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## **Proposal for FBA-Aceh Exchange Program (FBA-AEP) • 2008**

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- Proposed Dates : Open
- Hours of the program (*placements should be equal 30 hours per week. Please note that Fellows are required to participate in a weekly group meeting at FBA. Agency's needs will be taking into consideration when planning this weekly meeting*): Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm (with 1 hour for lunch)

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### • **Project Description Summary Statement**

The two areas of FBA focus are Education and Livelihood Regeneration. Our Livelihood program functions as a Revolving Fund, whereby the FBA provides in-kind assistance in the form of equipment or raw materials to re-start small and medium enterprises. Each revolving fund is reimbursed to the FBA upon the success and sustainability of the business. So far, the FBA has catalyzed the start-up of over 500 tsunami-affected SMEs across Aceh.

Our Education program focuses on immediate to long-term development. For instance, the FBA funds the rebuilding of schools, the provision of education equipment—computers, books, school supplies, as well as sponsoring high school students to study abroad, provide scholarship information training, language courses.



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- Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*):
  - Upper-classmen and graduate level students, youth leader
  - Individuals with an interest in humanitarian field, complex emergencies and sustainable economic (livelihood) development and/or education,
  - Individuals with some experience in these fields, as well as those who want to pursue work in the humanitarian and development sectors,
  - Experience with Microsoft Office,
  - Experience in website development and communications appreciated, not compulsory
  - Self-starter with initiative and creativity to envision and work towards building a potential sustainable relationship between the FBA's partners and the FBA and the people of Aceh
  - Able to relate to other cultures. If not experienced living in Asia, a willingness to learn about local culture and adapt to Aceh culture. Please be aware that Acehnese people are devout muslims and it is important that you be respectful of Shariah law and religious customs here,
  - Willingness to take a crash course in Indonesian Language PRIOR to coming to Aceh (basic minimum—eg. self-taught OK) will be much appreciated and give the fellow a head-start. [NB: FBA Staff members are proficient in English]

- **Previous Exchange Program Experience**

The FBA has been the host to many recent BA graduates and MA students including 8 students from Rhode Island Uni and MIT, USA, 4 from the Dublin Institute of Technology, and 1 from Tufts University—Juliette Lizeray (Tufts University, LA '05). The students's responsibilities include making a documentary on a tsunami survivor whose outstanding community work has the power to inspire many within and beyond Aceh. They writes and edits English language communications (website, Livelihood success stories publications, e-newsletter, proposals for funding, etc). As Education officer, voluntaring teaching at schools, organized an Indonesian language and Acehnese culture course for non-native aid-workers and scholarship training for Acehnese people.

- **Project Proposed**

The areas for the exchange fellows involvement are as follows:

→ General

- Assist in Grant-writing / Fundraising
- Communications / Public Relations Strategy development
- IT / Website Development
- Community development particularly micro economic development

→ Livelihood Program:

- Write and produce a documentary film to advocate, raise awareness about the situation in Aceh one year on and the work of the FBA
- Write a publication on the Livelihood success stories and the lives of survivors one year on



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- Assist in strengthening the financial sustainability, monitoring and evaluation of the FBA's Livelihood Revolving Fund (Indonesian language appreciated and some knowledge of development economics required; you would be working closely with the FBA Livelihood Program Manager)

→ Education Program:

- Develop projects with international high-schools, higher education institutions with the aim of maintaining long-term partnerships
- Spear-head and cultivate initiatives in cross-cultural understanding
- Continue and develop the FBA's Indonesian language and Acehnese culture course
- Organize and implement Acehnese student Exchanges with host high-schools or University abroad

Once in Aceh, the Fellow will be managed by the FBA's Partnership Specialist Asnawi Nurdin. This internship will give the Fellow direct experience in the field of post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation. Some of the key issues that the Fellow will learn about and form his/her own opinions on from are:

- how international and local individuals and organizations work together,
- how their relations could be improved in order to be more effective,
- what are the main obstacles to improving coordination amongst aid-groups
- how can local NGOs develop international recognition proportional to the importance and effectiveness of their work
- about the situation in Aceh province one year and a half after the tsunami—what has been accomplished and what more needs to be done
- and many more issues of interest to those who wish to work in Sociology, Anthropology, Economics—Micro-Finance and Development Econs in particular, Relief and Humanitarian Work, Civil Society Development and Capacity Building, Local Democratic Participation, Media / Communications and Public Relations, Education and Skill-training for Economic Independence, Women's Rights and Participation.

This a great opportunity to make a huge positive impact on the lives of tsunami survivors and really contributing to a strong and committed local NGO. All staff at the FBA are tsunami survivors and they work from the heart because they are rebuilding their homeland not just for themselves now, but for the future of the children. Unlike international NGOs which are somewhat limited by the contractual tenure of their workers, local NGOs like the FBA are here for the long-run. The FBA sees no end to its work because the sustainable development of Aceh is not a finite goal but more synonymous to ongoing improvement and progress. The staff's personal stake in the recovery of Aceh and its people, makes them extremely dedicated and passionate about their work, and it comes through in every area of FBA's involvement. As a fellow, you will learn a lot from your strong resourceful Acehnese colleagues and from the hard-working ethic that binds them all together. The FBA's staff and volunteers are a very closely knit team which you would become a part of, living in the FBA guesthouse with most



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staff-members. As a result, there is a strong inter-personal connection based on friendship, trust and mutual support.

Please feel free to contact Azwar Hasan (Mr.) for further information regarding this FBA-AEP at [info@forumbangunaceh.org](mailto:info@forumbangunaceh.org)

We are looking forward to work with you in pursuing cross-cultural understanding through this FBA-Aceh Exchange Program.

Best Regards,  
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