

At the end of this year, we would like to inform you about the developments of all SRI projects. The COVID-19 situation in Indonesia has been improved compared to the first quarter of 2022. Schools and universities have opened their doors again, but urge the continued use of facemasks. The global tensions have impacted Indonesia's economy as well, with fuel prices rising and increased inflation.

## JAVA

In Solo and Klaten we have been supporting **33 children in various schools** this period: 1 in Kindergarten (Taman Kanak-Kanak), 10 in primary school (Sekolah Dasar), 6 in secondary school (Sekolah Menengah Pertama), 14 in high school (Sekolah Menengah Kejurusan/ Akhir) and 2 in university. Thanks to your support, these children are able to continue their education. A girl who received our support last year to enter university, is doing so well, that starting August she has received a scholarship from that university! She will not be needing SRI support anymore.

The **women's cooperation Lidia** in Solo has organized several training sessions again. About 30 women attended each session. One training session covered starting a small business, while receiving guidance and using individual skills and talents. Another training session covered flower arranging. Flower arrangements, especially larger pieces, are frequently used to celebrate on many occasions. Making these pieces by yourself is obviously cheaper. The attendees of this training session discovered that flower arranging could be a source of income and the start of their small business..

Fortunately, it is not necessary to support families with food packages.

The **women's cooperation Kembang Wangi** in Musuk, Boyolali region Environmental awareness is also increasing in Indonesia. Plastic bags have been banned and are replaced by bags made of recycled material. Our contact cares a lot about the environment and finds this important as traditionally, it is custom to treat Mother Earth with respect. The women have been doing this for years: Ceremonies are held when planting the crops and when harvesting them. The women have seen the environment deteriorating and wish to stop this. This requires new skills, i.e. their small business' products are still packed in plastic. They will need to find alternatives to replace plastics and in doing so, respect Mother Earth. This has been referred to as ecofeminism, a term used by a group of female activists.

Thanks to our contact, a **new women's cooperation** will be started in Jumando, Karanganyar district, Central Java. Many women there have experienced a major contamination issue, which greatly impact the environment. This district has a major fashion industry, comprising of many clothing factories, which dump their waste on land, near the vegetable gardens of the women. The factories' interest (getting rid of their waste) competes heavily with the interest of the female farmers (finding an environment friendly solution for this waste). The women notice the violation of respect for Mother Earth and the impact on their lives.

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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:

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The training session "Flower arrangements" at Women's cooperation Lidia.

The focus of the new cooperation is to bring these two groups together and find a practical solution that will work for both parties. The women receive training on how to engage in meaningful discussions to find viable solutions for this environmental issue and to be an ambassador for ecofeminism.

We really are curious to know more about these two pilot projects and how they will develop. We think that these projects really deserve our support and we will keep you updated on their progress.

## BALI

The general situation in Bali is improving, albeit slowly. Tourists have started visiting again, but the numbers are relatively small. On top of that, Bali has been suffering from torrential rains, damaging roads and bridges.

The school **Seva Karuna** in Central Bali is doing well. Their playgroup consists of 4 children ages 3 and 4 years. The Pre-Schoolgroup consists of 10 children between 5 and 6 years old. The playgroup is scheduled from 10:30am to 12:30pm. The Pre-Schoolgroup starts at 8am and ends at 10am. The children have created their own vegetable garden and have even harvested some of these vegetables. This way, they learn how to grow and care for these vegetables, which end on their own plates. The children are also taken on nature walks, to teach them about the relation between culture and nature. For example, they are taught which plants can be used for natural coloring; the leaves are collected and processed (boiled) to release a coloring agent. At the end of October, the school was closed down for a week due to heavy rain. The children were unable to attend as roads and bridges were damaged.

His widow and two sons are now managing the **warung of Yoyon**, as we continue to call this shop - even after the passing of Yoyon himself. The shop is open again, but business is still slow.

The night market has opened too, enabling the family exploiting a **fruit juice stand** to continue their business.

In North Bali, **20 children** in primary school have also started their curriculum in August.

We are grateful that we are able to keep in contact with most of SRI's contacts via internet and Whatsapp. We do hope that the global situation will improve greatly so that Janny and Willemien are able to visit Indonesia and the SRI projects themselves. Personal contact remains highly valued.

We would like to thank you again for your support, which enables SRI to continue supporting all these projects.

*Happy holidays and a healthy and enlightened 2023!*



Some children carrying their own harvested vegetables. Below, several colorful pictures of nature.