

We have published another newsletter in this global corona pandemic for you. Other (and more restrictive) measurements are expected in The Netherlands, now that winter is coming.

This summer, the delta variant of COVID-19 wreaked havoc in Indonesia, causing hospitals to overflow with patients due to a shortage of beds, oxygen etc. Many people died due to this virus. Large parts of Indonesia (i.e. Java and Bali) had to conform to a strict lockdown. Fortunately, the situation has improved and an increased number of people have been vaccinated. About 22% of the 208 million Indonesian people, eligible for vaccination, have been fully vaccinated and just under 40% have received their first vaccination. Some measurements have been scaled down, allowing schools to open for 2 hours per day. Most tourists are still not allowed into the country. Only Bali allows entry for tourists originating from selected countries; tourists entering Bali are still required to undergo the mandatory quarantine in government appointed hotels.

Time will tell if Janny and Willemien will be able to visit Java and Bali next year, to meet people in person again. Until then, we will make use of Whatsapp, videocalls and Zoom.

Java

The women's cooperation Lidia in Solo has been organizing a webinar every month starting May 2021. A webinar is an online training via the internet; the word is a combination of Web (i.e. the internet) and seminar. These webinars were established during corona to allow continuation of training sessions and information sharing. The subjects included:

- Use of internet and social media to showcase your products (i.e. marketing),
- Motivating via networking; a psychologist informed about possible problems people may encounter during the pandemic within the family and/ or outside and how to handle this,
- Leadership of women during this pandemic; the power of women as they multitask – housekeeping, assist the children with school work, doing groceries, cooking etc. How to divide your time and continue keeping up.

Willemien attended 4 webinars and shared information about the situation in The Netherlands. Approx. 60 women attended each webinar. Our contact Ratih introduced each subject and a professional then took over and presented the subject. The women's feedback was very positive; the women felt connected and empowered during this difficult time.

The members of women's network of Kembang Wangi in Musuk use this same manner to keep in contact and share their experiences. It is obvious that social media is very important and used frequently during Covid.

Our contact Yani is a post-graduate from a university in Solo. She is a co-author of [an article](#) (or refer to: sri-indonesie.nl/publicaties) discussing the works of SRI.

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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/



Images used in a Lidia webinar: multi-tasking and networking.

She emphasizes the personal contacts SRI establishes, the value of listening to people's stories and their background to properly match their support to the people's actual needs. Thus, SRI's contacts are able to report to SRI and their donors. Reciprocity and equality are her core values.

Children on Java are allowed to attend class again (physically) for 2 hours per day. Physical attendance is mostly, only 3 days per week. We will continue to provide financial support to allow continuous internet connection for our pupils as they will continue to attend online classes (virtually).

We would also like to report that three of our former high school pupils have continued their education at a local university. They have been rewarded a scholarship from the Indonesian government. SRI provides them with a little financial assistance to allow for books and internet connection.

During October, SRI also sent food packages to five families in Solo and Klaten.

Bali

We have finally been able to contact (via Whatsapp) the man who used to run a juice stall at the night market near Sanur. Unfortunately, he has to give up his stall due to a steady decrease of customers. Since many Balinese people depend on tourists as a source of income, many people have lost their jobs. Buying fruit juice is not something Balinese people view as a must-do! This man's rental agreement is also almost due. This means that he and his family soon need to move out of the room they have called home. We are glad that we can help them and that the children are able to continue their education.

The tailor's family is also struggling; their warung (stall) has lost its' customers and they try to be as creative as possible to generate income so they can survive. SRI's support was very much needed and welcomed.

We were able to reach most of the other contacts to send our support which allowed the children to continue their education.

Yogi and Dudyk, the founders and project leaders of the creative arts program Rare Kemoning are preparing to set up a pre-school (kindergarten) and after school activity program for primary school pupils. They strive to educate the children more about nature, environment, Balinese arts etc – the subjects they have started to teach in Rare Kemoning. They have signed a letter of agreement at the notary and have started a crowdfunding to help them build a simple open structure building to house this new program. SRI has also contributed to this. The name of this new program is Seva Karuna Nusantara, "Service to the gift of the archipelago in which we are children, and are the next generation". We are looking forward to hear more about their progress. The pre-school program has started with qualified teachers. Parents pay a tuition fee if they are able to do so.

Looking back, 2021 has been a hard and worrisome year for many in both The Netherlands and Indonesia. Despite the many worries, we have come across a lot of creativity when finding new possibilities for and in daily life. We are very grateful that we, as SRI can make the difference for a number of people, by listening to them and if necessary, to support them. We hope to continue to do so in 2022 and wish you faith and all the best in these times!



Women of Kembang Wangi selling their teas, herbs etc.



Children are learning the months of the year and counting by using illustrations of the sun.