

CHV Led IYCF Kitchen at Cianjur (West Java Earthquake Emergency Response/WAVER)

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Background & Purpose



- A 5.6-magnitude earthquake hit Cianjur District, West Java, on November 21, 2022. 338 people, including 125 children died. More than 114.000 people were displaced. The public kitchen did not provide suitable food for infants and young child

- WVI conducted an emergency response for five months, from November 21 to May 31, 2023. One of the focus area of the response was infant and young child feeding (IYCF)

Intervention

- WVI worked with local government and communities to provide complementary food for 6-23 months old children through an IYCF Kitchen (March 6-15, 2023)
- Cianjur District Health Office (DHO) and Public Health Center (PHC) had not conducted IYCF program in affected areas. WVI worked with DHO and Indonesian Nutritionist Association team to facilitate an IYCF orientation for Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to improve their capacities to manage the IYCF kitchen
- 91 CHVs managed IYCF Kitchen with different roles, as CHV coordinator, secretary, treasurer, and the remaining CHVs performing cooking and distribution
- All the cooking equipment were prepared by CHVs using village and CHV's assets
- The IYCF Kitchen were conducted in 3 villages of 3 PHCs' assisted area and reached 419 children age 6-23 months old (male: 216, female: 203)
- The food was distributed 2 times a day through 22 integrated health posts (Posyandu) during 10 days
- During the IYCF Kitchen activities, CHVs disseminated IYCF key messages using leaflet and standing banner: how to feed children aged 6 months old above, how to prevent stunting, and also explain today menu referred to IYCF guideline from Ministry of Health (using local food, different texture and portion for each age group)

Findings

- Participant attendance rate was 100% in 2 villages and overachieved at 1 village (118%)
- On average, participants gained roughly 300-400 gram for 10 days



Conclusions & Recommendations

- By using community assets – equipment, food and existing community health workers, the IYCF needs for infants and young children provided for in the aftermath of the emergency
- IYCF program should be conducted during normal and emergency context in Cianjur District to improve nutritional status, growth development, and survival of infant and young children
- Stakeholder engagement to collaborate on community based IYCF program



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