



**PEMERINTAH KOTA BANDA ACEH**

Attention: Helena Molin Valdes  
Deputy Director  
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Subject: "Making Cities Resilient – My City is Getting Ready!" Campaign**

Dear Helena Molin Valdes

The city of Banda Aceh recognizes the important role of local authorities in taking preventative measures to help protect the citizens, their livelihoods and the infrastructure of Banda Aceh and our full support is given to the UNISDR campaign for "Making Cities Resilient"

I have the pleasure to inform you that Banda Aceh is willing to participate in this campaign and believe it will further enhance the progress and initiatives already commenced in Banda Aceh.

It is my hope that this participation will provide further support for our city and we can share the lessons learnt from our own experiences in the past few years following the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami.

I believe our input and approach to disaster risk reduction can be shared with other cities around the world to help support a common direction and implementation for disaster preparedness in this campaign.

We look forward to the ongoing cooperation and support with UNISDR, partnering organizations and connected cities around the world.

Yours Sincerely,

Ir. Mawardy Nurdin  
Mayor of Banda Aceh