



Shipping Service Weekly Bulletin – 24 July 2006

WFP Shipping Service, part of the WFP global organization, is a special operation set up in October 2005 to provide sea transport for the humanitarian and recovery community in Aceh and NAD-Nias.

Weekly Running Total of Cargo Shipped Since Project Launch

	MTs	Cbm
Cumulative total for week ending 17th July	51,235	177,859
Total shipped during the week ending 24 July 2006	5,162	14,425
Cumulative Total Shipped to Date	56,397	192,284

Pipeline Information

Shipping Service Users: The total number of users of the Shipping Service is 80.

Planned Shipments: As of 24 July 2006, WFP Shipping Service has 245,368 MT / 34,214 cbm of planned shipments in the pipeline. Planned shipments include cargo projections through March 2007.

Simeulue Jetty

The construction of a new jetty in Simeulue is on schedule and it is expected to be ready for use by August 13th. The new jetty will alleviate congestion in the port and ensure secure landing possibilities for upcoming shipments.

In addition, UNDP is planning to build a new port in Simeulue however construction will not begin until March of next year therefore the jetty will serve as a feasible temporary solution for

cargo movements into the island.

WFP Shipping Service foresees a need for open-space storage capacity in the port once construction is completed. Efforts are underway to try and secure a space with local government officials, as the lack of storage may pose a constraint on logistics capacity.

UN Special Envoy Visits Simeulue

A team from WFP Shipping Service, UNORC, UNDP and OCHA hosted a visit to Simeulue last week for the Special Envoy to the UN, Eric Schwartz. NGOs met with the team and stressed the importance of the Shipping Service and the value it adds to the rehabilitation effort in Aceh and NAD-Nias.

