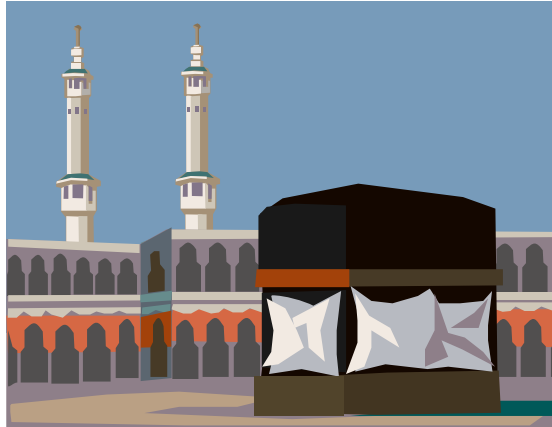


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## Abstract

Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) is one of the provinces in Indonesia that have a good uniqueness culture, the nature, the biological diversity, and also the nature resources. The community is friendly, well-mannered and have fighting spirit that made NAD is one of the province that was counted successful in the development program. However the very horrifying tsunami disaster that happened on Sunday morning, on December 26 2004 had caused destruction almost in all the lines, one of them was the library. The Library province of Perpustakaan Daerah Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) in Banda Aceh that carried out the task of the management of the library in the Province of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam experienced means damage of the infrastructure and lost various resources, so the library and the centre of the documentation and information, was destroyed by the tsunami. Post the tsunami, the community and the NAD government began to rise up, and also the library. Because the government and the community believed that the library is the source of information, the series link of the history of the past, as the space of now and was the guide in planning and bringing about the better future. The development of the Library in NAD in accordance with the international standard became the step in the development and the beginning of the community of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam that are smart, advance, just and prosperous. This paper describe about the Aceh history, the condition, the development of the library post tsunami, the problem of the library in NAD, and strategic steps that better be carried out by the NAD government.

Key Words: The Acehnese library, the Information's Source, the Tsunami

## A. Introduction

Acehnese who had previously called the Special Region of Aceh (1959 - 2001) and Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (2001 - 2009) is a province in Indonesia and the most western province in Indonesia. For reasons of history, Aceh has set its own autonomy, unlike most other provinces in Indonesia. This area borders the Bay of Bengal in the north, the Indian Ocean to the west, the Strait of Malacca in the east, and North Sumatra to the southeast and the south. (Wikipedia Indonesia)

At the time of day Meukuta Sultan Iskandar Muda Perkasa Alam, Aceh is a very rich country and prosperous. According to an explorer from France who arrived in Aceh in the heyday of the era, the power reaching the west coast of Aceh Minangkabau. The power of Aceh also include up to Perak Malaysia. Sultanate of Aceh has a relationship with the kingdoms in the Western world in the 16th century, including the British, the Ottomans, and the Netherlands (Wikipedia Indonesia).

The tsunami which devastated Aceh on December 26, 2004 caused many fatalities, estimated at more than 112,000 people died, 128,000 people missing and about 412,000 people became refugees. The tsunami not only caused loss of life but also destroy the important libraries in Banda Aceh. KITLV (Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde) in Leiden, initiated a project that aims to make the most of the literature on Aceh that are stored in the library KITLV available digitally. Education Minister Government of the Netherlands has agreed to finance this project and the Dutch National Library in The Hague will oversee the process of digitizing books. Until now there are 656 files available digitally in pdf format on this website. Other titles will be added throughout the year 2009. The titles listed here are books about Aceh with various languages such as Indonesian, Acehnese, English, Dutch, and also other languages in Europe. These books are published by the printing-press from Indonesia and Europe. The books are dated from the 17th century until now.

## **B. Library Conditions of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Caused by TheTsunami**

Seeing how powerful the brunt of the tsunami Aceh, can imagine the damage caused by natural disasters. As a form of government attention in terms of preservation of information, hence on 27-30th January 2005, The head of Republic Indonesia Nasional Library (Perpusnas RI) with the team a brief visit to Banda Aceh, in particular to the Library Board of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province. The purpose of visit is to gather initial data as a basis for determining the next step in the rehabilitation efforts of libraries in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam after the tsunami disaster of December 26th, 2004. Based on the results of Perpusnas RI team's visit, get information about the condition of the library by the tsunami. Observations were made on various types of libraries with the observation parameters are: a) the condition of the buildings; b) The condition of furniture; c) Collection; d) Employees and e) Library. Perpustakaan yang dikunjungi adalah: Badan Perpustakaan Provinsi Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD); Perpustakaan umum; Perpustakaan Sekolah dan beberapa Perpustakaan lain yang mewakili perpustakaan yang ada di Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam. Sebagai gambaran umum, hasil pengamatan tim diuraikan di bawah ini. Visited the library: National Library of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD); Public Library; School of Library and some other library that represents the library in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam. As a general description, team observations described below.

