

# NEWSLETTER

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## Post-Disaster Livelihood Recovery in Mt. Kelud and Mt. Sinabung

Estu Karya Jaya Farmer Group's Barn, Kediri Field Visit , 19 March 2017

RDI had the opportunity to conduct the final evaluation of Indonesia Post-Disaster Livelihood Recovery Project in Mt. Sinabung and Mt. Kelud by Food and Agriculture Organization. Here, RDI evaluated the post-disaster livelihood recovery programs held by FAO, UNDP, and ILO in Mt. Sinabung and Mt. Kelud. The project is located in Karo, North Sumatera Province for Mt. Sinabung, and for Mt. Kelud the project is carried out in three districts: Malang, Blitar, and Kediri in East Java Province.

The program was done in parallel by two teams in the two locations, Mt. Sinabung program evaluation was carried out by Dr. Henri Sitorus' team from North Sumatera University, while Mt. Kelud program evaluation was carried out by Mrs. Elisabeth Rianawati's team from RDI. The project evaluates UN efforts on livelihood recovery after the devastating volcano eruption of Mt. Sinabung and Mt. Kelud. The objectives of the evaluation, to which RDI referred to, were to critically evaluate the achievement of result in Joint Programme Documents, post-disaster recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, assess effectiveness of capacity development, short term economic impact and provide recommendations in light of findings.

The UNJP (United Nations Joint Programme) team's program covered capacity building of national and local authorities in disaster risk management coordination and implementation, livelihood and economic restoration, to risk reduction principles in recovery measures.

During the data collection, evaluation team worked closely with local communities, organizations, and governments in Karo, Kediri, Malang, and Blitar. RDI evaluation team spread the questionnaires to assess beneficiaries' view of the relief program, in-depth interview with stakeholders to see the program's sustainability in the future, and focused group discussion to understand the program's overall achievement.

The team found out that Mt. Kelud communities are more open towards new crops such as banana. Although, both locations succeeded in the application of good practices on agriculture is promoted for livelihoods diversification and sustainability. Diversification of crops including promotion of more resilient to volcanic ash crops are strategic for rebuilding livelihoods of affected communities. Similarly, non-farm livelihoods have been modelled such as through food processing and sewing in Sinabung areas.



Estu Karya Jaya Women

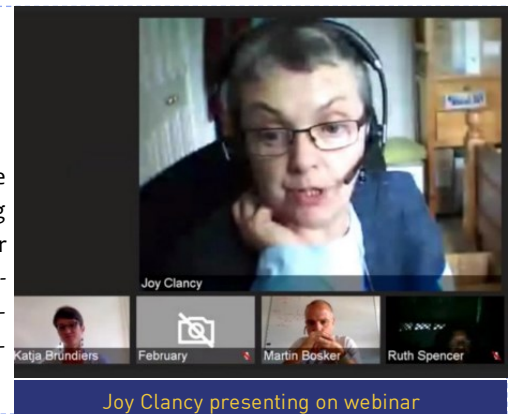


Coffee Farmer in Karo



## Webinar: Capacity Building For Disasters as Opportunities

On May 22nd 2017 RDI just conducted our first open webinar in collaboration with the University of Twente and Arizona State University. Under the topic of Capacity Building For Disasters As Opportunities, there are three topic was explained in the webinar; Gender and Energy in the context of climate change, Community Resilience: Lessons from Indonesia, and Capacity Building for Disasters as Opportunities for Change Towards Sustainability. With the explanations from experts in their fields and a discussion session, the webinar was a success and received a positive feedback from the participants



## Development of Transportation System and Renewable Energy in Central Europe Cities



Ari Tarigan in Vienna

Dr Ari Tarigan or called Atar, the cluster chair of Infrastructure Urban Governance, had a unique opportunity to witness the development of transportation system and renewable energy in Central Europe cities (Prague, Brno, Vienna, and Bratislava) from 8 until 17 April 2017. He found that Vienna is really well developed and the city strongly relies on public transport mode such as bus, tram, transit. The city planning has encouraged the residents to use the electric vehicle too. Vienna's public transport network is well integrated, so people are able to use multimodal trips for their daily commuting journeys with a very affordable price of ticket. Atar recommended Jakarta, Bandung, and other metropolitan cities that face transport challenges to learn the good experiences of Vienna when handling similar issues. In addition, Atar had a chance to visit windmill farms in the border between Austria and Slovakia. It is clear that cities in Central Europe has been in the transition phase to replace the conventional energy technology to different features of renewable energy.

## RDI - Leeds PhD Preparatory Workshop + Energy Garden potential for villages field visit

As a follow up of MoU between RDI and Leeds University, a PhD Preparatory Workshop has been carried out. Prof. Jon Lovett from School of Geography provides with tips and knowledge in doing PhD in Leeds University. Participants are from different locations in Indonesia, such as Bali, Sumatra, Jakarta and West Java. The discussion has been very active and encouraging the participants to follow with the application to Leeds. The next day, RDI Team team and Mr. Tedja (a fellow at RDI) with Dr. Jon Lovett tried to see this possibility in Cibodas Villages Lembang



Workshop participants and team



### Lecture by Prof. Jon Lovett: "Scarcity and Conflict in the Natural Environment"

Padjadjaran University, Bandung, 11 April 2017

Prof Jon Lovett, gave a lecture at on Scarcity and Conflict in the Natural Environment. Oil scarcity is not only a state of condition but also the cause of conflict and wars in several countries. Arrangement of natural resources can become a tool to achieve sustainable development and limit a "cowboy economy".



