

TATTS

Technical Assistance and Training Teams

Institutionalizing Disaster Preparedness and Management Capacity of
Local Disaster Management Agencies (BPBDs) in Indonesia



STRENGTHENING INDONESIA'S CAPACITY IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

From 2008 to 2018, more than 20,000 disasters were recorded in Indonesia, ranging from flood, drought, wildland fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and landslides. Thousands of people have died and millions have been affected. These natural disasters have negatively impacted on the country's economic growth and development goals.

The Government of Indonesia has committed to disaster risk reduction (DRR) by taking a holistic approach to Disaster Risk Management (DRM) before, during, and after disasters occur, as conveyed through the Disaster Management Law 24/2007. There is, however, a gap between national disaster management policy and implementation at the sub-national level. Local governments need improved technical and institutional capacity to fulfil their mandated role to coordinate and deliver inclusive DRM services.

The \$9 million USAID/OFDA-funded program, *Institutionalizing Disaster Preparedness and Management Capacity of Provincial Disaster Management Agencies (BPBDs) in Indonesia through Technical Assistance and Training Teams (TATTS)*, was launched to support BPBDs in performing their mandate in coordinating DRM activities and service delivery among their respective districts.

Between October 2014 and April 2019, Mercy Corps Indonesia led a consolidated consortium, working together with its partners – Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), Cardno, Lingkar Association, and University Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (FPT PRB) – to build organizational performance and technical skills of the BPBDs. TATTS provided ongoing technical support tailored to the needs of each agency and operated in West Sumatra, Central Java, East Java, Southeast Sulawesi, North Maluku, Maluku, West Papua, and Papua Provinces.



The TATTS Consortium



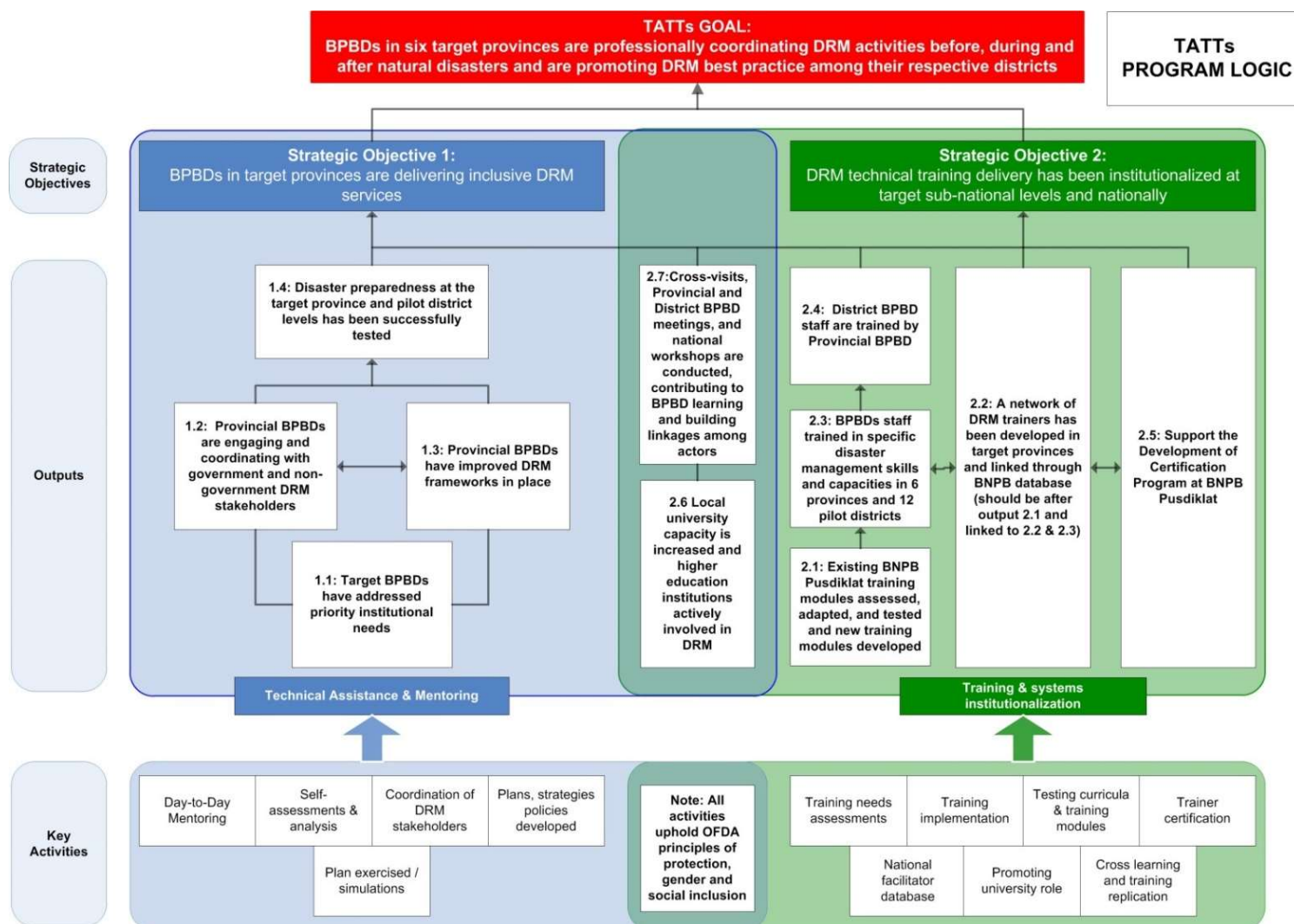


TATTS APPROACH TO REACH ITS GOAL AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

TATTs embedded its disaster management experts and trainers within eight target provincial BPBDs, working side-by-side with government disaster management staff to provide mentoring, organizational capacity building, and technical assistance on the basic organizational and implementation responsibilities of the agencies. In addition to working at the province level, TATTs also embedded its technical assistance team within the Education and Training Center of the National Agency for Disaster Management (Pusdiklat-PB in BNPB).

