ANNEX 10D

First Response Indonesia in Aceh earthquake area

First Response Radio (FRR) network members, First Response Indonesia, have responded to the earthquake in Aceh province, Indonesia. On Thursday 11th July 2013 First Response Indonesia deployed a team. Many of the members had already completed FRR training, where they learned how to use the suitcase studio to produce emergency radio programs. They drove into the affected areas on Friday (12th July).

Team leader, Carly Sumampouw reported that First Response Indonesia was coordinating with OCHA and the Government representatives. The national radio station, RRI had been operating on reduced power (100 W) since the 2 July earthquake. FRI was working with them to get back to full power and help provide radio programming to support the two-way communication needs of the affected community. Key issues identified by OCHA and NGOs included the psychosocial counselling for trauma, the immediate needs of the vulnerable community and, even though it was still the emergency phase, discussion on how to rebuild more effectively had already begun. Radio distribution had begun through the coordination centers.

