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A message from our founder & chairman

As we celebrate 25 years since establishing the East Bali Poverty Project in 1998 and partnering with the 19 impoverished and isolated Ban 'village' mountain communities which lacked access to the basics of water & sanitation, nutritious foods, healthcare, education, road infrastructure and electricity, we reflect with pride on the great progress we have achieved in addressing the above.

Whilst we have empowered most of the communities with the basic needs of water, sanitation and comprehensive outreach healthcare our focus continues on empowering the children in the most isolated location of Manikaji where, despite inadequate road access and the remoteness of most students' homes from the school, they arrive at school every day, through rain and shine, with beaming smiles and eager to learn and succeed.

While malnutrition is still a major issue for some of the 1,800 or so infants aged 0-5 in Ban village, we made great progress in 2023, the fourth year of our 5-year Malnutrition Study towards developing a replicable Family Model to deal with nutritional problems for both the mother and her infants.

A major factor making access to affordable nutritional foods difficult, not only for feeding young children but also for families as a whole, is the poor quality of the steep and dry volcanic ash agricultural land, a major asset of most families in Ban who typically own an average one hectare or more. With no rivers or irrigation stream throughout the 7,800-hectare mountain village, farmers rely on optimising their cassava and corn harvests during the 4-5 months rainy season. They are unable to grow nutritious vegetables due to the infertile soil.

However, the results achieved by our Manikaji students in their pilot dryland regenerative agriculture and agroforestry project on the steep sandy slopes behind Manikaji School are exceedingly promising from their first few nutritious vegetable harvests, and in 2024 will continue on their own families' land, with the ultimate goal of the 350 Manikaji families learning by doing from our students and applying all of the new organic farming techniques to their own land and starting on the road to sustainable economic development.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our donors and volunteers for their support through donations, time, and dedication.



DAVID J. BOOTH

Founder and Chief Executive Officer



I KOMANG KURNIAWAN

Chairman

Our Programmes

Integrated children's education

The programs focus on holistic education, including life skills, environmental awareness, and cultural preservation, to prepare students for future challenges. EBPP also provides free education to children from low-income families, including scholarships to help students continue their education at higher levels.

Youth Empowerment

The youth empowerment program of the East Bali Poverty Project (EBPP) has made significant strides in transforming the lives of local youth by developing essential skills in health outreach, nutrition, reproductive health, financial and computer literacy, and gender equality. By addressing critical issues such as child marriage, the program empowers participants to advocate for their rights and make informed choices about their futures.

Community Health Outreach

The health program of the East Bali Poverty Project (EBPP) aims to improve community well-being through vital initiatives focused on maternal health services, nutrition education for malnourished children, and interventions against stunting. It also provides physiotherapy and ENT examinations. Our health program also addresses anemia awareness in teenage girls through nutritional support.



Regenerative Dryland Agriculture and Agroforestry

East Bali Poverty Project (EBPP) is dedicated to transforming the steep volcanic ash agricultural landscape in local communities through sustainable farming practices. We empower the locals by providing training in regenerative agriculture, helping them enhance crop yields while preserving the environment. Our initiatives include promoting organic farming techniques, teaching the importance of composting, and empowering students to grow their own vegetables in their families' regenerated farmland.



188

The total number of students enrolled

77

Elementary students

64

Junior high students

52

Senior high students

6

EBPP schools

17

Teachers

8

Local tutors

Manikaji School Roof repair

On 2 January 2023, the roof of Manikaji School was seriously damaged by hurricane-strength winds. The repair, was completed by 16 January through a community-driven effort, with Yayasan Ekoturin staff, students, and parents working together.

Integrated Children's Education

In 2023, we continued our integrated education for almost 174 children in elementary, junior and senior high school levels in our six remote community schools in Ban village, East Bali. With your support, we able to continue free education for future changemakers.

We introduced more interactive techniques to give these motivated students a fresh approach to the national mandatory subjects as well as the integrated life skills they need to empower them for a better future, such as weekly English Club and regular Computer Class, etc. We continued teaching a wide range of extra curricula subjects in health, hygiene, sanitation, art, music, Balinese dance, etc. from elementary through to high school graduation.

