



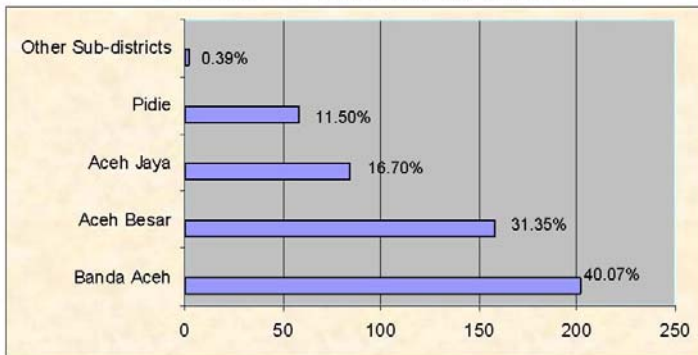
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PROGRAM UPDATE:

Fact in February 2007

- **Acehnese Students go to Australia.** FBA has selected 2 boys, Agus Firman from SMA 1 Lhoknga and Izzan Nur Aslam from SMA 3 Banda Aceh to visit Scotch College, in Perth Australia for a month in March 2007. They will be accompanied by an English teacher Ibu Putri Albaniah from SMA 1 Lhoknga, Aceh Besar. This program is sponsored by Scotch College, and International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). This is the second exchange run by FBA under school to school program.

Number of business by districts



- **Exchange Workshop on Micro Economic Development.** A sharing workshop participated by American Jewish World Service (AJWS) grantee NGOs was held on 28 February 2007. The workshop was fully sponsored by AJWS in order to share each grantee's experiences in dealing with grass root level people in Aceh. Mr. Laurensius Salem, a resource person from Pancur Kasih Foundation shared his experience in running a successful revolving fund program in West Kalimantan. Two important actions were planned—an exchange workshop amongst the recipients of the grant and a research on revolving program in Aceh

- **Harvest.** People in Desa Rabo and others village in Pulo Nasi, Pulo Aceh sub district are harvesting paddy planted a couple months ago. FBA support individual's livelihood as well as restoring the paddy field in Pulo Aceh, Aceh Besar. The people are now growing up to be self independent. This 50 hectares paddy field was destroyed by tsunami and now has been restored and yet the farmers particularly at Desa Rabo enjoy their harvest back.



Women from Desa Rabo, Pulo Aceh, are harvesting their paddy

- FBA has developed 5 (five) criteria in selecting and supporting micro economic business in Aceh i.e. pre-existing business; externalities; captive market; numbers of beneficiaries; and women (very encouraged to apply). Bellow is the information about range of beneficiaries of businesses.

Businesses by number of beneficiaries

No	Range of Beneficiaries	Number of Business	Percentage
1	≤ 3 people	45	9%
2	> 3 - 5 people	195	39%
3	> 5 - 10 people	227	45%
4	> 10 - 15 people	25	5%
5	> 15 people	6	1%

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