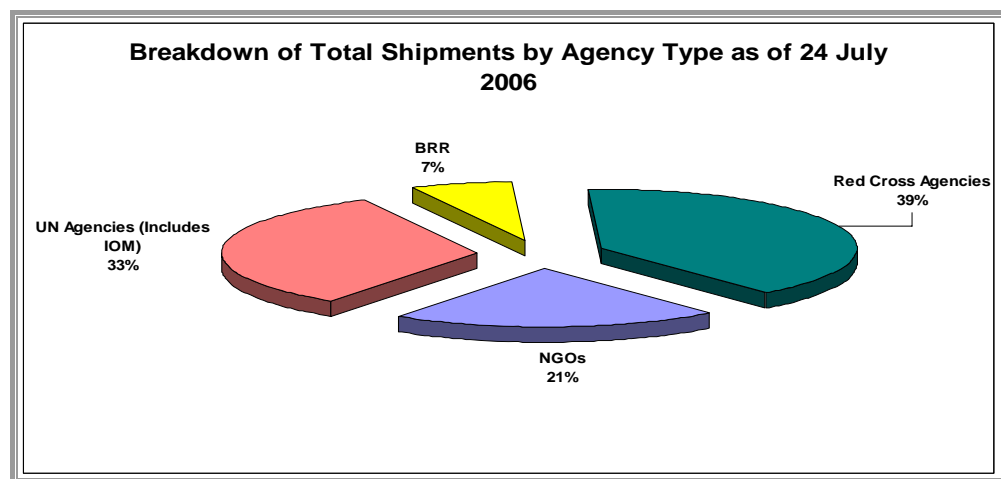
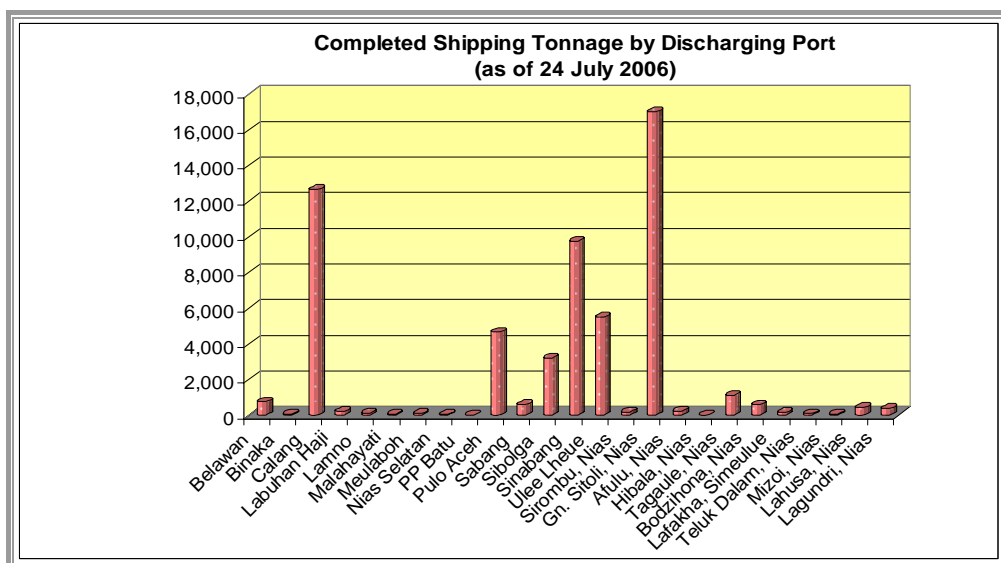
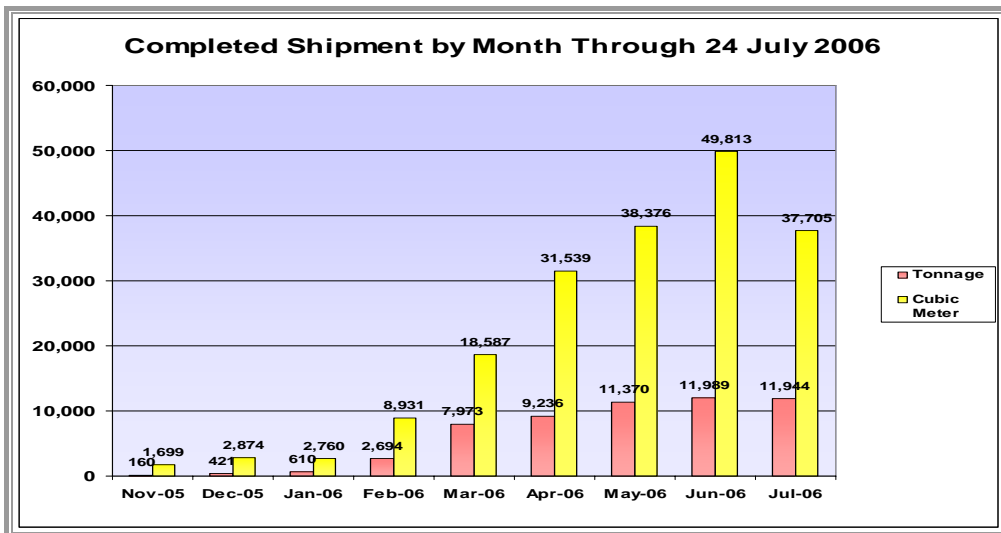
Additionally, they expressed concern over the initiation of cost-recovery as it is likely to have an impact on the progress of reconstruction programmes, particularly on the islands. Agencies pointed out that due to the isolation of the islands, it is imperative that the Shipping Service remain active as it is the only main form of transport. Before the Shipping Service began operating in the region, little to no construction was completed in these remote locations.

Landing Site Assessment - Serefon

At the request of CARE and IFRC, a landing site assessment was conducted at Serefon, close to Langi in the Alafan district of Simeulue, to determine the possibility of beaching an LCT. The team found that the site is not feasible for landing the LCT and as a result, Langi remains the only location in that area that is suitable for moving in cargo.



Niaga Jaya offloading BRC cargo in Pulo Aceh



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