OUR VISION

In 2023, the vision of the EBPP Education Team centered on providing integrated and accessible education to the students of Ban Village, overcoming challenges such as illiteracy and difficult road access. By offering free educational materials, integrating technology with computer instruction, and launching programs like the English Club, EBPP aimed to equip students with essential skills for their future. The team fostered creativity and holistic development through project-based learning, counseling services, and participation in national events and competitions. Committed to empowering students and the community, the EBPP Education Team continues to work towards creating lasting positive impacts.

Key Achievements For 2023

In 2023, 16 students successfully graduated from the East Bali Poverty Project (EBPP) schools, marking an important milestone in their education. The graduation ceremony took place on June 20, celebrating their academic achievements after 12 years of study.

- **School Graduation:** An exciting day for EBPP was the graduation of 16 high school students on June 20, 2023. Among them, I Wayan Doyok, a standout student from Darmaji School, received a prestigious scholarship to study law at Mahasaraswati University in Denpasar and Komang Nyos received scholarship to study Public Health and Dyana Pura University. The other graduates followed short course and training for working overseas.



- **Indonesian National Education Day and Independence Day Celebrations:** Students celebrated National Education Day on May 2 and Independence Day on August 17 with a variety of competitions, traditional games, and performances, showcasing their talents such as debate competition, music, drama, Balinese dances, poetry, arts and fun games.
- **Computer Class:** EBPP introduced computer education in July, introducing computer functions, hardware, software, and teaching them about Microsoft Word.
- **Project activities** to make motivational posters Elections for the OSIS (Student Council) leadership for the 2023-2024 period took place on May 8, 2023, during a student field trip to Tenganan Pegringsingan Village and Virgin Beach.
- **Art Class:** learning theory and practice on the theme of flora and fauna. The students also learned to create a picture story/comics
- **Music Class:** Students learned to play the guitar and percussion. As a result, They wrote and recorded their songs in a creative way.
- **The Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection** visited on December 28, providing school supplies and engaging in discussions with students about their future aspirations.
- **Teacher Capacity Building:** Teachers also benefited from professional development, attending training sessions on the "Merdeka Belajar" (Freedom to Learn) curriculum from September 25-27 to enhance their teaching methods. This Teacher Capacity Building conducted by Indonesian Education Department.



Youth Empowerment

As we embark on a new year, it brings the immense joy to reflect on the remarkable milestones we achieved through the Youth Empowerment Program in 2023. This year has been a testament to the power of education, advocacy and community engagement in fostering positive changes.

One significant event was our students' presentation to the village leaders, Karangasem regency representatives and related stakeholders about the problems and the potentials in their village.

Additionally, in Darmaji customary villages, a notable step was taken with the approval of a customary law (Pararem) to prevent child marriages. This makes Darmaji the second of 19 villages in Ban to implement such a law.

Our students also put a major focus on environmental activities, with our Manikaji students initiating tree-planting activities on the barren Mount Abang slopes. These efforts were supported by a visit from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and other agencies, who followed up on the students' work and distributed fruit and tress seedlings to be planted in local gardens and forests.



Key Achievements for 2023



In 2023, 51 junior and senior high students actively participated in monthly discussions regarding children's rights, gender equality, SRHR services and counseling, and strategies to eradicate child marriage. With 95 parents, local leaders, and 66 people of Customary Village Assembly of Karangasem, Bali, Sruti, Bali Legal Aid, RRI (Radio Republic of Indonesia), and Regional Children Forum of Karangasem, East Bali.

- **Social media awareness:** 51 youth gained awareness, knowledge and skills on internet safety and social media campaign.
- **Digital activism:** 51 youth joined digital activism regarding the issues in their hamlet such as child marriage, school dropout, dirt roads, tree planting and women and youth involvement in the customary village governance by developing social media accounts: Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.
- **Ratified customary law regarding child marriage:** 2 customary villages in Ban Villages ratified the customary law regarding child marriage as the actual commitment to protect their children.
- **Presentations:** 51 youth participated in presentations beyond EBPP Communities such as Bali Sruti, Bali Legal Aid, RRI (Radio Republic of Indonesia), FAD (Forum Anak Daerah/Regional Children Forum) of Karangasem to spread awareness and gain networking regarding their campaign to voice the issues in their village.
- **Gender equality sports competitions:** 118 junior and senior high students got involved in gender equality sports competitions; volleyball and futsal.
- **Parent engagement:** 155 parents took part in the parent engagement program where the parents and children had a casual discussion about the students' education and parental support while practicing Balinese offering-making.
- **Petition:** 50 junior and senior high students created a petition on promoting gender equality, and stopping harassment, violence, school dropout, and child marriage.
- **Creative Projects:** 77 junior and senior high students actively participated in Creative Projects where they develop various creative works like music, digital journalism, short film, tree planting, etc. to voice the issues in their village such as child marriage, school dropout, dirt roads, gender inequality, and tree planting.



