

Programs news

Gaza

As the Israeli bombing raids in the Gaza strip seem to have calmed down, the Foundation of Emergency Architects has decided to intervene to help the civilian victims of this operation « hard shelling ». The figures at this time are over 1300 dead and 5500 injured.

There is a lot of material damage and numerous families have no possibility today to be housed in a decent and secure way. With the knowledge gained by their experiences in the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr et Baredin in the Lebanon in 2007, Emergency Architects went last week to meet the two professional organisations of Palestinian and Israeli architects with whom they intend to implement an aid operation.

The architects, experts and engineers have just left for Israel to start an evaluation mission to measure the scale of destruction and to make the population safe from structural damage as soon as the passage to Gaza is completely reopened to humanitarian aid.

The object of this cooperation is to offer to civilian victims of the conflict, immediate assistance to be re-housed in safe conditions. An appeal for funds of 500 000 euros has been launched for an aid proposition aimed at making damaged buildings safe and giving initial help to the inhabitants to begin the rehabilitation of their homes.



Nahr El Bared photo- 2007-Lebanon

Chad

Present in the Eastern Region of Chad since 2007, the Foundation of Emergency Architects is pursuing its programmes, particularly in the region of Guéréda, where 6 classrooms are under construction in the Konoungo refugee camps.

New programmes for 2009 are in the process of being confirmed and the region of Ile de France has decided to support the efforts of the foundation by allocating finance for infrastructure projects in Chad.

This will allow our teams there to continue to give help to the refugees installed in the camps in the East of Chad and especially in favour of the education of the youngest. A project for a travelling school is also being studied.

Our current partners in Chad : HCR, IRC, Région Ile de France, Somfy, UNICEF .



Guéréda building - Chad

Indonesia

The Foundation of Emergency Architects has been present in Indonesia since the tsunami ravaged its coastline in December 2004. We have been working for four years in the North of the Island of Sumatra in Sigli and the Foundation continued its projects in 2008 with a new programme on the small Island of Weh, where the need still exists in spite of all the money that has been given for the reconstruction of Indonesia.

Two new pre-schools have just been inaugurated. 22 houses are also under construction.

Current partners in Indonesia : Association Patrick Bourrat "Pour que l'école continue", Croix Rouge Australienne, Fondation Abbé Pierre, Fondation rainbow bridge, Secours Catholique français.



Sigli school - Indonesia

Peru

Following the earthquake in the region of Ica in July 2007, The Foundation of Emergency Architects decided to implement a programme in favour of the victims of the catastrophe.

30 lodgings have already been built, respecting the local social traditions and their construction methods. Today Emergency Architects has launched a reconstruction programme for three schools, financed by funds from the French Embassy, which will enable 400 children to go back to regular schooling.

A new phase of 50 lodgings is being implemented with the support of the Foundation Abbé Pierre and the International Federation of the Red Cross. Last but not least, a project is being studied for the construction of a centre to welcome children in risk situations during the week in partnership with a congregation of sisters who will work on the social aspects and support of the children.

Partners in these projects in Peru : Région Ile de France, Fondation Abbé Pierre, Fédération internationale de la Croix Rouge.



Galagarza houses - Peru

Solomon Islands

The school of Ngari a village situated in the Solomon Islands has just been inaugurated in December 2008. This represents the first school to be re-built following the tsunami which devastated the Island on 1st April 2007.

A team from Emergency Architects went immediately to carry out an evaluation mission. Following the catastrophe, Emergency Architects aided by Emergency Architects of Australia had put two specific programmes into operation: a training programme and the creation of a brochure showing the elementary construction concepts to be used, explained only by simple drawings.

143 schools still need to be refurbished or rebuilt
This school was rebuilt thanks to the support of : AFD.



Ngari school - Solomon Islands

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