Complementing institutional coaching, TATTs also implemented a formal program of training across a broad range of disaster management topics that are aligned with the national curriculum. TATTs assisted in institutionalizing disaster management capacity building in Indonesia by utilizing the program to develop local pools of facilitators in the eight target provinces.

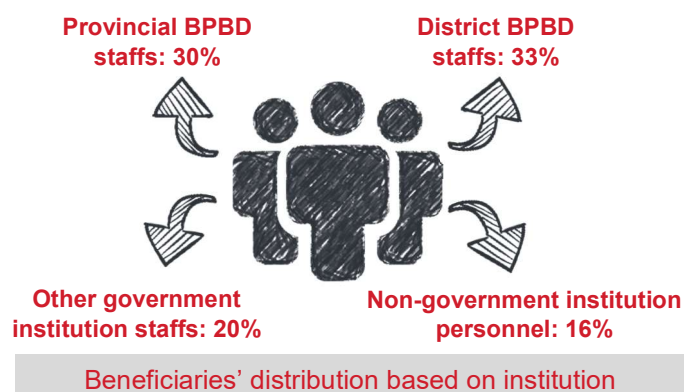
TATTs trained provincial BPBDs and other relevant stakeholders to lead and coordinate DRM training and capacity building in the districts through the logical framework outlined below:



PROGRAM RESULTS AND IMPACTS

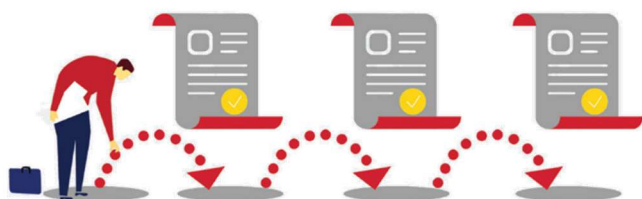
2,353	INDIVIDUALS trained in disaster preparedness, mitigation, and management
297	TRAININGS conducted
48	SIMULATIONS carried out to test developed plans and guidelines
263	COORDINATION MEETINGS organized
170	HAZARD RISK REDUCTION PLANS strategies, policies, disaster preparedness, and contingency plans developed and in place
9	POOL OF FACILITATORS from each targeted province and nationally established
400	FACILITATORS received training and are available to support BPBDs

TATTs was able to use its program interventions to improve BPBDs' organizational capacity and has laid necessary building blocks to achieving the two strategic objectives intended (delivering inclusive DRM services and institutionalization of DRM technical training). Throughout the program timeline, **TATTs has impacted a total of 17,746 beneficiaries including local government, civil society groups, universities and private sector (76% male, 24% female)** as result of various program activities ranging from technical trainings, coaching and technical assistance across the eight target provinces and at the national level.



Policy implemented

TATTs strengthened policy implementation through translating national policies and guidelines into practical operational procedures and policy dialogues to test the operational feasibility of these policies. TATTs also supported the development or improvement of hazard risk reduction plans, strategies, policies, disaster preparedness, and contingency plans in target provinces and at national level.



Practical knowledge and skills among BPBDs' staff deepened

TATTs delivered technical training to strengthen various disaster management skills across the eight provinces. This included simulations and preparation, design, implementation, and review of documents and activities. In addition, program staff provided post-training supports through coaching, mentoring, technical assistance, and networking that proved effective for knowledge retention and maintenance of behaviour.

As samples of results, knowledge and skill of BPBDs in conducting post-disaster assessment was deepened, disaster information management was increased through a functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC), etc.





› Necessary infrastructure for institutionalizing DRM technical training in place

TATTs has built linkages between national and local government training facilities. These included assisting the Pusdiklat-PB (National Disaster Management Education and Training Center) to achieve national accreditation and revision of four high-priority curricula. Facilitators and DRM experts also received training resulting in pool of facilitators (PoF) in each target provinces and at the national level. The PoF is functional and provides provincial BPBDs with trainers to facilitate workshops and in-house trainings, and provide other technical assistances.



› Better engagement and coordination for inclusive DRM

TATTs not only managed to increase the frequency of meetings, but also to make meetings and regular communication a habit between BPBD and DRM stakeholders. This has increased the recognition of other agencies to BPBD.

BPBD now delivers more inclusive DRM services by involving people with disability in their activities. Some provinces managed to establish DRM inclusive disability services units (the LIDi Units). Moreover, eight University Forum DRR Chapters were established in the target provinces. They provided support in conducting local and national level research, in developing guidelines, and in piloting of student community services to promote BNPBs' community based DRM program.



TATTs has contributed in the institutionalization of capacity building at the national, provincial and local levels to allow them function effectively and strengthen disaster management agencies in order to prepare for and effectively coordinate response and recovery.



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