Community Health Outreach

With improved government involvement in the health sector, we were able to hand over some of our health program to the government such as home visit to malnourished children, posyandu, and health referral program. We still continue the programs such as physiotherapy clinic for children/adults with disabilities, ENT services for school children, and cleft lip children needing medical assistance.

Eradicating Infant Malnutrition

In 2023, we continued our five-year malnutrition study "Developing a Family Model Approach Method in Dealing with Nutritional Problems in Ban Village" in collaboration with Udayana University - Facultine of Medicine. The main activities were applying the developed model and investigating the impact of our 2021 and 2022 'family model approach' trial interventions.

2021 and 2022 malnutrition study participants, comprising 42 pregnant women families, 92 breastfeeding mother families, and 96 adolescent females. We measured the impact by conducting focus group discussions with the families of children under two years and pregnant women's families, having in-depth interviews with adolescent females, as well as taking anthropometric measurements of the mothers, children, adolescent females and babies who have since been born to pregnant women respondents.

We found some very interesting information: the husbands are more actively involved in fulfilling the needs of pregnant women and their babies; and adolescent females are more confident with their body shape and consume higher food varieties because they realise that healthy food does not have to be expensive.

Key Achievements For 2023

- **Children and 34 adults with disabilities got physiotherapys**
- **school children from 15 schools got ENT Examination**
- **Bottles of mineral water distributed to posyandu**
- **Infant born with cleft lips and 1 child with nasal deformity have undergone their first surgery.**
- **Breastfeeding mother families with children under two years and 30 pregnant women's families involved in family nutrition education and training program.**

- **Peer education:** We provided peer education to 86 adolescent females aged 14-19 who were divided into peer group based on their location in all of Ban's 17 sub-villages, in 3 stages over 3-month period by presenting different educational materials in each session, comprising: anemia and chronic lack of energy including EMO-DEMO (emotional-demonstration) "ATIKA" game; positive body image; and healthy diet. We also took anthropometric measurements, such as body weight, height, and mid-upper arm circumference as the baseline data of the nutritional status, and filled out a questionnaire and a pre-post-test.

- **Family gathering of children under 2 years old:** Family gatherings for 61 breastfeeding mothers, along with their husbands or mothers-in-law, were held in 3 stages over 3 months, with monthly home visits. Each session covered topics like a healthy diet for breastfeeding mothers, exclusive breastfeeding, complementary foods, and monitoring children's nutrition at posyandu. Anthropometric measurements were taken, and participants completed a questionnaire and pre-post-test.

- **In 2023, a transformative initiative was launched to support 30 pregnant women and their families in remote communities.** Over a three-month period, these women, accompanied by their husbands or mothers-in-law, participated in a series of family gatherings aimed at improving maternal health. Each month, a health team visited the homes of these families, conducting personalized sessions focused on vital health topics.



Key Highlights 2023 in number

- 61** Breastfeeding mother families with children under two years and 30 pregnant women's families involved in family nutrition education and training program.
- 86** Adolescent females involved in peer education program.
- 230** Families of pregnant women, breastfeeding mother, and adolescent females were monitored and measured.



Physiotherapy & Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Examinations/Treatment

In collaboration with YPK Bali: professional physiotherapists provided regular therapy services for children and adults with disabilities, as well as continuing to educate the parents in therapeutic movements that they can apply at home. We also provide pick-up services and home services for those who cannot reach a therapy location in our office due to access reasons and lack of a vehicle.

