

TOGETHER WE BUILD TEMPORARY HOMES

An invitation to help Lombok Earthquake survivors build their temporary homes before the rainy season comes.

Dear friends...

We are ArkomJogja, a Community Architects Network based in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. We work with local communities, including the displaced and marginalized ones, to design and build settlements using participatory approach. In a post-disaster setting, our works have covered Aceh, Yogyakarta, Pariaman, Merapi and Tacloban.

What really happened in Lombok

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake shook Lombok, Sumbawa and Bali regions on August 5, 2018, followed by many aftershocks. It was estimated that the earthquakes have caused more than 564 deaths, 390,529 persons displaced, and 77,976 houses damaged (Source: Disaster Management Institute of Indonesia/DMII's Humanity Data Center, as of August 27, 2018).

Since August 7, 2018, together with some members of Indonesian Women's Coalition (KPI) in West Nusa Tenggara Province (NTB), we have rapidly assessed the cultural, environmental, and socio-economic conditions of the survivors in seven villages in North Lombok Regency, and staying with them until now. Our assessment reveals that survivors are currently in need of more than a tent to live.

Why?

1. The living condition of survivors in the tarpaulin tents is getting worse; it is hot during the day, cold and windy during the night. Furthermore, with limited basic infrastructure, the survivors are exposed to unhealthy environment, which potentially generates diseases;
2. Survivors, who are used to working, are longing to do something to improve the condition of their families and community;
3. Construction of permanent housing will take longer time, approximately six months after the land is clean from the debris. Currently, the community, local government and volunteers are starting to clear debris/wreckages. However, due to the massive amount, the process might take longer; and
4. Rainy season is coming soon (October).

Some survivors have tried constructing their own temporary housing -- without proper assistance. As a consequence, many of the houses did not meet health and comfort standards, thus technical assistance and financial support for their efforts are crucial.



*Condition of an emergency camp in Dusun Gondang, Gangga District
(courtesy of Yuli Kusworo)*

What we will do

Addressing these needs, we plan to facilitate the construction of 50 temporary houses in the Districts of Gangga, Pemenang Barat, Kahyangan and Bayan in North Lombok Regency, using participatory approach. It will optimize the use of available local materials and will design the houses in accordance with local wisdom/characteristics, and dwellers needs. The planning and development process will be conducted by the survivors themselves with the assistance of young architects. Looking forward, the temporary house's design and its construction's know-how may act as a model to build more houses for other communities. More stories about this initiatives: <http://www.thejakartapost.com/community/2018/09/04/quake-survivors-use-salvaged-materials-to-build-better-shelters-rebuild-lives.html>

How you can help

One easy way is to donate through **PayPal** to the following account: jogja@arkom.or.id
Even a small amount will help a family moving in to a better "home". As the shelters are needed immediately, we plan to end the fundraising for this temporary homes on September 30, 2018.

Another way is to share this information within your circles and social media.



Survivors cleaning up their collapsed houses and took the remaining materials to build temporary shelter (courtesy of Puspaningtyas S.)



One of the survivors sketching an alternative design of temporary house, on a used cardboard, during a brainstorming session in an emergency tent (courtesy of Yuli Kusworo)

How the donations will be used

Donations collected will be used for the construction of 50 units of temporary houses and mobilization of young architect volunteers. The estimate cost of each unit is around USD250, i.e. total cost would be USD12,500, which will be used to purchase thatch for roofs, bamboo for frames, woven bamboo for walls, cement and sand for floor, nails, wheelbarrows, and mobilization of materials. Other materials will be provided by the community from their former houses that can still be used such as zinc sheets, doors and windows, and wooden frames.

In addition, the donations will be used to mobilize 20 young architect volunteers from various cities (Makassar, Surabaya, Yogyakarta and Bandung), which costs around USD 1,700. The total fund needed to build shelters and to mobilize volunteers is around USD 14,200.



*Survivors building their houses together using salvaged materials
(courtesy of Yuli Kusworo)*

For survivors, to collaboratively build their temporary houses can revive the spirit and cope with their loss. Your contribution will be meaningful to them. Thank you for your participation.

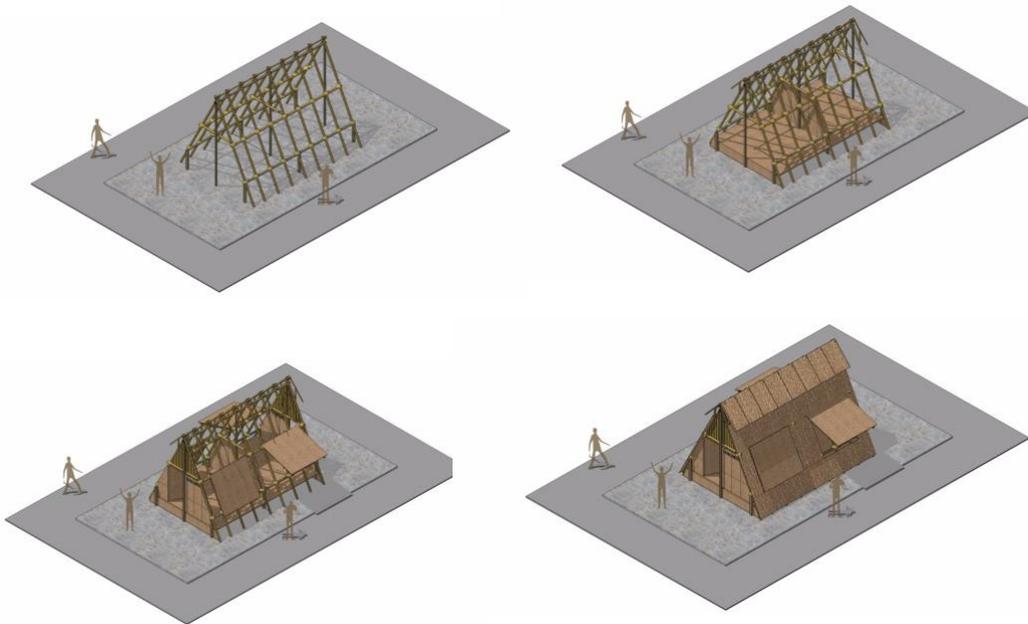
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SHELTER DESIGN TRANSFORMATION



TYPE OF T-SHELTER TO BE BUILT TOGETHER:

- Size : 3x4 sqm for each families
- Floor : Bamboo and debris materials, half pat by cement
- Wall : Coconut leaves (thatch), woven bamboo, debris materials
- Roof : Coconut leaves (thatch), and recycled materials
- Frame : Bamboo
- Est. duration of stay : 6-12 months (prior to moving to permanent houses)



Mrs. Asiah with her temporary home in North Lombok Regency, designed and built with other survivors, facilitated by Arkom (courtesy of Puspaningtyas S.)