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## Launching on The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009

**UNIC-Jakarta (31/03)** - UNIC Jakarta collaborated with UNDP organized The Launching on the Economic and Social Survey for Asia and the Pacific at UNDP Papua Conference Room. The launch also presented high caliber speaker such as Prof. Adrianus Mooy (Former Executive Secretary of UNESCAP, former Governor of Bank Indonesia), H.S. Dillon (agriculture observer), Dr. Prabowo (Programme Director, PT Strategic Asia) and Mr. Marco Roncarati (UNESCAP-Bangkok). The Launch was opened by Mr. Zahidul Huque, UNFPA Country Director.



Speakers at the Launching (L-R: Dr. Prabowo, Mr. Marco, Prof. Adrianus Mooy/former Executive Secretary of UNESCAP, Mr. H.S. Dillon and UN FPA Country Director/ Resident Representative a.i. Mr. Zahidul Huque). **Photo credit: UNIC Jakarta**

The Launch was a success and focused on the current economic crisis in Indonesia. Participants came from private and public universities, International organization and covered by the local and international media. ([www.unic-jakarta.org](http://www.unic-jakarta.org))

### Some pictures from the Launch



Former Executive Secretary of UNESCAP (Center-glasses) with Mr. Marco (left with tie) and Dr. Prabowo grey suite) along with students from Universitas Kristen Indonesia (UKI). **Photo credit: UNIC Jakarta**



UNIC interns (L-R: R. Adya, Regina, Petty) and Mr. Veriyatna from UNDP in front to the Papua Conference Room. **Photo credit: UNIC Jakarta**

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## Collapsed Dam of Situ Gintung, Tangerang, Banten Province



Local residents helped by the volunteers cleaning out the debris in the aftermath of the incident. **Photo credit: WHO**

400 houses. 98 died, 190 injured, 5 missing, and 171 persons became internally displaced. 2 inpatients in Fatmawati Hospital, and 139 outpatients.

MOH, Crisis Center, Provincial Health Office and Tangerang District Health Office are in close collaboration with WHO Indonesia, provided integrated Emergency Health Services according to Standard Operating Procedures. MOH had been established command post and temporary evacuation site at Muhammadiyah University of Jakarta and STIE Ahmad Dahlan. ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int))

### Situation Analysis

- Some lakes in Banten and Bogor are also prone to the same incident as Situ Gintung, due to a lack of maintenance, such as: Situ Pondok Genda in Banten, which is located on the side of a road in a hilly area, as well as Situ Kedaung in Banten.

- 200 dams in the Jabodetabek area need to be revitalized so they can continue to hold back water when there are heavy rains.

- Public Works Minister has recommended to the Banten administration to vacate the area surrounding the lake, and urged local administration to stop issuing new building permits around the lake.

- Government need to install disaster early warning systems for people living around lakes and embankment in Jakarta and its satellite towns of Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi.

- A comprehensive assessment of the country's infrastructure needs to be conducted. Bridges and dams should be the priority, as they have the greatest potential for casualties.

- The assessment of buildings located the nearby rivers and other natural reserves, as well as public education campaign need to be done. ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int))

### Background view

- The 32 foot-high dam of Situ Gintung, which was holding back around 70 million cubic feet of water at the Pesanggrahan river, was built up to a century ago, under the Dutch colonial rule.
- Little maintenance had been carried out on the dam since then, and many dams in Indonesia are in similar state.
- The collapse of the Situ Gintung was caused by the inability to accommodate more water on account of heavy rains which poured down in some districts in Banten and West Java provinces all night long on Thursday, 26th March 2009.
- The dam was first overflowed and then burst out, because the foundation was not made of concrete.
- Cracks had already been discovered at the bottom of the embankment last February 2008. The administration had since prepared evacuation routes in case of flooding and also held a flood evacuation simulation exercise last year.
- It was also stated that the incidents of Situ Gintung was probably due to lack of routine inspections. Therefore, the Governor of Jakarta called for immediate inspections for all 26 dams in the capital. ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int))