ENT services: In 2023, a total of 1,202 children received ENT (ear, nose, and throat) examinations and treatments. Out of these, 992 children (84%) were found to have accumulated earwax, which posed a risk of deafness. These children were treated, effectively freeing them from the risk. The program reached 15 schools, where 770 fun booklets on ear health were distributed to further raise awareness and promote good ear hygiene among the students.



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11

Children and 34 adults with disabilities got physiotherapy sessions

1,202

school children from 15 schools got ENT Examination

5,520

bottles of mineral water distributed to posyandu

1

child with food deformity received AFO shoes

1

disabled child received wheelchair

38

weekly physiotherapy therapies were organized

315

Total therapy sessions were delivered

770

fun booklets about hearing health were distributed



Regenerative Dryland Agriculture and Agroforestry

OUR ACTIVITIES

With the help of dryland permaculture experts, Krisna Waworuntu, we provided field workshops and hands-on dry-land training and practice to EBPP Manikaji middle and high school students. The activities include land preparation, cutting terraces, making solid and liquid organic fertilizers, planting trees, creating nutritious vegetable gardens, pest identification, sustainable harvesting, seed saving, and many more.. For Sustainable Soil Fertility, Water Retention, Food Security & Climate Resilience We have a demonstration plot garden for the farmers and students to learn and practice the dry-land regenerative agriculture-agroforestry.

Key activities include conducting land surveys, creating terraces and providing dry land agriculture education and training to local farmers and students, ensuring they have the necessary skills and information for successful agricultural practices in the future.

In addition to land site preparation and processing, the project emphasizes the production of organic fertilizers, planting of trees and vegetable seeds. These efforts aim to foster sustainable agricultural methods that benefit the environment and the community. The project also addresses practical aspects of farming, such as pest identification, harvesting and storing seedlings, and measuring rainfall and temperature.

Our EBPP students also conducted Field Study visit to Krisna Waworuntu's large organic farm in Pupuan village in Tabanan to study the agricultural system. They learned how to plant vegetable seeds, care for plants, transfer to plots with organic fertilizer, and how to control pests. They were also taught how to make organic compost from leaves and livestock manure and how to make chicken feed.

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The children help their parents cultivate their land. You can see it in their calloused hands. Educating them about permaculture is an effective way to spread knowledge in the community

Krisna Waworuntu.

expert on permaculture.

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Regenerative Dryland Agriculture and Agroforestry

Key Highlights in 2023

Quotes from Sintia, a Grade 11 student at EBPP Manikaji School, after a year of hands-on learning:

“ These techniques were completely new to me, and I applied them to help cultivate my family's land. I applied all the knowledge I learned, from collecting local ingredients to make organic fertilizer, creating terraces with waterways, caring for seedlings, using mulch, and more. The results were incredible—our crops grew luxuriantly, providing fresh and nutritious food, such as carrots, pak coy, tomatoes, eggplants, cabbage, and fruit trees such as longan, avocado, mangosteen, and durian for my family, This success, not only creates change in my family, but also inspires our neighbours to adopt sustainable agricultural practices, benefiting everyone's well-being. ”

22 farmer froup members received training on sustainable farming techniques, including terracing and the use of organic fertilizers, aiming to improve soil health and reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers for long-term productivity.

31 junior and senior high school students were trained to promote eco-friendly practices and equip them with valuable agricultural knowledge.

4 farmers and 19 students applied what they learned in their own gardens, showcasing their commitment to sustainability and setting examples for the community.



Priority projects for 2024

1 Improve Dirt Road Infrastructure for 700 Families & 3 Schools

Improve unsafe dirt roads for safer access for our students to go to EBPP Manikaji, Darmaji and Jatituhu schools and for the communities' safe access to local and regional health facilities and enable improved farming outputs and economic development by transporting harvested surplus crops to local and regional markets:

- 1,600 metres concrete road from Manikaji Kaliaga to Manikaji School: US\$8,800
- 3,600 metres dirt road from Manikaji School to Darmaji School: US\$19,775
- 1,500 metres concrete road from Darmaji School to Jatituhu School: US\$8,245

2 Support the Education of 84 Manikaji Children

Our 84 students in Manikaji remote EBPP school on Mount Abang rely on EBPP for their education, from age 6-18, due to government schools being too far away and no public transport available in this large East Bali mountain village. Most parents are illiterate and look to their educated children for a better future and to escape the cycle of poverty. It only costs US\$340/student/year. Estimated cost US\$28,540.

