# 2021 Report

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a severe impact on Indonesia. Rising poverty, school closures and the collapse of the health system has left many families struggling to survive.

Indonesia has the highest number of coronavirus deaths in Southeast Asia. In the struggle to contain Covid-19, the government shut down many schools and dramatically simplified the curriculum to focus on essential numeracy and literacy skills. This forced millions of Indonesian children to shift from classroom learning to online learning. Despite the government's efforts to help support remote learning, over half of school students in Indonesia do not have access to the internet resulting in significant disruptions to their education.

Without the opportunity to learn, these children are in a vulnerable position. They are at greater risk of poverty, poor health, child marriage and forced labour. With your donations, we were able to play a part in tackling this educational crisis through our various projects by providing support for children to learn and grow in these challenging times.

### Serpong

Since last year a lot of progress had been made on the Secondary School in terms of the construction work, the wall on the side of the building was completed and works had begun on the front of the building.



Unfortunately, due to the monsoon season and the rainfall that came, as the playground in the front of the school had not yet been built, it flooded and urgently needed more funding in order to lay the concrete for the children to play, and also for them to access the school.



We were pleased to be able raise the funds in order to carry out the necessary work and the playground has now been built.



Workmen completing the playground in the Secondary School

#### Aceh

Despite all the challenges faced this year, our nursery schools have been accredited with an A rating and received an accolade from the local government for being a model school. With the struggle to contain Covid-19, many schools in Indonesia have not been a position to safely re-open. However, the process was fast-tracked by our teams in our Aceh school. With the help of your donations, we were able to coordinate limited offline classes. Despite this achievement, we now face a new challenge in the number of educators available. The recruitment process is still in progress.



Nursery children doing their daily morning exercises before lessons start.

### **Padang**

Although the school is in a rural area with very few visitors, our teams have ensured that all students understand and adhere to precautionary Covid-19 measures including mask wearing and hand washing. Thanks to your contributions and the strict restrictions put in place, we were able to continue to provide a shorter amount of face-to-face learning. Although these were not full-time classroom lessons, it was more effective than online learning as most students do not have access to mobile phones or even Internet coverage. We found that it is no longer necessary to fund the school, as the government already provides the relevant funds, so we have now decided that we would like to enhance the children's education by providing an after school club, where they are free to continue their homework and also get extra religious studies.

#### Lombok

The pandemic has left Indonesia's healthcare system in a fragile position. It hasn't had the capacity to absorb and accommodate the varying healthcare demands leaving many people with no access to basic healthcare. Thanks to your donations, our small clinic in Lombok has been able to provide health assistance to 30-45 people monthly. The care given focused on supporting those with underlying health conditions. In addition, free medical check-ups were also carried out and certain medicines (available to us) were distributed where required. The team are currently working on sourcing a wheelchair to one of our volunteer teachers of the area. There has been a limit to the amount or people we were able to help as we only have one nurse in the field. Next year, we aim to strengthen our support by adding more volunteers.

#### **Gunung Kidul**

Our Islamic Boarding School staff have carried out an excellent job in enforcing strict social distancing measures throughout the pandemic. As a result, this has created a safe environment for the children with a low level of disruption to their education. We greatly appreciate your donations that have allowed us to support our 8 teachers and provide much needed material from stationery to textbooks. The existing kitchen was far too small to accommodate over 100 children that attend the boarding school, so the charity extended it to enable the staff to better cater for the children.



#### Bali

The people in Bali are not always originally from the island, and are often people travelling from other places, especially Java, and it is not unusual for them to stay for only short periods of time.

That being the case, the children of Bali need to have some form of education where they can attend structured studying.

The Hatch Barnwell Charitable Trust provides a safe place where the children can go to attend regular classes, rather than being forced to randomly study elsewhere in an informal setting, or roam the streets.

We hope that we can continue to provide this valuable facility for the vulnerable children if Bali.



Here are some of the children in attending some of our after school activities

## Financial Summary Year ending 31st March 2021

<u>Income</u>	£
Donations Gift Aid Refund	27,465 9,720
Total Income	37,185
Expenses	
Donations to the ICA Account charge Bank charge Website costs	30,000 180 94 0
Total Expenses	30,274
Net Movement in Funds for the Year Total Funds brought forward Total Funds carried forward	6,911 2,425 9,336

## **Acknowledgments**

Firstly, we would like to thank Nunuk and Mentari for their amazing contribution and enabling the smooth running of our projects across all the islands of Indonesia, throughout the year.

Additionally, through your donations, we have been able to help vulnerable children across Indonesia gain access to education and learning materials in a safe environment. You truly make a difference, and we are extremely grateful.

# Thank you!