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The successful implementation of Children Relief Centers in the areas surrounding Yogyakarta has begun with ten centers being erected and supported by the main “Posko Kemanusiaan Jogja Bangkit” center.

Through concrete reports from volunteers residing in the villages and research done by volunteer psychologists, villages have been chosen for these programs. In each of the villages, Child Day Camps and Trauma Relief Centers are being erected. These centers will be run by volunteers with the assistance from the volunteer Psychologist and Psychology Students from Indonesian Universities. The main focus of these centers is to assist in the mental development of the children by conducting psychological surveys and developing relief programs specific to the needs of each individual. Furthermore, the newly erected centers provide a safe area for the children to be during the day as many villages have become dangerous with the risks of homes collapsing and the tremendous amounts of rubble and temporary shelters occupying previously safe and open areas. Volunteers will be trained to be able to insure the safety of the children and be able to develop daily programs including games, and other activities to occupy them children.

Another aspect of the Centers is to continue normal education since most schools have been badly damaged making it impossible for the students to continue their education. This has created a necessity for children to begin educational lessons and was recommended by Psychologists to help in rehabilitation of the students affected by trauma. Thus, the Trauma Centers will also be used to help the students continue their education through daily education plans and organization of the children into their grades to help with their lessons.

In the centers that have already been created, daily activities are planned by volunteers and implemented during the day. The volunteers spend time tutoring the students using standardized text books. Games and activities are other things that are organized which have captured the attention of the entire community who come to watch their children, saying it provides a therapy to help overcome their own trauma. The programs have been very welcomed by the residence and children alike and will only be implemented in villages where they are required and approved by the village councils. The objective of Jogja Bangkit is to develop these relief centers in all villages where there is a large population of children, destroyed local schools, and lack of government and other forms of support assistance for children.

For this to continue and expand to more communities, Jogja Bangkit is in need of support financially and through the donations of required resources:

- Tents
- Straw floor mats
- Small tables
- Pens, pencils
- Erasers
- Note books
- White boards and markers
- Toys (puzzles, Lego, balls)

- Daily snacks
- Classroom posters
- Mobile film showing capabilities (Projectors, screens, small televisions, DVD/VCR players)
- Volunteer Expenses (accommodation, food, transport)

Furthermore, professional visitors (teachers, doctors, etc) would be very welcomed to spend time with the children and provide basic training and ideas for volunteers.

Support is necessary for this program to be a success and any donation of resources of finances is welcomed and encouraged.