



From Zero to Better life: Acheh Experiences

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- When tsunami struck Aceh, on 24 December, 2004, the Acehness shocked, never predicted that, the ocean as “ a friend” would becemes the “enemy”. More than 250.0000 lost their live in Aceh and 1 millions stay in temporary shelters.



- Only the Simeulu island (west Aceh) lost victims (7 victims) due to they have traditional values its called smong



In 2004, Indian Ocean Tsunami made Aceh 600 square kilometer of coastal area damage and mostly affected of fishing communities. I think It is the same like in Japan when 2011 earthquake and tsunami, more than 500 square kilometre coastal area demage and destroyed fishing towns and the livelihood of fishing community



- When tsunami struck I was in Malaysia to avoid the conflict in Aceh, back one day after tsunami and directly do “small thing” to help my peoples.



- What I do :
- First to organize the rest of potential leaders still exist
- To stop distributing fund without work by NGOs
- To create the fishers group called “panglima laot berduka” more than 12.000 join this group
- Each 25 victims leaded by a leader
- Each 10 leader guided by one coordinator
- I am the chief of command



- I am facilitating the one of International NGOs in my office, meeting with Tibang fishing village leader .
- On that meeting both agreed that CHF will support fund to initiate women start selling fish near shelter's camp and repairing the boat for men



- Fishers can start again their life like usual after repairing the boat and they start go to sea for their livelihood
- They beliefs that their wife able to sell the fish near the shelters for their livelihoods



- Tibang fishing village women start selling fish one month after tsunami, and not waiting “aid” in the shelters anymore

Goresan Hati

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Lidupku kini tinggal sendiri
Sepi seorang diri
bagaikan perahu tanpa kemudi
yang tidak menentu kemana arahnya
Niatku ingin cari pengganti, tapi takut
hatinya tidak sama dgn yang telah pergi
Dia lembut, ramah, sabar — tapi kamu..... ?
Biarlah aku sendiri selamanya
menjadi raja — yang selalu
membuang rumput di pusara anak tercinta
yang telah tiada; amin

Akoe
Kechik Baharuddin

- What I do for the widower fishers after he write a poem to me:
- I am now a lone, no friends, like a canoe without stir, no direction to go, I desire to re married, but afraid not the same, oo...my love you live me alone, you have gone, you are so patient, cheer and friendly make me remember you always, let me be a king who clean up both of your tombs, you and my daughter's



- Beside of that, I do:
 - we are regularly discussing with government officials on the issue of rebuild Aceh better, and give some input if needed



