

# Situ Gintung Tragedy



Concerning the dam bursting in Situ Gintung Lake, Ciputat on Friday, March 27, 2009, Susila Dharma Indonesia had visited the victims on Sunday, March 29, 2009. situation on that day was 99 death toll and 131 persons missing, hundreds of houses destroyed, and around 368 persons are still staying at the location for refugees in emergency tents and room spaces at the University.

Goods donation such as: clothes, instant noodles and other kinds of food were more than enough. Currently they need rent houses to stay and continue their live. The refugees were given only one week to stay in emergency tents, especially in the University building.

Total refugees were 115 households or total 468 persons, who will be move to Wisma Karta Mukti, facilitate by the Government. They could stay for about 6 months. The Government promised to give between Rp 5 million for slightly damage up to Rp 30 million for severely damaged (approx US\$ 435 to US\$ 2,610) to each family victim, depending on the size of the family and the amount of damage to their home.

However, with prices of building materials skyrocketing due to the global economic slowdown, residents were skeptical that the funds would be enough to build a decent house.



On Wednesday, April 1, 2009 SD Indonesia visited there again and met a group leader, who takes care of 22 households or about 71 persons. By a donor's generosity, SD Indonesia gave mobile phone to this group leader in order to make the communication among them easier. SD Indonesia also met a young man, Taufik, who worked in Tanjung Priok, North Jakarta but lived in Situ Gintung with his cousin. His parents and siblings lived in Medan, North Sumatera. Taufik worked in Jakarta to help his family. When the disaster happened, both of them decided to run away. However, his cousin ran back to house to bring something. It seemed that he drifted out and his body was still not found. Taufik was down and want to back to Medan, but he did not have any identity or money. Then he was given the money and mobile phone to get contacted and back to Medan.

Your help is very much needed for victims who have lost their homes as well as members of their families.

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