Dear friends and supporters,

As the COVID-19 lockdown in our village continues, all our staff are actively involved in the communities addressing the need for food and nutrition. To address this, we have designed age-appropriate nutrition packages for which we urgently seek funding. We also support the Food for Families initiative with our civil society for distributing key essentials in our hamlets.

**EBPP’s COVID-19 UPDATE: Our Dedicated Field Teams**

**EBPP Education Team**

Divided into 3 groups with the division of tasks as follows: One team goes from house to house distributing learning materials for each student to ensure that all students get subject materials to study at their respective homes for the following week, and the third team is preparing reports for submitting to the central education department through an online system AND accessing new learning programs from the education department to share with all teachers and students.

**EBPP WASH and Bamboo Teams**

Assist the health team to check the malnourished babies and under-5s and report directly to the coordinator if a child is found to have insufficient food and nutrition. To address this, we have designed age-appropriate nutrition packages for which we urgently seek funding. We also support the Food for Families initiative with our civil society for distributing key essentials in our hamlets.

**Pengasuan high school graduates bamboo training projects:**

Due to the personal contact required with this activity, we had to send them home until the government gives the “all clear.”

**Health Team Activities**

Our main focus: Home visits to malnourished children, children with disabilities and special medical conditions, food supplements distribution together with community health service (Puskesmas) nutrition, assistance for children needing medical treatment in hospitals and coordinating with Illan Village head and Puskesmas for Covid-19 quarantines.

**Great news from the Head of Puskesmas**

Monthly immunization programs from March to October included a visit to our Illan Village. 20 community health nurses (pasyandu) – as it is commonly known locally – take their duties for immunization at the Puskesmas – which is a step away from the furthest hamlet! And, EBPP will be distributing mineral water to mothers who come to the postynus.

**EBPP’s Field Report from Kameang Kuriaman**

Each hamlet has erected a COVID-19 Integrated Service Post. The villagers informing the community to stay at home, with 2-3 people standing by to control the area. Only people who have specific reasons may go in and out of their respective hamlets. For communication, they use their local CBT radio, sending information regularly or all know quickly if something happens in any occasion – and provide support if needed.

We hope that you, our supporters, are staying safe and healthy and will provide further updates at the beginning of May but please do get in touch and all donations will be acknowledged and much appreciated during this pandemic crisis.

With gratitude,

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