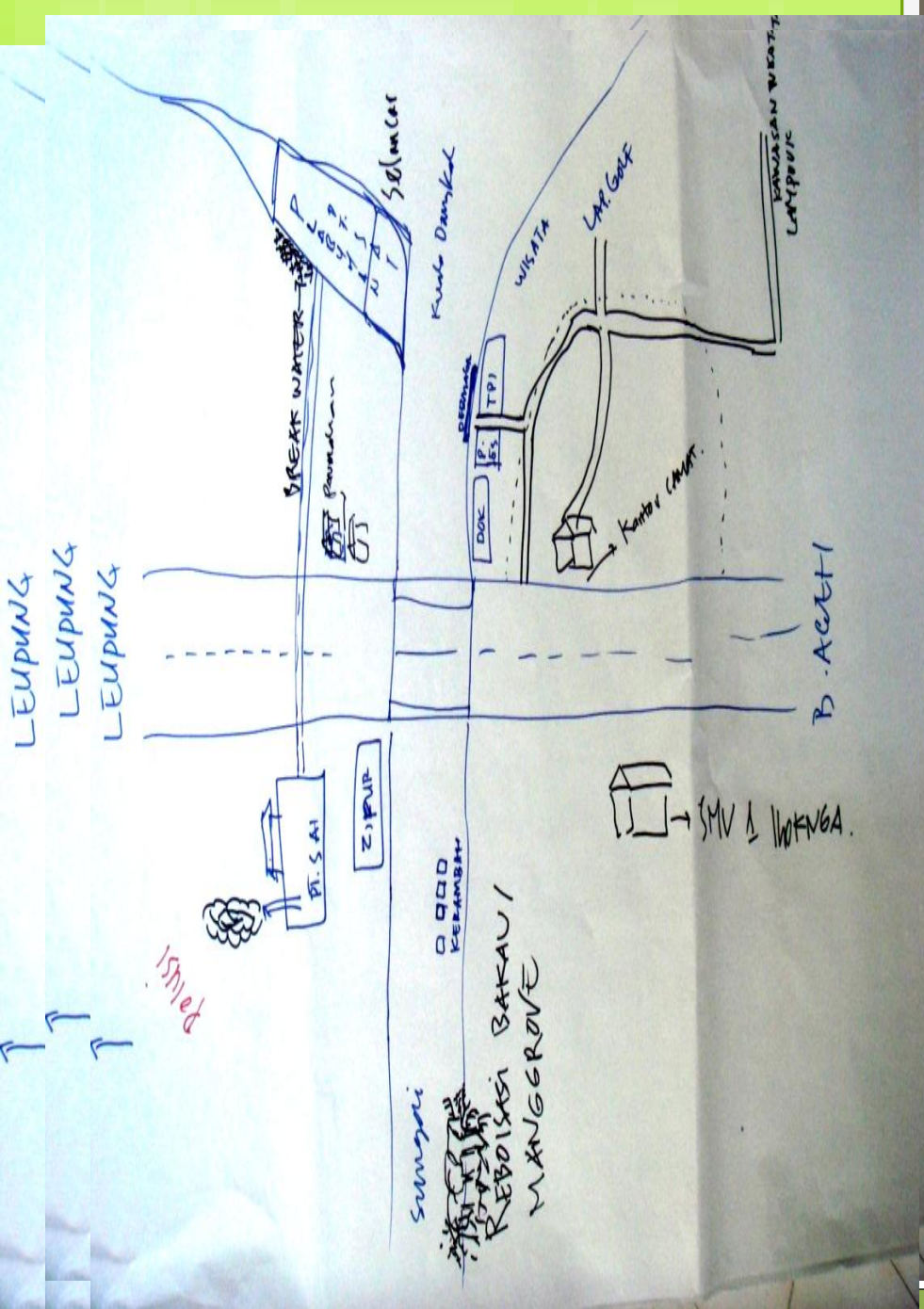
- We also Support the international agencies UN or NGO whenever they needs and requests



- Called all local fishing community leaders for making our own planning to rebuild Aceh better based on our own concepts, respect local custom and values in fishing community.
- This “local blue print” submitted to government and NGO