## C. Library Board of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam

### C.1 The condition of the buildings

- iron fence at the building site damaged and partially missing.
- Pages filled with thick mud and various types of waste, such as: the ruins of the building; furniture damaged, dead cars, destroyed books, etc..
- The building is still standing, but damaged in some parts, especially on the ground floor.
- Ground floor covered with mud as high as about 30 cm.
- The top floor of the building intact

### C.2 The condition of furniture

- Ground floor: There are no more items can still be used.
- Upstairs: Furniture and other items on the top floor was not damaged by an earthquake or tsunami, but most of the furniture, electronic equipment, and quickly sold goods damaged and lost due to looting. Cabinets, drawers and safe, too destroyed to retrieve the precious contents. Books, documents and files scattered on the floor. Air regulator device (AC) on the wall most of the missing.

### C.3 Collection

- Library collections of children, youth collections, collections adults, which is located on the ground floor destroyed.
- Collection deposits on the second floor remains largely intact, partially rescued by the Head of Deposit.
- Details of collection conditions:

Location	Type collection	Amount originally	Condition
Ground floor	Kids Collection	2.709 rec/ 13.546 ex	Destroyed
Ground floor	Teen Collection	8176 rec / 40,801 ex	Destroyed
Ground floor	Collection	23,093 rec /124.123 ex	Destroyed
Ground floor	Collection references	913 rec / 6287 ex	Destroyed
Upstairs	Deposit Collection	3.315 rec / 8.811 ex	Most are survive

From the above data, recorded Collection of 38,891 titles owned by the Library Board of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Tsunami swept destroyed.

#### c.4 Employee

- The Number of employees of NAD Library all 72 people; killed 23 people, wounds 7 people, displaced 23 people.
- The name of employees of NAD Library who died:

No.	Name	NIP	position
1.	Drs. Drs. Bachtiar Aziz, MM	130 542 950	Head of Provincial Library
2.	Asnan Fizal, SH	131 862 377	Head of Deposit PPIP
3.	Tjut Faisah	130 788 316	Librarian
4.	Adamy	130 542 952	Librarian
5.	Drs. Mukhtar Mukhtar	130 905 627	PPIP Head of Subsector
6.	Drs. Tjharuddin	130 610 606	Financial Head of Subsector
7.	Drs. Jafaruddin	131 280 846	Staff Head of Subsector
8.	Saifuddin, SE	131 842 836	Deposit Head of Subsector
9.	Mahdi	131 584 677	Library Staff
10.	Efendi	131 863 926	Library Staff
11.	Risarahmadani	131 866 045	Library Staff
12.	Ridwan Ridwan	131 903 585	Library Staff
13.	Nurbaiti Nurbaiti	131 916 170	Library Staff
14.	Rina Safrida, A.Md.	760 000 541	Library Staff
15.	Rosnita, A.Md. .	760 000 594	Library Staff
16.	Ruslan Ruslan	131 903 017	Librarian
17.	Chairil Anwar	131 833 049	Library Staff
18.	Samsul Bahri	131 833 050	Library Staff
19.	Rosdiana	131 946 848	Library Staff
20.	M. Salim	130 788 317	Library Staff
21.	Izwar	131 460 515	Library Staff
22.	Ida Rahmi	390 021 097	Library Staff
23.	Syarbini	131 833 017	Library Staff

Grief that has been experienced by the Library of NAD. 32% employees, consist of the Head of Library, and most of the library staff were died. Human resources that were very

worthy, has passed away. But the library must keep running to the victory of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam society in the future.

### **c.5 The Mobile Library**

The Mobile library, which already operates and provides substantial benefits to surrounding communities, also did not escape the brunt of the tsunami. As a general description, condition of the mobile library car found by the Perpusnas team, is as follows:

- Two (2) car mobile library which has operated in the courtyard sitting in disrepair. Many parts and spare tire and axle stripped, no longer road worthy.
- One (1) new booksmobile car which is still operated more or less stranded 200 yards from the road Lampasek City, Banda Aceh, half buried in the trash and rubble.

### **D. Public library**

In all there are 8 NAD public library. Sigli Public Library and Public Library Meulaboh completely destroyed. Data on other public libraries have not earned.

#### **D.1 School library**

##### **1. The SMK Library Banda Aceh**

The condition of library buildings are still intact, a collection of 10,000 copies was completely destroyed, can not be used again, while remaining under water and mud. 1440 the number of students, who reported 650 people. The number of 95 teachers and 14 teachers' honorarium, which lost 15 people including school principals, Drs. D. D. Iskandar, MSc.



