

Rebuilding the **Earthquake-Affected Areas** in Indonesia Yogyakarta and Central Java

ILO RESPONSE

Following the devastating May 27 earthquake in Yogyakarta and Central Java, the ILO has supported the Government of Indonesia and its social partners to assess the damage to employment and livelihoods. Over 120,000 jobs were affected by the quake, which killed close to 6,000 people and destroyed or damaged up to 400,000 houses. Most people who lost their livelihoods were traders and vendors in the informal economy.



ILO is currently supporting the recovery work, providing crash courses on concrete mixing and masonry, drawing from the experience with response to tsunami disaster in Aceh. Such skills will allow people to build back stronger houses. The ILO is exploring further efforts to revive the local economy in a variety of ways. In addition, outlines for ILO work in reconstruction have also been included in the UN's Earthquake Response Programme.

ACTION TAKEN

Training of Trainers on Basic Concrete and Masonry Work

To support the use of labour-based technology and to promote capacity building of construction craftsmen, the ILO conducted a training of trainers on basic concrete and masonry work from 19 – 21 June 2006. The training was jointly organized with support from Provincial Manpower Office of DIY Yogyakarta located at Vocational Training Centre (BLK). The objective was to equip and upgrade skills of master trainers on basic concrete and masonry work for selected government officials.





Group Picture: (sitting front) Sugiman, head of Manpower Office Yogyakarta and Alan Boulton, Director ILO Jakarta

A total of selected 14 master trainers participated in the training. As a result of the training, they are expected to present similar courses at local communities in affected areas, particularly at two most affected areas Bantul and Sleman Regency — targeting

construction workers, construction foremen/supervisors, community leaders, community-based youth organizations, and other related NGOs. Follow-up trainings will be conducted from 26 June to 8 July 2006 at Jetis, Piyungan and Pandak Sub-districts of Bantul Regency and at Kalasan and Prambanan of Sleman Regency.

These master trainers, with a close consultancy with Provincial Manpower Office and the ILO, will be responsible for providing technical arrangements, including in providing training tools and materials. Meanwhile, the Manpower Office will be responsible for the tools for roll-out training. To date, there are two sets of tools available for the trainings.

