



"I hope the program continues for the safety of our urban village. Let's sustain this!"
Ratih Manawani, Secretary of SIBAT (PMI Community-Based Disaster Preparedness team), Kalipancur, Semarang, Indonesia.



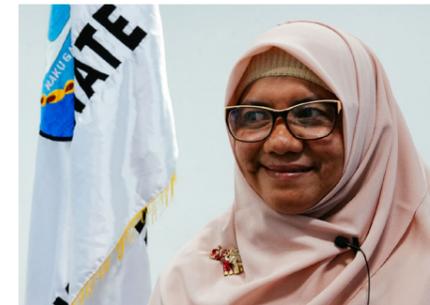
"The program was successful because a lot of stakeholders supported it, not only government but also local people, private sector and universities."
Edi Wulawayo, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Field Coordinator, Semarang, Indonesia.



"Every company has some kind of procedure around emergency response. By joining the coalition, we can synchronize the work of the company and the government."
Bramastyo Pandu Anendito, Supervisor, Perta Daya Gas, Semarang, Indonesia.



"You enrich your evidence base by collaborating with universities and experts so the coalition is working from a base of science, understanding and fact."
Arifin M. Haddi, Head of Disaster Management, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), Indonesia.



"We can learn by doing and collaborating. I still try to make my students aware of the assessment results."
Nani Nagu, Khairun University, Ternate, Indonesia.



"All the stakeholders have a WhatsApp group. It's a much faster way to communicate to coalition members at all levels without protocol."
Herry Firmansyatt, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Project Manager, Indonesia.



"The coalition has helped me to be more knowledgeable as a reporter so I can give information to the community."
Tegeh Budiartoro, Radio Republik Indonesia.



"The city-wide assessment helped stakeholders realize that Luganville is not ready for a disaster. Seeing the city in terms of systems was new to them. They saw a bigger picture of Luganville."
Jeff Ngwele, Project Coordinator, Vanuatu Red Cross, Luganville, Vanuatu.

Resilient cities can only be built together

COALITION BUILDING IN CITIES

Reflections from Vanuatu and Indonesia



"We will try to sustain communication and coordination. It is a good step for people in Semarang city in understanding city resilience."
Yuliana Rahmawati, Bintari (NGO), Semarang, Indonesia.



"There are some things we can solve alone, but others we have to solve together."
Hevearita Gunaryanti, Vice-Mayor, Semarang City, Indonesia.



"I hope this work can be replicated because we need more of this type of project to make our urban villages safer."
Indriastuti, Village Chief of Wonosari, Semarang, Indonesia.



"The assessment toolkit really helped me to understand the urban context, the main systems and how they interact with each other."
Shirley Johnson, Luganville Branch Manager, Vanuatu Red Cross, Vanuatu.



"For most of our people it was great because they now had councillors and MPs on their doorsteps."
Father Mathias Tarileo, Community Leader, Mango, Luganville, Vanuatu.



"The water supply was identified in the city-wide assessment — it hasn't been upgraded since World War II."
Community member, Mango, Luganville, Vanuatu.



"A really big challenge was how to involve all the stakeholders, including the private sector, to make one decision."
Nia Astria Manoy, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), Ternate, Indonesia.



"The coalition helps people to get to know each other and leave egos at the door."
Iskander Abdurahman, Kosekate (NGO), Ternate, Indonesia.



"We had people with disabilities participate in the city-wide assessment so we could learn together and so they could speak for themselves. Other coalition members were very supportive of their inclusion."
Noviana Dibyantari, Founder of Sahabat Difabel (Disability Association).



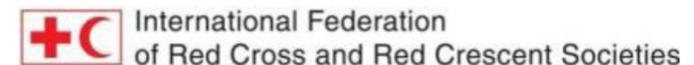
"We will keep the coalition going to solve the development challenges that Ternate faces."
Rino Muchsin Pesik, Bappada - Planning, Research and Development Agency of Ternate, Indonesia.



"The assessment told us all these useful things. The figures spoke to us about housing, incomes, and the other resilience issues facing Luganville."
Pastor Johnson Vuti, Luganville Provincial Government, Luganville, Vanuatu.



These students won the schools' hand-washing competition to help raise awareness about good hygiene practices. One of the key challenges of the coalition was creating behavioral change amongst citizens. Ternate, Indonesia.



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