Fig.1 The condition for the Library of SMK Banda Aceh resulting from the tsunami 2004

## **2. Banda Aceh High school library**

Because the library is on the 2nd floor, although the condition of complete library looks a little messy due to the earthquake. In high school where I encountered Banda Aceh are not school officials, but then there are a number of personnel the Air Force Academy who was cleared of mud and paint the school wall.

## **E. Several other libraries**

1. **Library and Museum Education Foundation Hasymy Ali**, Jln.Jenderal Sudirman, number 80 in Banda Aceh. The condition of the building was intact and locked, so the situation is unknown in the building.
2. **Library Baitul Rahman Mosque**. In the library of the Library only stayed empty shelves, arranged along the walls to protect windows and doors broken. There are no remaining collections. It is estimated that the entire collection destroyed or washed away.
3. **Documentation and Information Center in Aceh (PDIA)**. Both buildings are in total damage location. The first building to the ground, while the second building in ruins. Most of the collection were destroyed and a small proportion remains of library materials were scattered among the ruins of the building.

## **F. Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Library Development post-Tsunami**

Damage caused by the tsunami so much. In minutes, the urban and rural areas in several areas in the tsunami Aceh, erased from the map. Material losses due to physical damage to the building estimated at Rp 42, 7 trillion. The amount of casualties and damage caused by the tsunami has tapped the public conscience Indonesia from many quarters, ranging from officials, government leaders, employees, mothers household to school children, to help ease the burden on the people suffering from the disaster of Tsunami. One of the post-tsunami recovery activities of concern is the development and restructuring of the library were damaged very badly.

### **1. NAD Library Building Rehabilitation**

As a form of public concern would be the library as a source for information, diselenggarakanlah a charity concert and managed to collect a fund of Rp 2.9 billion from the series A Mild Live concert "United in Peace" Tour Iwan Fals and Slank PLUR at 27 city symbolically handed over to Head of the Library of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam, the QB Yusnidar Book Store, Plaza Semanggi, Friday (10 / 6) evening. "There is very little indeed, to be overcome (due to major disasters) in Aceh. However, awareness of love and peace are spoken Iwan Fals

and Slank more significant and should be done to Aceh, and Nias, "among others, expressed Harry Santoso of Detection Productions, as a promoter organizer.

The amount of funds donated are distributed through the Sampoerna Foundation has agreed to the utilization of rehabilitation projects NAD library building located at Jalan Lamgugop T Nyak Arief, Banda Aceh. Stages of the rehabilitation process will be implemented in the third week in June 2005, following a number of library equipment, reading tables, chairs and bookshelves. Library renovation is expected to be able to optimize the existence of a library which will be utilized best by the people of Aceh to add information and expand knowledge.

As is known, NAD library raging tsunami waves swept last year and washed away 207 copies of historic documents in Aceh and other general book collection in the five rooms downstairs. In addition to providing rehabilitation assistance to the libraries of NAD, the funds from the concert also United In Peace be given to victims of natural disaster in Nias, the distribution is still in the exploratory stage. The whole process and the evaluation of the implementation of this program will be audited by independent public institution, Ernst and Young. Iwan Fals and Slank concert tour United In Peace was held in 27 cities in Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Bali and Batam from February 9 to 24 April, by the closing show at Carnival Beach, Ancol (Sinar Harapan Online, June 12 2005)

## **2. The Renovation of NAD Library**

Library building of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province destroyed by the tsunami last December 2004 can be used again. Rehabilitation costs were obtained from Iwan Fals and Slank band concerts are held in the Peace Union. Iwan Fals contributed Rp. 1.4 billion and Slank contributed Rp. 2.9 billion.

About 207,000 titles of books stored in the library, now only about 3,000 titles are collected again. Rehabilitation of the library building was made of all existing rooms, including the main building and the second building. The main building includes rooms which consist of: the Reading Room (1-3), Room Adult (1-2), and the Youth Room. The Second building consists of several rooms, including: Space Children and Reference Room. The provision of assistance also includes the provision of library equipment is damaged, such as reading tables, chairs, and bookshelves.