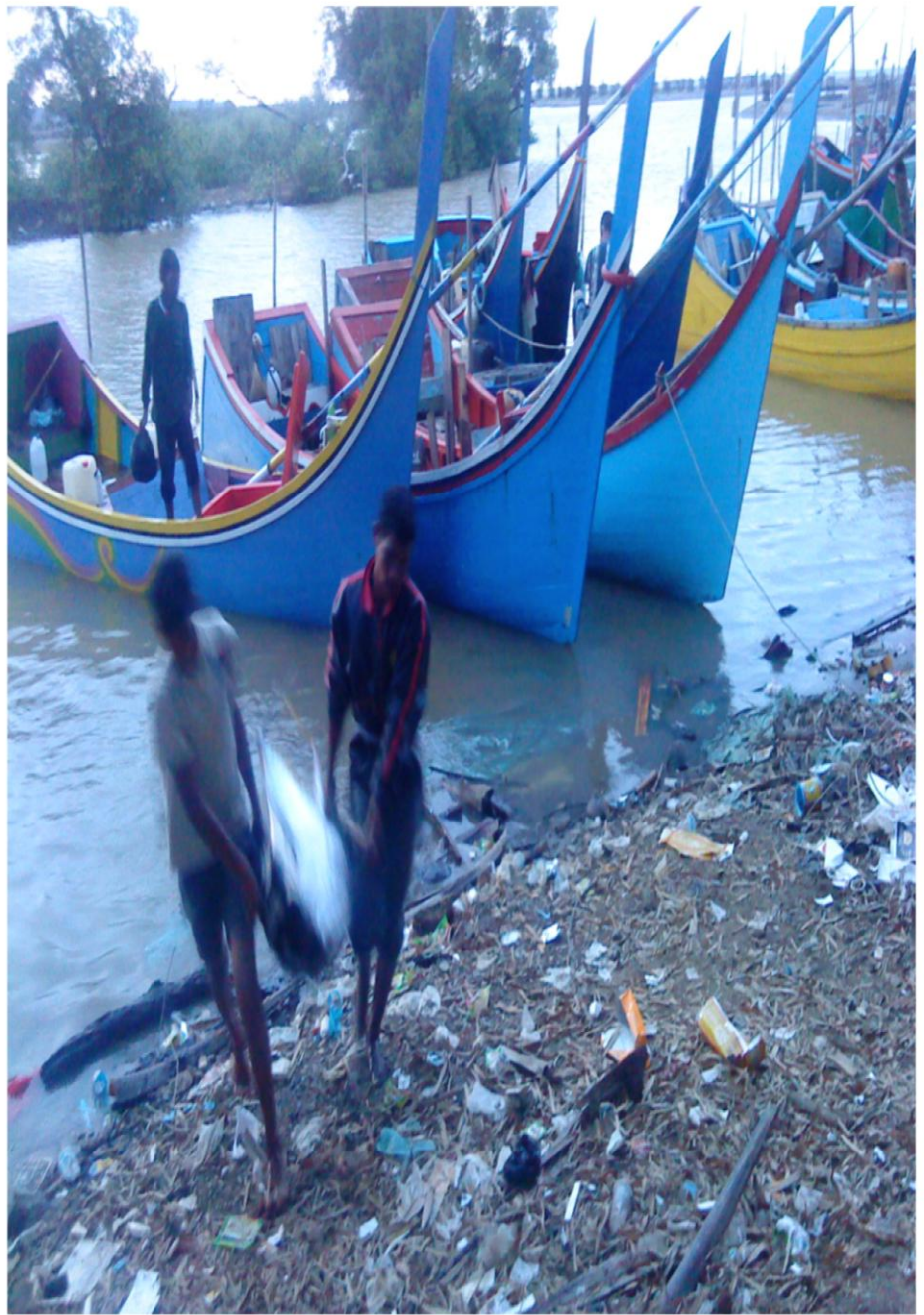
- Waiting the fishers back from the sea and motivate them to be strong and be spirit, the sea is still the place for our livelihoods



- Initiating co-management initiatives with the support of UN FAO in four district of the west coast of Aceh, hand in hand with:
- Government
- Panglima Laot
- Fishers
- Coastal community
- Military and police
- Private sector and NGO



