

Now that Summer is over and schools have started, as they have in Indonesia, we would like to tell you about all that has happened in the past few months.

The earthquakes on Lombok have made many victims. The earthquakes were also felt on Bali. We have communicated frequently with our contact Yogi. She told us that people were anxious and afraid and slept poorly because of the significant tremors. We hope and wish for peace and tranquility to return to these islands and that none of these disasters will happen again.

Java

One of our contacts in Solo provided us with an overview of the children of which SRI supports the education. Three new children are registered now, replacing youths that have graduated. We are supporting a total of 22 children in Klaten and Solo now.

The women's cooperation Lidia in Solo has been organizing activities during this summer. They have established contacts with other organizations to share their experiences. Lidia is leading the way in terms of projects to help generate a steady income for women so that these women in turn can support their families. Lidia also serves as an example when it comes to empowering women; strengthen them and providing them with tools so that they can influence their own situation and their environment, but also to help them make the right choices.

During the past months Lidia organized training sessions, practical training such as cultivating plants in water and setting up and maintaining an administration. A training session 'Political Education' was also specifically organized in preparation of the upcoming elections.

Lidia also entered a competition between different cooperation organizations in Solo city; this competition focused on the organization skills. Lidia won this competition and the chairwoman received a nice award from the mayor.

The women's cooperation Kembang Wangi in Musuk on the slope of the Merapi volcano organized a training session's weekend during the second week of September. Last year's weekend was a big success and they continued on this success. Participation was great; last year three different women's organizations joined. Now 5 organizations participated and almost 100 women were participating! This weekend emphasized the importance of networking.

One of the training sessions included the use of a smartphone; one can be used for more than just taking selfies and posting on Facebook. The possible dangers of social media were also discussed and being 'wise' online. Another training session discussed social skills and cooperating, by way of singing together.

The past year was evaluated. The picture shows the different targets using color coding: pink for targets not yet achieved, the blue targets have been achieved during this past year. The pink targets are still being worked on now. Other plans have been made for this coming year. We are happy to note here that the local government supports these activities.

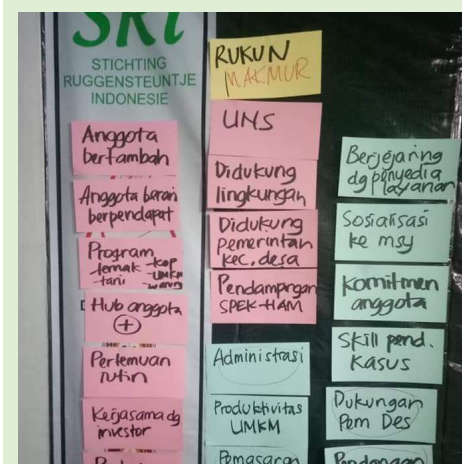
The women have shared their experiences in letters. These letters will be bundled and published as a booklet. This booklet will be distributed to reach more women and to motivate them to join Kembang Wangi.

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Kembang Wangi trainingweekend

We also support a new project in Jakarta since July 2018. Our new contact Roanne van Voorst have sent us a short introduction. This project fits the objective of SRI; providing education to children who would otherwise not receive a formal education.

“You can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear” This old Dutch saying is luckily often not applicable anymore in Indonesia. If this was the case, well, then there would have been many sow’s ears going around that country... (not a very pretty picture!) Indonesia’s economy is doing well compared to other countries in this region. However, not everyone benefits from this situation. In its’ capital Jakarta where I lived and did my research for years, luxury shopping malls and office buildings are located right next to huge slums. I used to look at those high towers together with the children from the poor kampung where I lived for a long time. Those children wished that they could work at such places. In a beautiful clothing store, or better yet, in a real office. If they could achieve that, then life would be good: actual lunch breaks, a pension and a good and stable income. Not like the low payment without any additional benefits that their parents worked for selling fried snacks and other homemade food on the local market and in the streets. I would often ask my young neighbors if they think they could achieve that. “It’s possible kakak (big sister) Roanne, but you would need to graduate first. Be able to speak English and dare to talk to tourists and taught by experienced teachers”, they would reply. And that’s not easy to achieve for the poorest people living in Jakarta.

Good education is the best way for these slum children to have a fighting chance achieving a reasonably paid job and with that a better future – everyone agrees on that. Parents save up all their hard earned money to pay for the education of their children; the government subsidizes primary education for the poorest families in society. But even with this support education is still relatively costly as the mandatory uniforms, books and transportation (sometimes the school is located at the other side of town) are a relatively high financial burden.

Because of this, the Indonesian Widya Tuslian and the Dutch Gustaaf Reerink set up a school for the poorest of these children in Jakarta. They attracted well educated and experienced teachers work there as a volunteer without any payment so that these children receive high quality education. Subjects include English, reading skills and arts. Material such as books are free, so that all children can enjoy this opportunity even if their parents cannot afford to buy books. The school is located in the neighborhood Cipete since 2014 and about 30 pupils have joined this school. I met Gustaaf during my research; he worked as a lawyer and legislation consultant in Jakarta. During that first visit and later meetings we discussed this school multiple times. We are both convinced that education is the best way to help underprivileged children. Gustaaf’s school requires help: to pay the rent of the school’s location, to acquire new books and other material for these children who are keen to start school.

SRI supports this school for underprivileged children in Jakarta since July 2018. And, next year Janny and Willemien hope to visit this school during their annual trip to Indonesia.

Anthropologist and author Roanne van Voorst lived and did her research in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Jakarta. These neighborhoods are also the most prone to flooding in Jakarta. She continues to try and help the vulnerable population of these poor neighborhoods. She is also the author of the book “The Best Place in the World, living in Jakarta’s slums”. Published by Brandt, ISBN 978 94 9203 32 9



Bali

Sjaki-Tari-us, the school for mentally challenged children and youths, has celebrated the move to the new building. The school is doing well and has received many new applications from potential pupils.

Currently, 65 children have enrolled causing an increase in the number of pupils per class. A new class set up is being made to ensure that each class has a lower number of pupils: During the mornings the youngest children attend the classes and during the afternoons the older children attend classes. This also means that more teachers and assistants are required and they, in turn, also need additional training. All in all, there needs a lot to be done in this new season!

After the Balinese holidays, the children's drawing course Rare Kemong has begun again. As we have reported before, this is a nice example of a project that, after receiving temporary support from SRI in the beginning, is now capable of operating independently while receiving local support.

Some of our contacts have reported that the children supported by them have started out well in the new school year.

The Netherlands

Several activities have been organized in The Netherlands as well.

Two board members have presented SRI and our activities using the beautiful pictures from the annual visits at a senior home in Wassenaar. They also presented this at the Soroptimistclub at The Hague.

In June, the Indonesian Day was a beautiful day with many meetings, conversations, delicious snacks and nice merchandise: It was a real koempoelan (meeting) with sunny weather even!

The project descriptions have been updated on the website to include the past activities and we have included the privacy regulation (Dutch law: General Data Protection Regulation) valid from May 25, 2018.

All activities could not have been made possible without the moral and material support and cooperation of our donors and supporters. We would like to thank you all profoundly and hope that you may continue to support our cause.

Terima kasih banyak (thank you so much)!



Rare Kemoning



Indonesia Day, the board of SRI wearing the clothes made by members of Lidia