



Sustainable Development Application Form			
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Project Name: Community Development for Mount Sinabung Volcano Eruption Refugees Local Partner: Women's Unit of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI) Location: Kabanjahe, Indonesia			
Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Deenabandhu Manchala, Executive for Southern Asia			
Partner's History/Relationship with the Project: <p>The Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI) is the largest organization of Christian Churches in Indonesia and has initiated projects aimed at cultivating interfaith harmony and is dedicated to promoting the development of leadership skills in the churches throughout Indonesia.</p> <p>In relation to caring and responding to communities displaced by national disasters, PGI has been instrumental to addressing this work. One example would be the response coordinated after the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia, when PGI worked in cooperation with Church World Service and Indonesian disaster relief programs to assist the people who were most impacted by loss of family, property, health, and livelihood.</p> <p>The women's unit of the PGI (Moria GBKP) has partnered in program implementation, with an emphasis on gender equality and economy empowerment. Moria GBKP has been proven capable of developing a creative economy for women's groups in the church. Not only for women's groups in local churches but also at a national level, through the National Women Consulting project. The Moria GBKP will lead this project of accompaniment and sustainable development for people who have been displaced by the Mount Sinabung eruption. This program will help young women to stand up for themselves and to become independent. In the future, PGI anticipates this project will improve the incomes of participant families.</p>			

Description of Project:

Mount Sinabung is located in Kabanjahe, North Sumatra, Indonesia. Earlier this year, March 2021, Mount Sinabung erupted a blast of smoke, ash, and searing gas, forcing approximately 13,000 individuals from the mountain slopes to evacuate. The families displaced by this disaster were sent to 24 points in the Kabanjahe area, where they lived in tents, churches, and for some, family homes. The eruption's impact also resulted in heavy damage to houses, agricultural land, schools, and churches. With agriculture as the main source of income for the majority of families who lived on these mountain slopes, families displaced from the eruption have been without a source of income. The local government is seeking the support and coordination of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia to respond to the situation and to determine ways for displaced families to move out of tents and church buildings.

However, relocation is not easy because the residents have not been able to accept leaving the fields and villages where they have lived for a long time. Most families have stayed in their relocated areas following the eruption, however, some chose to return to their home villages when the eruption stopped. A local church affiliated with the Communion of Churches in Indonesia, the Batak Karo-Protestant Church (GBKP), has played a significant role in embracing and serving Mount Sinabung eruption refugees. In responding to the Mount Sinabung eruption disaster, much assistance and resources for families has been provided through GBKP.

PGI, through the local coordination of GBKP (local congregation) continues to assist the affected population and provide skills training to women in refugee locations and relocation sites. After the 2013 eruption of Mount Sinabung, GBKP provided training for women in culinary arts, silks, and making bags. These products were marketed in traditional markets around Kabanjahe, with success. The local congregation carries out this activity with an empowerment team.

Currently, there are still 30 families living in an elementary school building in the Kabanjahe area, and they are still afraid to return to their village because eruptions have been occurring frequently. The aim is to improve the skills of women in refugee camps to help increase the family's economic income. In addition, this economic empowerment is also part of encouraging women to have the skills to realize equal income for men and women (creating a fair economy for women). This project and activities will be using a similar model to the previous, successful project to train women in new skills and crafts and marketing these items for an income through traditional markets in Kabanjahe.

Target Population: The project will support the 30 displaced families currently living in the elementary school in Kabanjahe, with women as leaders in the project. The church also supports men and families interested in finding agricultural work, as this is their expertise.

Key Objective: Improving the skills of displaced women so that they can be economically independent.

Key Activities:

1. Training workshops on sewing
2. Sales Training – traditional markets and through online sales
3. Horticultural, Modern Agriculture, and Hydroponics trainings

Duration of Project: The project activities included in this proposal will take place over one year.

Project Budget

Total Budget: \$15,000

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$12,500

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? This is anticipated to be a one-time request

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this Project? 20% of the project is supported by outside partners.

Please list partners who are funding this project: Support through the local congregation, local government, and

budget funds of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia.

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?

This project is not supported through UCC OGHS/Global H.O.P.E.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

An itemized budget and cost breakdown for this project is attached.

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

This is the first proposal to support the work of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

The Communion of Churches in Indonesia will monitor this project through:

- Conducting field visits to the project implementation location
- Conducting interviews with representatives of the newly formed groups and project implementers about the progress of the project, obstacles, challenges and future project development plans.
- Documenting the results of meetings in the field in the form of writing, photos, and videos

The requested narrative and financial reports from Week of Compassion will be prepared and submitted after one year of the project.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding? As soon as funds are available.