**Project Summary**

**Project Background**
After the Tsunami disaster of the 26th December 2004 many donor countries and international organizations assured to support the reconstruction of the affected regions and numerous activities started. In order to reduce the negative affects of similar natural disasters in future, the reconstruction had to be accompanied by prevention measures like risk assessments, adapted planning, crisis management and contingency planning measures. The integration of these activities reduces the vulnerability of the affected regions and helps to prevent the loss of economic and material resources. Prevention also strengthens the ability to overcome and reduce the consequences of extreme natural phenomena.

**Project Objectives**
The existing projects “Urban Quality – Civil Society and Inter-Municipal Cooperation for better Urban Services” of GTZ and “GEORISK-Project” of BGR were complemented by human resources development measures of InWEnt funded by BMZ. This strengthened the common goal of disaster prevention.

**Project Activities**
The project developed in close cooperation with GTZ and BGR jointly with the relevant institutions and organizations of Indonesia a sound concept of human resources and organization development (dialogue and training measures). This concept was necessary to develop and support existing structures and applications to ensure effective prevention systems and sound crisis management.

Core activities of the project concerned the placement of knowledge about the design and implementation of structures and procedures regarding disaster prevention on local, regional and national level. Generally disaster prevention is understood as a term for a set of different measures that shall provide permanent protection against disasters. These could be hazard-oriented protection measures as well as measures for vulnerability reduction of the people. Not only risk assessment for specific hazards is one of the core elements of long term disaster prevention but also the acknowledgment of spatial and environmental aspects.

Needs and general capacity building development derived from the core issues of disaster prevention as follows:
- Spatial and development planning;
- Geo-information processing and evaluation;
- Development of policy options, institutional strengthening;
- Project management;
- Organization of awareness campaigns, involvement of the media;
- Development and organization of training courses.

For this approach mainly awareness creating measures for decision makers of the relevant institutions were planned as well as the integration of the media sector into the disaster prevention. These two main target groups shall be used to interlink mechanisms and processes of disaster prevention.

**Services Provided**
- Concept development
- Planning and implementation of human resource development training courses and study tours in the field of Sustainable Development, Spatial Environmental Planning and Disaster Risk Management