

2023 Report

Over the course of 2023, everything had improved again since the previous year however the economic growth was not quite as expected. There was a government initiative to ensure that children were able to get free schooling in their local areas. However, some of the schools were so oversubscribed, it was necessary for the children from both the primary and secondary schools to attend schools further afield, which led them to our schools in the villages.

Even though the economy was improving generally, unfortunately the impact on the less fortunate families who struggled to make ends meet was still there. It was still quite normal for many small children to have to work and help their family to sell goods in the market or look after younger siblings while their parents were at work, so missing out on their childhood.

The Hatch Barnwell Charitable trust, endeavour to reach out to these families and advise that they are available to help financially, so that their children can attend one of our schools.

Serpong

Unfortunately, this year Serpong experienced a drought for many months, which had a huge impact on the wellbeing of everyone. The existing wells at the schools completely dried out, which the under privileged children need access to everyday. In some of the luckier villages in the region, their wells were still producing water, which resulted in people travelling to those villages for the essential water they needed, which meant they missed out on their education.

So, to help the families we attempted to dig the land nearby even deeper to find water several times, however each time the land was dry... Eventually, we were fortunate enough to find water in one of the wells, which we invited the families of the children to use as their water supply. Obviously, we were aware that other people were also accessing the water, however that was fine as long as they were staying healthy.



This image shows two of our workers successfully digging deep into the land, to connect a pipe, to supply essential water for the children, staff and their families. It was a proud moment for our Trust.

On a much more positive note, we completed the building works for the canteen in early 2023, which meant that the children could enjoy the facilities and have their meals there in a specially designed area, which they really seemed to enjoy.

We wanted to educate the children about recycling, so we asked them to bring from home, any materials that they thought could be reused to make the costumes for a play to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves not only making the outfits but performing at the play for their families. As a bonus, we were so pleased when our primary school in Serpong were awarded first prize for the best costumes.



The children wearing their own hand made recycled costumes for the play on Indonesia's Independence Day

The original Futsal, (which is a football-based game played on a hardcourt but smaller than a regular football pitch) had worn out. So, we refurbished the existing one and replaced it with a multi-function Futsal, which can be used for football, badminton, volleyball and basketball so that more sports could be enjoyed by the children.



The Futsal, after it has been refurbished

Aceh

The progress was slower than anticipated at the nursery school in Aceh. Every class in the school unfortunately was under capacity in terms of attendance, possibly due to there being so of them in the area. However, we successfully added the additional 'day care' session which always has good attendance.

We had previously planned to build a primary school in Aceh, however the headmistress and Al-Hidayah who manage the nursery school, have not yet come to a decision about the date and so this project has been delayed for now.

However, we will request that the headmistress carries out more workshops to enable the parents to better support their children in terms of parenting itself, encourage their children to complete the homework on time. Hopefully as a result they will naturally go forwards onto the primary school that we intend to build.



Children in Aceh playing during their break time

Padang

Sadly, we have not found a replacement for Farida in the local area, however we hope to revisit this project and help the orphans and under-privileged children in the area again, in the future.

Bali

The Hatch Barnwell Charitable Trust purchased a property in Bali in 2022 to accommodate the volunteers, however unfortunately as with any new business venture, it didn't work out quite as we had hoped and so this project has been suspended for an indefinite period of time.

We hope that the circumstances change, and that one day in the future we can continue working again to support the homeless and vulnerable.

Lombok

Since building the healthcare clinic, we have been advised by the Indonesian health authority that we need to apply for the relevant licence in order to function as a clinic. We have been trying since the middle of last year to obtain this licence and hope that we can report back on this in due course. The impact of this is that we are unable to extend the premises until we have this in place, this has been temporarily delayed.

We have hired Rashid in the Lombok area to select the children who have been affected by any natural disasters (such as a volcanic eruption), so that we can finance the children and their families. To date we have 50 children under Rashid's care that we are helping in this manner.



Children studying in the primary school near the healthcare clinic

Gunung Kidul

As mentioned in 2022, the current school is overcrowded and therefore the charity is looking to invest in another school to educate and house the many children and hopefully meet the demands in the area.



The children attending the school in Gunung Kidul range between the ages of 3 to 18 years old.

Here the children are attending one of their daily classes in the school, where they are lucky to be educated outdoors in the fresh air.

The charity would like to whole heartedly thank Ibu Titik Purwo for find another building for us to purchase and convert into a school.

We hope to be able to accommodate a further 50 students initially at the new school but believe that there is enough land to possibly extend it again, to help double that number of children.

Financial Summary Year ending 31st March 2023

	£
<u>Income</u>	
Donations	38,306
Gift Aid Refund	4,455
Total Income	42,761
<u>Expenses</u>	
Donations to the ICA	28,730
Account charge	180
Bank charge	118
Website costs	0
Total Expenses	29,028
Net Movement in Funds for the Year	20,184
Total Funds brought forward	6,421
Total Funds carried forward	13,763

Acknowledgements

Firstly, we would like to thank Ibu Titik (Jogja) and Rashid (Bali) for their outstanding contribution to the projects they are responsible for, without whom they would not be able to be as successful as they have been and continue to be.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone concerned at all of our regions across Indonesia.

Additionally, the ICA made a donation to the Indonesian Islamic Centre (IIC) London to purchase a property so that the Indonesian community in London have a community centre where they can gather and be taught about the culture and the religion amongst other important aspects.

Finally, through your generous 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!