## Government

- President of Indonesia has visited the incidence site, along with Vice President, Coordinating Minister of People Welfare, Social Affairs Minister, and Health Minister to help the victims.
- Government will distribute compensation money range from Rp 5 million (US\$ 416) up to Rp 30 million in cash based on the level of damaged houses and provide transportation & assistance to families to bury the victims who don't belong to the province.
- Indonesian National Police Department sent 332 personnel in a search and rescue team, along with rubber boats. Banten Red Cross deployed 100 personnel to help the evacuation process.
- Vice President Jusuf Kalla donated 1 billion rupiahs (US\$ 60,846) for the victims through the Banten Governor.
- Tangerang military commander using backhoes, small trucks and excavators to clean up the rubble. 1,000 search and rescue team members would keep searching for victims every day from 8 am to 5 pm until the end on Emergency phase (Thursday, 2nd of April 2009)
- The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) provided clean water, setting up 8 temporary faucets with access to 10,000 liters of water. The PMI in cooperation with Japanese Red Cross provided 'family kits' contain various household utensils, such as washbasins, etc. National Commission for Child Protection set-up a trauma healing post for children. ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int))

## Detail list of Emergency supply provided by Crisis Centre, MoH. ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int))

No	Items	Amount	Unit
1	Emergency food	100	Package
2	High energy biscuit	2	Ton
3	Medicine	2	Package
4	Anti tetanus serum	50	Package
5	Anti snake venom	50	Package
6	Leptospirosis rapid test kits	25	Package
7	Boot	100	Pair
8	Blanket	100	Unit
9	Body bag	100	Unit
10	Mobile Air Conditioner	4	Unit
11	Rubber boat	1	unit
12	Tent	2	Unit
13	Ambulance	3	Unit
14	Operational Funds	50,000,000 (5,000)	Rupiahs US\$



Rapid health assessment conducted by Crisis Centre & EHA-WHO Team. **Photo credit: WHO**

- Rapid Assessment Team formed and deployed
- Injured and ill cases referred to District Hospitals.
- Establish 7 Health Post in the affected areas.
- Mobile clinics activated to provide mobile health care services.
- MoH deploy 10 teams of psychiatrics to help the survivors experiencing serious psychological disorders.
- 100 teams will be deployed by MoH to conduct fogging.
- WHO and MOH up-dating the situation and filling the gaps in collaboration with National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB).
- WHO is in close communication with MOH in monitoring the situation through Crisis Center as well as District and Provincial Health Office.



## Indonesia Plans Monitoring System on the Impact of the Economic Crisis on the Poor and Vulnerable

**Jakarta (31/03)** - Determining the means of tracking and monitoring the impact of the global economic crisis on Indonesia is the focus of a two-day technical meeting that opened in Jakarta today. Mitigating the effects of the crisis on poor people and vulnerable groups requires well-targeted safety net programmes and policies, which in turn, are dependant upon reliable, real-time data. This workshop will take stock of the resources available and examine what is needed to establish such a crisis monitoring system.

The financial crisis threatens to undermine the Government of Indonesia's ability to meet its poverty reduction and employment targets. A large segment of Indonesia's population is vulnerable to negative shocks, and is at risk of falling below, or further below the poverty line.

The practical aim of the workshop is to reach a level of consensus on crisis-sensitive and real-time indicators, and a range of appropriate methodologies that can be adapted by the Government to monitor the

impacts of the crisis on poor and vulnerable groups.

"The large number of the population living just above the poverty line are highly vulnerable right now, with little to fall back on and a high dependence on Government support," said Mr. El-Mostafa Benlamlih, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Indonesia, in his opening remarks. "We at the UN are very concerned about the potential human development consequences if the crisis deepens," he added.

The crisis is already leading to massive layoffs in the manufacturing sector and a sharp drop in remittances from abroad. Public expenditures are being redirected from social investments to short-term economic stimulus packages. "The pressure on budgets is likely to impact spending on education, health, clean water and nutrition, investments that are so crucial for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)," said Mr. Benlamlih.

The 80 government policy-makers, senior and technical representatives from international organizations and institutions have come to the workshop to discuss practical steps forward for the government in establishing a Crisis Monitoring and Response System.

"We welcome the opportunity to meet with technical experts to begin collaborating on this very crucial project," said Mr. Bambang Widiyanto, Deputy Minister for the Evaluation of Development Performance at Bappenas.