### Lecture by Mr. Yusra Tebe: "Mobile Banking Information Communication Technology for Disaster Management"

Resilience Development Initiative, Bandung, 10 April 2017

Took place in RDI office, Mr. Yusra Tebe from UNICEF gave a lecture about Mobile Banking Information Communication Technology for Disaster Management

## Voice of Members



### Participating in Haze and Forest Fires Discussion

Adryan Sasongko, RDI Outreach Manager

On Wednesday, 10th May 2017, I had an opportunity to attend a brief Discussion on Haze and Forest Fires Preparedness in United Nations Office, Jakarta, Indonesia. This Event was organized by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), and attended by various institutions such as Ministry of Health, Board of Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics (BMKG), Reality Check Approach Indonesia (RCA), Wahana Visi Indonesia (WVI), University of Indonesia, and other Institutions. In this event, participants shared their updates on forest fire preparedness activities and discussion on possible further collaboration between multiple stakeholders. Discussion on Haze and Forest Fires Preparedness was an opportunity for me to meet and had a discussion with various stakeholders that interested and have expertise on Haze and Forest Fire Preparedness in National level. Also this event gave me more knowledge about the current situation and ongoing research regarding to fire prevention programmes in Indonesia.



### Deidra A. Said

RDI Intern

As I joined RDI as an intern, I figured that RDI is more than an ideal place to strengthen my writing and analytical skills. I believe it is a privilege to

have the leniency to explore topic and areas of my interest while being supported by supervisors that have greater knowledge in the field. Aside from getting to know my country from a specific perspective, the process of researching also boosts one of my passion that is to become a social worker in the future. With an inclusive environment, I feel very welcomed by the people at RDI and at the same time challenged to create a good work. I am glad about the opportunities that I have at RDI and believe this experience will help my educational participation in the future.

### Salma Humaira

RDI Intern

Internship in RDI is a great experience. I think this internship program is recommended for those who want to know how the researcher working. As a student who has not graduated, I get a lot of benefits from joining the internship program in RDI. First, internship in RDI can increase my insight about research like how to writing scientific papers, how to determine methodology, how to explain our idea, etc. And the most interesting thing that I like from this program is the opportunity to conduct the real marketing research. Because I can apply my knowledge from campus and it can make me more understand about marketing research and product development.



### Representing RDI

Yasmina Wulandari, RDI Grant Manager

On May 16th 2017, I had the opportunity to represent RDI during MoA signing with Center of Adaptation and Resilience for Environmental Design Studies (CAREDS) at Unpar. At first I thought that my purpose today was only to give a lecture on community resilience, but due to miscommunication I had to represent RDI during the MoA signing—I was shocked, but thankfully it ended quickly. Other than that, this is also my first time being a speaker in symposium. I was nervous at first, I kept imagining the expectations people have of me since the other speakers are relatively older and more experienced than I do. But turns out it wasn't too bad, I was able to carry out the talk with ease and piqued people's interests in what I said. Nevertheless, both situation taught me some lessons on improvising and public speaking; for me this is such a privilege to be able to share what I know as a speaker. Thank you for the opportunity, I really appreciate it.







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## New Publication

Tarigan, A., Samsura, D., Sagala, S., and Pencawan, A. (2017). "Medan City: Development and Governance under the Decentralisation Era". *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*.



**Global Network**  
of Civil Society Organisations  
for Disaster Reduction

RDI has been appointed as **National Focal Point** for the "**Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction**" (GNDR)

## New RDI Member

### New Institution Partner



**Center for Adaptation and Resilience for Environmental Design Studies (CAREDS)**  
Parahyangan University

### New Staff

**Muhammad Adryan Sasongko**  
Outreach Manager

### New Associated Researcher

**Dhimas Bayu Anindito**  
Institute of Technology Bandung

### New Interns

**Deidra Alyanadine Said**  
Earlham College

**Salma Humaira**  
Institute of Technology Bandung

**Janelle Falconer**  
University Sunshine Coast

**Justyna Green**  
Murdoch University



Intern and Staff Welcoming



Umar Farewell Dinner



Ramanditya's Masters Degree Graduation and Best Thesis Award



## AWARD

RDI Would like to announce and congratulate that RDI members have been awarded for degree, scholarship, conference grants, and training grants throughout the year

- Ramanditya Wimbardana for completing his master degree at Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University at Buffalo, New York, and Best Thesis for his research titled: "The Role of Transnational Municipal Network in Building Institutional Capacity for Governing Low Carbon Development in the City of Bogor, Indonesia."
- Praditya Adhitama for completing his master degree at Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) of the University of Twente.
- Umar Al Faruq for being accepted in University of Oslo, Norway, for his master degree in Human Geography.
- Muhammad Adryan Sasongko for participating in Discussion on Haze and Forest Fires Preparedness on May 10th 2017 in United Nations Office, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Muhammad Musyafa Syahbid for participating in The 4th Annual Scientific Meeting of Disaster Research (PIT - RB) On 8th -9th May 2017 at University of Indonesia, Depok.

## 2017 Internship Opportunity

Until 2016, RDI received 20 interns from 11 different universities, and have seen their capabilities increased as researchers. We are now looking for highly motivated interns who are eager to get some research experiences. In 2017, we open internships on topics related to:

- (1) Forest Fire;
- (2) Children and Disaster;
- (3) Children & Social Protection;
- (4) Rural & Urban Biogas Adoption;
- (5) Urban Biogas Adoption;
- (6) Energy Security;
- (7) Geopark Tourism; and
- (8) Water Security and Sanitation.

Interns at Resilience Development Initiative will be faced with many prominent research studies ranging from national to international scale. Internship period is July—December 2017.

For further information, visit <http://www.rdi.or.id/internship>