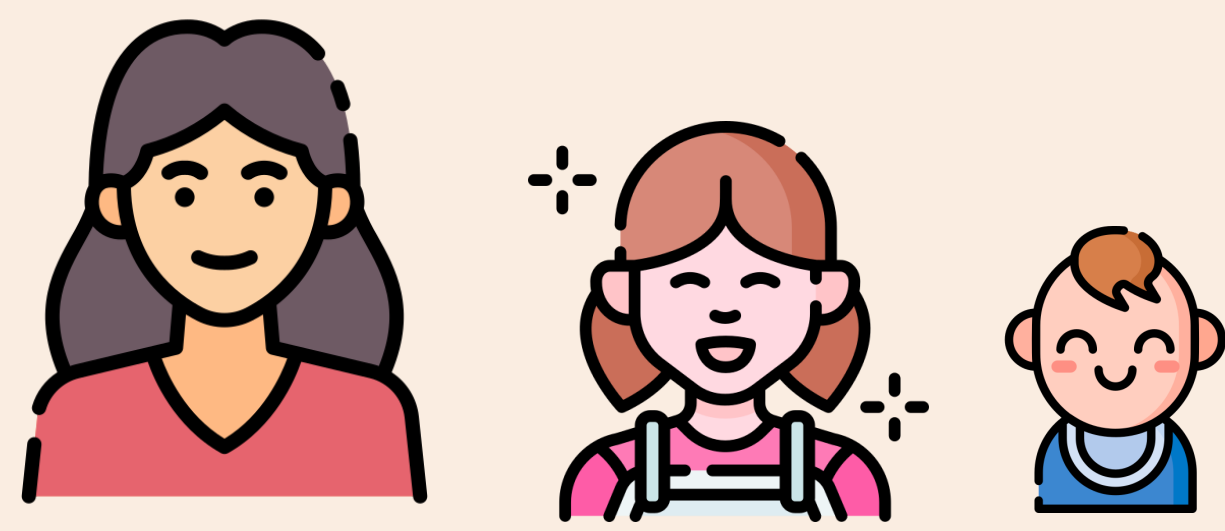


Women, Adolescents, Young Children Space (WAYCS) at Cianjur (West Java Earthquake Emergency Response/WAVER)

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Background & Purpose



Women, adolescents, and young children

- The most vulnerable, especially in disaster.
- Often neglected and do not have access to appropriate services and assistance

WAYCS



- To facilitate the need for a safe space so that mothers can breastfeed comfortably, receive health and nutrition-related information and practice health-related activities
- Can also be utilized for Child Friendly Space (CFS) for adolescent and children to study, play and receive psychosocial support (PSS) as an integration with Child Protection sector



Intervention

- About 10 sessions of health and nutrition-related education are held, so the visitors/beneficiaries are not only benefitting from the availability of the place but also may gain knowledge and support to encourage them during the hard times.
- The sessions are Nutrition for pregnant, breastfeeding mothers and Under-5 children; Complementary Feeding; Growth Monitoring; Sanitation and Hygiene; Referral System for sick children; Reproductive Health and Child Protection Awareness for adolescent; Parenting class for Father and/or Grandparents. These sessions can be conducted once or twice per week, according to agreement with the community. Psychosocial support for mothers is provided, but only allowed to be provided by staff with this specific expertise.
- To facilitate the sessions, WVI collaborated with Cianjur Health Office, and Persagi (Persatuan Ahli Gizi Indonesia – Indonesian Nutritionist Association) held a capacity building for health workers and community health volunteers to equipped them to become facilitator. These volunteers are also the survivors and some of them lost the member of their family due to the earthquake.
- During the implementation, WAYCS can be integrated with Child Friendly Space (Child Protection Sector) and also IYCF (Infant Young Children Feeding) Kitchen (Nutrition Sector – a kitchen that processes, prepares and distributes ready-to-eat nutritious meal for Under-2 children, according to the age group)

Findings

- WAYCS in WAVER were held in 5 villages, benefitting 450 mothers and children.
- Not only the target beneficiaries are benefitting from this program/intervention, the health workers and community health volunteers also able to level-up their knowledge regarding IYCF, parenting, and even gain more confidence to speak and deliver the session in front of many people.
- Interestingly, the parenting session for father is said to be the most favourite.

Conclusions & Implications

Even though WAYCS is not planned to be sustained after the emergency response, the CHV and the community requested that it be continued in different form. WVI convey this expectation to the Cianjur Health Office, and it was delightfully welcomed. The Health Office has committed to continue to assist and enlarge the capacity of CHV so they are able to help the community, whether in emergency or normal context. One of the staffs of Cianjur Health office also contributed to the latest and updated version of WAYCS module that WVI adopted from World Vision's WAYCS module, for the Indonesian context.



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