The technical workshop is hosted by Indonesia's National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations International Labour Organisation (ILO), The World Food Programme (WFP) and U N - H A B I T A T . (www.undp.or.id)

### Medical Record Management Training



Photo Credit: WHO

**Jakarta (27/03)** - Medical record keeping is an essential part of a health service delivery in hospitals and public health facilities. It contains a patient's vital medical information. The summarized information from patient's records would be used in the management and planning of health care services, medical research and production of health care statistics.

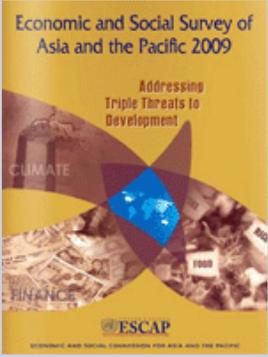
This training is to orientate medical record staff on how to manage the medical record services in a health care facility in an effective and efficient manner so that good documentation of clinical events would contribute to good quality data.(www.ino.searo.who.int )



**The Spanish Government contributes funds through UNDP in support to Indonesia's 2009 Elections and DPD RI**

**Jakarta (6/03)** - The Government of Spain through the Spanish Agency for International Development (AECID) announced today a contribution through UNDP for the Multi Donor Programme – Support to Indonesia's Democratic Elections (Elections MDP) and the Parliamentary Reform Initiative and DPD Empowerment – Support to the Indonesian House of Regional Representatives (PRIDE) at a ceremony hosted by Bappenas (National Development Planning Agency) in Jakarta. The ceremony was attended by H.E. Aurora Bernaldez Dicenta, Ambassador of Spain to Indonesia and El-Mostafa Benlamlah, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Indonesia. ([www.undp.or.id](http://www.undp.or.id))

**Reports From UNESCAP**  
**Download PDF Version of Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009**



In 2008, three global crises converged to threaten development in the Asia-Pacific region, bringing to the fore particularly testing challenges for policymakers – a Great Recession in developed countries, food and fuel price volatility and climate change calamities. The *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009* analyses these threats and outlines ways in which economies in the region can move forward in unison from crisis resilience to crisis resistance.

Download the complete Survey  
<http://www.unescap.org/survey2009/>



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WHO to help advocate to action. Please support this joint cause and lay a brick for safer hospitals at [www.clickabrick.org](http://www.clickabrick.org). Forward this message to all your friends.

**Did you know :**



**Trygve Halvdan Lie** was born on 16 July 1896, in Oslo, Norway, the son of Martin and Hulda Arnesen. On 1 February 1946, Mr. Lie was elected as the **First Secretary-General of the United Nations**. Details, <http://www.un.org/sg/lie.shtml>



**UNIC Jakarta Diary**

**Jakarta (5/03)** - UNIC Jakarta received a visit from Bambino Pre School. The purpose of the visiting was to describe to the children on the tasks of the United Nations in Indonesia and other countries. In the visit, they also played a game on how to prepare themselves for disaster. The educational outreach was supported by UNESCO and UNOCHA. (www.unic-jakarta.org). Photo credit: UNIC Jakarta



**Jakarta (23/3)** - SMP Tirta Marta visited UNIC Jakarta to increase their knowledge about the function and duty of UNIC Jakarta. They also discussed about the programmes that they can conduct to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), take part in reducing the green house effect and preserve the environment (www.unic-jakarta.org) Photo Credit: UNIC Jakarta



**Jakarta (24/3)** - Gandhi Memorial International School conducted an education field trip to UNIC Jakarta. The purpose was to increase their knowledge and to gain more information for their group assignment. The focus of the educational outreach was the global warming, MDGS and environment preservation. (www.unic-jakarta.org)



Photo Credit: UNIC Jakarta



### ***Observances (April - May)***

**April** : **04** - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action , **07** - World Health Day, **23** - World Book and Copyright Day,

**May** : **03** - World Press Freedom Day, **15** - International Day of Families, **17** - World Information Society Day (formerly World Telecommunication Day), **21** - World Day For Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, **22** - International Day for Biological Diversity (formerly December 29, changed in 2001), **25-June 1** - Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories, **29** - International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, **31** - World No-Tobacco Day

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