From a total of Rp 1.4 billion fund for the rehabilitation of the library building, Rp. 1 billion is used for the construction, while another Rp. 400 million facility is used for the provision of library furniture. Head of the Library of NAD Kamaruddin Husein said it hoped the library can function again. Moreover, the



library is a means to add information and expand knowledge (Kompas (KCM) Thursday, September 29, 2005)

### **G. Library Problems in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam**

After the tsunami that occurred in Aceh, Nias and surrounding areas, development in various sectors began to be done, including the library. But there were problems that occurred around the construction of the library and reading interest is declining. This is certainly very worrying. Should be done more research and study in the existing problems, so it can look for appropriate solutions according to the situation and fast local conditions. One of the problems of development of successful library media quoted from the South Aceh library building. Development Office Library, Archives and Documentation, South Aceh District, located at Jalan TR Angkasah Tapaktuan, has abandoned a year. The project was funded by the provincial budget, is now left abandoned, like no man's land projects. Head Office Library, Archives and Documentation of South Aceh, Arwin Yasdi, this afternoon, say, due to abandoned new buildings, the implementation of library service duties and administrative settlement to be constrained. "We were forced to take narrow and leaks emergency office, books and office mobiler irregular and often wet,so the reader's interest to be reduced relatively," he said. Meanwhile, the coordinator of the Anti-Corruption Solidarity Society (SOMASI) South Aceh, Saiful Bismi, confess, disappointed with abandoned project. SOMASI urged the competent parties immediately resume construction of the building and partnership working to review and adjusted to the physical realization of the funds used so that the area is not harmed (quoted from online Beware, December 14, 2009).

Another problem is the low interest in reading. The results United Nations Development Program (UNDP) some time ago, proven interest in reading is very low Acehnese were at the rank of the 112 surveyed from 117. On average, people who investigated said the low interest in reading the people of Aceh were no libraries are managed professionals throughout the district. Therefore, to increase public interest in reading the government must immediately find a solution that is in the building and managing library proportionately. Still, the IPI Aceh province is currently conducting a survey about interest in reading in three districts of North Aceh, Central Aceh and in Banda Aceh. librarian Indonesia Association (IPI) in Aceh Province, Afterward, presented "according to Law of the library No. 43 of 2007, requested to all good library organizer at the provincial level will also for the district level, the library must be well organized and professional. Because the library is the gate of the science world and ware houses. Now the new Aceh province had been built as many as 16 libraries from 23 districts / cities. The amount is still less than at least equal in number to the district / city.

Assessing existing problems, the Government of Aceh province continues to promote and develop the library building and holding activities that are positive, such as competition

between libraries in the region of NAD. For example, Office of Archives and Library of Aceh Singkil although only one year old, has been able to carve into four major achievement of Public Library of NAD levels in 2008. From dozens of districts in Aceh Public Library building, the jury of Archives and Library Board of NAD provides the best assessment of the fourth to the Office of Archives and Library of Aceh Singkil after Pidie, center Aceh and west Aceh.

With a simple office uses former Public Works Department of Water Resources office Singkil transformed so that the library will be improved performance has been built with the library's office valued at Rp1, 6 billion more.

Library building was built in its beautiful Ketapang Indah, North Singkil representative was assessed with an area of 600 square meters, will be visited by students, and communities of Aceh Singkil and Subulussalam who had longed for the presence of the library.

Public interest to read the Aceh Singkil basically high enough, especially students and students who had a mandatory requirement of the presence of a more complete library. The success of one of his students won the area contest hero tells of NAD levels recently is the fruit of reading. These students become ambassadors of NAD at the national level and could go until the final ranked seventh nationally.

Development of a new library building in the next Singkil can be managed better and is expected to be able to grow interest in reading the people of Aceh Singkil. Educate the community so that the expectation of this area with a million achievement through reading expected for the progress achieved.

## **H. Conclusion and Suggestions**

The tsunami that struck Aceh, Nias and surrounding areas have been ravaged almost the entire joint lives of the people of Aceh. The disaster has claimed a very large, both in human casualties and physical damage. However, NAD Society despair not, they quickly got up and fought back to set up life there. With the help of various parties, both from within and outside the country, community and government officers NAD and NGOs work together to fix that ravaged Aceh. One of the priority development is the construction of the library. Because it is believed that the Library is a repository of knowledge, information sources, which can raise the intelligence level of NAD reach a million prestation in national and international level. To further strengthen the construction of a library and an optimal utilization of the Library, it takes strategic steps include:

- Implement The Law of Library No. 43/ 2007;

- Increasing development budget in the entire Region Library NAD
- Increasing the quantity and quality of library management of human resources according to the Indonesian National Standard published by the National Standards Body (BSN);
- Post utilize the entire area Yandu NAD, to multi-functional, the existing post Yandu can be used also as a home read / garden reading;
- Promotion and dissemination of the benefits of reading to all levels of society;
- Library management should conduct a comparative study well into mapun abroad, which has a more advanced library.
- Human resources quality improvement can be made through the scholarship program schools (formal education) and training on a regular basis (informal education).
- Implementation of the suggestions above are wise and prudent, planned, programmed and integrated.

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