

Yet another newsletter issued in this global corona pandemic, to inform you about all SRI related work in both Indonesia and The Netherlands.

Unfortunately, Janny and Willemien were not able to visit Indonesia last spring, as you may have understood. Luckily, we can communicate with most of our contacts through e-mail, Whatsapp, SMS and Zoom. The situation in both Java and Bali is still precarious; schools remain closed and all measurements such as social distancing are still in place. In Indonesia, the vaccination program is in full swing, but there is still a long way to go until every resident has received a vaccination.

Here in The Netherlands, we have been busy too; Helga, our graphic designer and member of the board, has created a beautiful new website: sri-indonesie.nl. We invite you to take a look and read the articles on the new website. When directed to [Kembang Wangi](#), you will even be able to [watch a short video](#) about the periodic inspection of the goats (kept by the women of Kembang Wangi) by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, very nice to watch!

Java

Willemien has joined one of the activities organized by women's cooperation Lidia in Solo, via Zoom. She also joined part of the annual board meeting via Zoom. The plans for 2021 have been discussed; these include training sessions to offer members ways to mentally cope with difficult situations, to improve and enhance solidarity (gotong royong in Bahasa Indonesia), provide help for members who have been hit the hardest by this pandemic, to improve marketing skills and how to remain positive towards the community. Most of these training sessions will be held via Zoom.

During the first quarter of 2021, 14 families in Solo and Klaten have received not only financial support to pay school fees, but also received food aid due to COVID-19. The food aid will be slowly phased out, since it seems that the economic situation is improving.

Children are still being taught virtually (online) and as such, they will need to pay additional costs to continue their online connection during this semester. SRI will continue to support these additional costs as long as education will be online.

As you may have seen on our [new website](#), the goat project by women's cooperation Kembang Wangi in Musuk, on the slopes of the Merapi, is a real success. The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development checks the animals frequently. This project started a few years ago with just two goats, financed by SRI and has now grown into a blossoming activity. The development of vegetable cultivation has also continued, thus providing not only food for their families but also enable them to sell vegetables.

The children of Kembang Wangi also receive financial support to pay for the internet costs enabling them to join their online education. Our contact has also suggested a workshop for the women lead by a psychologist in May to enable them to cope with stress in this COVID-19 period. This way, it might be easier for the women to discuss this and find a solution together.

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SRI news

The news letters are also published on our website. We also include an Dutch and Indonesian translation of the news letter, after one of our volunteers has finished the translation:

sri-indonesie.nl/newsletter/

sri-indonesie.nl/surat-berita/



Food packages.



The women of Lidia prepare food for the poor during the month of Ramadhan.

Bali

We have established contact with some people on Bali by way of SMS and we can now better understand the situation there. Tourism on Bali is almost non-existent and this is reason for concern as a large part of the Balinese population depend on tourism.

We received the sad news of the passing of a woman, who has been an active participant in SRI projects since SRI started. Her daughter also organized a rice distribution circle back then for a large number of poor families in and around the village of Suka Sini. Willemien and Janny continued to meet them annually during their trip to Bali. SRI supports her granddaughters during their university studies. They lost their mother a few years ago and now they have said goodbye to their grandmother. This grandmother was a dear friend of Judith, the predecessor of the current SRI. Please refer to the history of SRI on our website: sri-indonesie.nl/sri.

The Netherlands

Judging from the current global situation, it does not seem possible for Willemien and Janny to travel to Indonesia. Since this means that the traditional Indonesia Day will be cancelled, we hope to organize an alternative in a smaller setting and in accordance with the latest COVID-19 regulations. We will keep you informed and are looking forward to meet our loyal supporters and be able to tell you all about the people in Indonesia. Thanks to your support we are able to continue our work on Java and Bali, in these most difficult times.

If you have questions or would like to know more about our projects, please do not hesitate to [contact](#) us.

We dearly hope that the global situation will soon improve and wish you all a healthy spring!