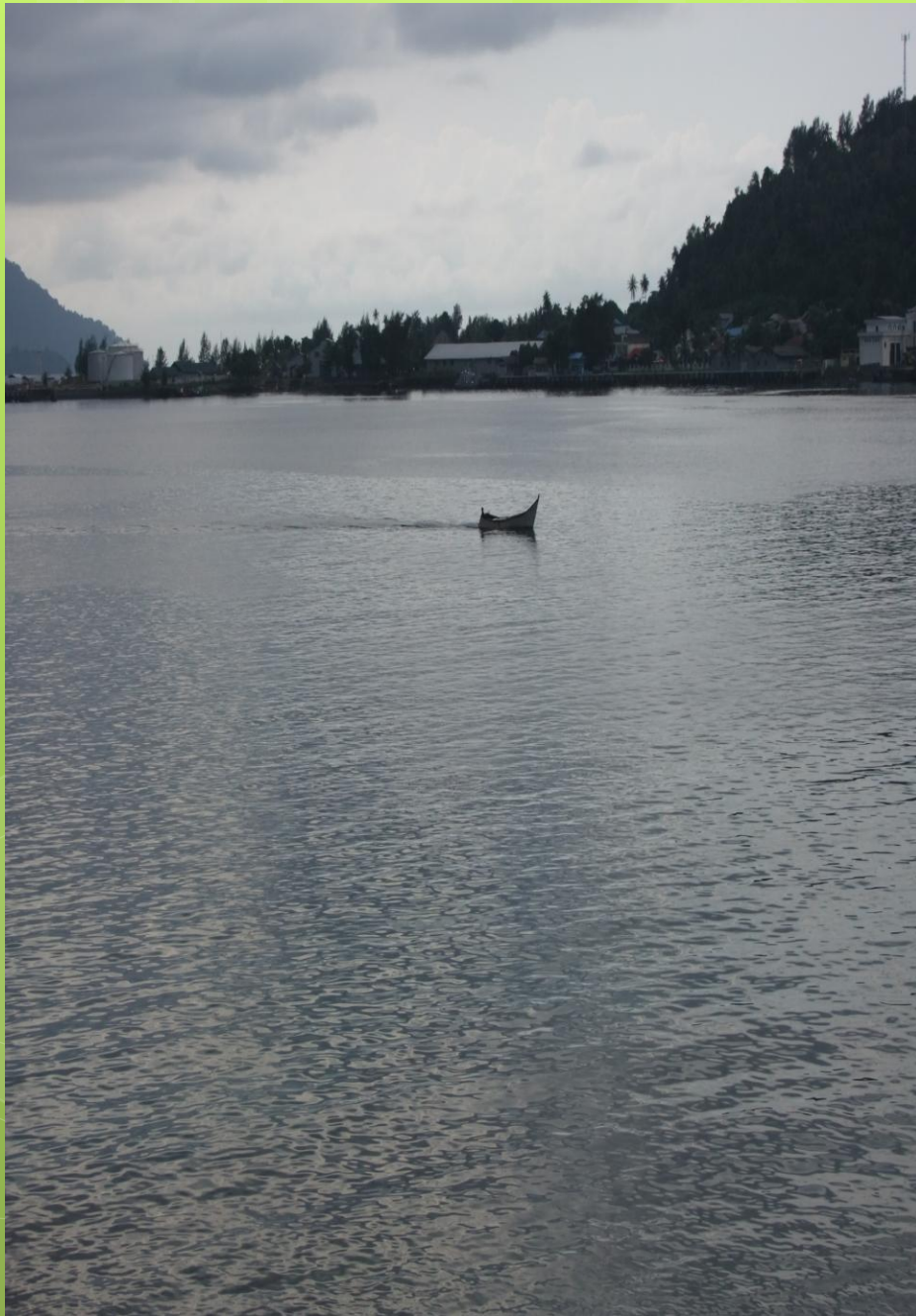
- in 2010, we are able to negotiate with the Aceh government, under the support of UN FAO, to enact the law on fisheries no 7 years 2010 that recognized fisheries co management based on adat (local values) initiatives
- do small gathering in University and granted certificate to director of Aceh fisheries, for his support to fisheries co management based on adat initiatives adopted in Aceh fisheries law



- Acehness values belief that the fish is for livelihood and the sea is created for communal belongings (haqullah)
- Managing the sea is needed in order to inherit to children,



- Achehness believes that the tsunami is not God punishment but God trial



Achehness proverb
said:

Ureung mee hana
geuhon, ureung
kalon meu ie mata

Means “we can
settle everything as
long as there is
togetherness”



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AND
DEWA MATA