

### 3. Situation of Devastated Area

#### SIMEULUE DISTRICT

Simeulue Island is the closest island to the epicenter of earthquake that caused big tsunami wave on December 26, 2004. Tsunami has destroyed everything along the coast till almost the whole island was damaged. However, that natural phenomenon just claimed few casualties in this island. Only eight victims were found death. The inhabitants were told the signs of tsunami by the experienced peoples on “smong” (tsunami) that happened in 1907. So they knew what to do in such a situation in which the earthquakes occurrence followed by sudden big sea level drop. They rushed to the high place (in this case it was a hill).