3 Malnutrition Outreach and Intervention

Developing a replicable "family model" to eliminate malnutrition among the 3,800 families living in the 15 sub-villages of Ban village, through a comprehensive 5-year interactive malnutrition study (2024 is Year 5, the final year), in partnership with Udayana University Medical Faculty, working with pregnant women and their families, families with babies under 2-years-old and adolescent girls. Estimated 2024 cost US\$24,157.

4 Food Security and Sustainable Economic Development

The 1,100 hectares steep and sandy volcanic ash farmland supporting the 3 most isolated and disadvantaged sub-villages of Manikaji, Darmaji & Jatituhu, high up the central Mount Abang slopes has no rivers or mountain springs and only crops of cassava and corn can be planted during the 4-5 months rainy season. EBPP, working with the highly motivated farmers groups, want to provide training and resources for the farmers and EBPP students in sustainable dry land permaculture and agroforestry to grow nutritious foods, cash crops and multi-beneficial trees to sell to local and regional markets using the upgraded road infrastructure (see No. 3 above). Estimated 2024 cost US\$50,000.



Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

(Expressed in Rupiah)

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	874.646.585	1.567.092.645
Prepaid expenses	48.981.288	29.999.334
Advance programs	56.700.000	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	980.327.873	1.597.091.979
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Right of use assets, net of	249.395.834	191.987.084
Fixed asset, net of	765.469.549	345.227.511
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1.014.865.328	537.214.595
TOTAL ASSETS	1.995.193.255	2.134.306.574
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	160.875.795	87.190.238
Taxes payable	8.231.375	8.532.209
Advance revenue	449.563.402	705.524.802
TOTAL SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES	618.670.572	801.247.249
NET ASSETS		
Restricted net assets	2.643.354.546	4.200.713.972
Unrestricted net assets	(3.266.831.864)	(2.867.654.647)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1.376.522.683	1.333.059.325
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1.955.193.255	2.134.306.574

Statement of Activities

for the year ended Dec 31, 2023 and 2022

FOR THE YEARS ANDED DES 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS :		
Revenues		
Head office operational & overhead costs	708.834.031	612.242.433
Others	15.101.677	17.161.631
Total Unrestricted revenue	723.935.708	629.404.064
Expenses		
General and administrative	1.123.112.925	1.097.335.875
Others	-	-
Total Unrestricted Expenses	1.123.112.925	1.097.335.875
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	(399.177.217)	(467.931.812)
Unrestricted Net Assets Beginning of Year	(2.867.654.488)	(2.399.722.677)
Unrestricted Net Assets Ending of Year	(3.266.831.864)	(2.867.654.488)
CHANGE IN RESTRICTED NET ASSETS :		
Revenues from donations	3.079.816.895	3.920.068.828
Program Expenses		
Integrated education	948.332.878	936.734.103
Sustainable community health outreach	609.354.183	572.322.473
Infrastructure	54.994.539	136.908.759
Toilet & Bathroom blocks	-	60.634.158
Bamboo development and reforestation	13.985.418	34.390.739
Vetiver development	3.922.051	3.883.055
Earthquake Response	11.458	594.168.098
Empowering Ban village youth	751.980.508	788.648.629
Insurance for staff	108.958.509	120.566.675
Organic vegetables gardens for food security and sustainable community development	107.173.978	60.590.498
Mount Agung Eruption Relief	10.000.000	14.016.700
Corona Virus Disease 2019 response	-	48.350.000
House construction and renovation for poor families, supporting school facilities and students and Hindu	28.482.800	505.798.000
Bali Community Temple retaining wall in Desa Petak		
Others	-	3.000.854
Total Program Expenses	2.637.176.321	3.880.012.740
Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Net Assets	442.640.574	40.056.088
ASSETS RESTRICTED NET BEGINNING OF YEAR	4.200.713.971	4.160.657.883
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS ENDING OF YEAR	4.643.354.545	4.200.713.971
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1.376.522.681	1.333.059.483

In Gratitude

With heartfelt appreciation, we thank you—our visionary supporters—for being an essential part of this important journey.

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