be announced very soon. During July the following logistics fleet of transport vehicles and warehouses were operational:

- Three logistics bases: Banda Aceh (main office), Meulaboh and Medan.
- Sixty trucks: 35 in Banda Aceh, 15 in Medan and ten in Meulaboh.
- Four warehousing: three in Banda Aceh (approximate capacity of 800 m²) and one in Meulaboh (approximate capacity 280 m²).
- Nine boats in Banda Aceh with total capacity of 410 t, going from Banda Aceh to the west coast, Palau Aceh, Simeulu and Nias.

After the new budget is released, Atlas will open an office in Simeulu with the following logistics fleet:

- One warehouse (approximate capacity 100 m²).
- 2 x 20 MT boat.
- A 15-passenger speedboat.
- 5 - 7 trucks.

Information
Public Outreach
UNDP will distribute 50 whiteboards to communities and organizations working with communities in the next couple of months as part of its outreach efforts. Organizations wishing to receive the whiteboards should contact UNDP.

UNDP and the Aceh Jaya district government are working together to produce a fortnightly Aceh Jaya newsletter. The newsletter will be coordinated by Sekda Aceh Jaya, and produced from the Media Centre in Calang. The newsletter will contain information relevant to IDPs and tsunami-affected populations and will be distributed across the district. UNDP will provide all the operational and financial support required to produce the newsletter for 12 months. A Letter of Agreement between the district government and UNDP is being drafted.

Security
In Aceh, the situation remains relatively calm despite a few reports of security incidents. The aid community is advised to maintain low profile and stay vigilant.

In Nias, as a result of the demonstration in Teluk Dalam, Nias Selatan on 31 August, and the subsequent threats made against NGO staff, a travel restriction to the district is currently in effect for UN personnel.

OTHER INDONESIAN PROVINCES

Haze
Fires in Sumatra, central and south Kalimantan continue to aggravate the haze situation in Indonesia. Smoke and haze from forest and ground fires in Sumatra has reached coastal towns of Malaysia. According to the Department of Environment in Kuala Lumpur, the air quality in one of the towns where a state of emergency was declared in August over haze, hit the unhealthy level after weeks of blue skies. The air quality in Sabah and Sarawak states on Kalimantan island, remains moderate.

The Panel of ASEAN Experts on Fire and Haze Assessment and Coordination met 8 September at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta to refine the draft Terms of Reference and operational arrangements and discussed future activities of the Panel of Experts. The OCHA-Environmental Emergency Section’s staff attended the meeting to present or brief on the operation of UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC). The revised draft of Terms of Reference have been submitted to the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) for consideration of the Senior Officials and the Environment Ministers at the 9th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (IAMME), scheduled to be held at the end of September 2005 in Manila, Philippines.

The Indonesian Forum for the Environment (Walhi) will file a class-action suit against ten companies in Riau for allegedly starting forest fires during the month of August. Satellites detected 3,258 hot spots spread in many parts of Riau province, except Pekanbaru, and there were indications that the fires had been caused by the activities of ten companies in the region. The number of hot spots in Riau was much higher than those in other provinces in the country. Walhi hopes that the class action will educate the public on their rights to enjoy a healthy environment. The ten companies, according to Walhi, had been burning forest in their concessions from year to year.

Maluku
The Jakarta Post reported 14 September, that the local government of Maluku has extended the deadline for resolving IDP problems from 15 September to the end of 2005. Official number from the local government shows that there are 15,788 IDP families in the province living in camps and waiting for relocation and return to places of origin. Since August, the central government has disbursed approximately, IDR61 billion out of IDR170 billion (US$17 million) to help solve this problem. The remaining funds are expected to be disbursed on 19 September. The local government says an accurate IDP number remains a problem.
West Sumatra
Landslides, caused by days of torrential rains, hit Bukit Gaung Village in Gaung Sub-Sub District of Lubuk Begalun district, Padang City, West Sumatra 2 September. The landslides have destroyed eight houses and heavily damaged others. Due to fear of further landslides, local authorities have instructed the evacuation of 44 households (approximately 220 persons) who lived in the surrounding affected areas. These people preferred to move in with their families and neighbours in safer areas instead of living in the temporary tents built by the local authorities, together with the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI).

The landslides killed 25 people, of which two bodies are still missing. Heavy equipment has been used to help the search and rescue team in searching for the missing victims. Seven people were still hospitalised as the landslides heavily injured them. The local authorities have built water channels in the surrounding of the affected areas to prevent further landslides.

The Provincial (SATKORLAK PBP) and District (SATLAK PBP) Government have provided some basic emergency relief, such as food, drinking water and medical supplies for victims of the landslides. The local Search and Rescue team from Padang, together with the Indonesian Military (TNI), PMI, as well as some community volunteers from PMI-West Sumatra Chapter have been deployed to affected areas and are providing assistance. The Coordinating Ministry of People’s Welfare and the Ministry of Social Affairs have earmarked IDR400 million for victims of the landslides.

West Java
Drought has affected at least 374 hectares of paddy field, mostly in Cikancung and Cicalengka sub-district in Bandung District of West Java, in the past two months. Farmers in the area have agreed to take turns in using irrigation systems in an effort to conserve water.
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