

Newsletter

Seraya Project
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WINS foundation



Dear readers, donors, sponsors ,

Early this year WINS Foundation and Foundation Bali Bundar joined together to establish an education center in Seraya Tengah.

It gives us great pleasure to present our first joint newsletter.

This is to celebrate our successful cooperation, and also to inform you about the status of 'our' Seraya Project.

Starting with nothing, but with much energy and motivation of our people on site within a half year we have set up a good base to ensure further growth and expansion.

We gratefully thank all sponsors, donors, volunteers, child sponsors, and interested people for all the help, donations and other contributions that we are receiving.

We also like to introduce Mr. Wayan Berata, our newly appointed coordinator for Seraya. Our congratulations go to him for all that he has achieved in a few short months. He is now responsible for twenty five beautiful motivated children.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter,

Trudy Mentink,
Bali Bundar

Gill Rijnenberg,
WINS

The village of Seraya

Seraya is a small village stretched along the eastern coast of Bali, in the region of Karangasem.



There is some work for the people via fishing and farming, but it is certainly not enough for most parents to feed their children adequately, which makes education a luxury.

Many children in this village are orphans or semi orphaned (one parent only), partly due to the lack of health care in this area. Most children attend primary school because it is free of charge, but after that many have to start work at an early age, to support the family's meagre income.

To break this vicious circle and prevent the children being placed in an orphanage, we decided to help solve this problem.

The result is the cooperation of WINS and Bali Bundar, with a base in Seraya, where the children are taken care of, and where ongoing education can be provided to children of all ages.

Current situation

The new Education Center will be named : **Yayasan Seraya Bundar**.

We have already found a location, but we will have to start from scratch. There are no facilities yet. No classroom, no office, no computer, no playground.



Thanks to the generosity of our local coordinator for now his home is being used as the base until we can provide more permanent infrastructure.



The children study and attend classes 'under a tree'. The most important element for now is that they can go to school and have a place to go to after school.

The team in Seraya

Our coordinator in Seraya is Wayan Berata.

Wayan Berata is responsible for the daily operation of the center and for the implementation of the WINS program. He will also coordinate all development projects in future, such as the building projects..



*My name is
I Wayan Berata*

*I am 29 years old,
and I live in Bali,
in the village of
Seraya.*

*I am proud to be
a Balinese.*

*When I was a child, I wanted to help
and protect my community, and at
first I wanted to join the army.*

*But it makes me sad, that most of the
people of my village are poor and not
educated, and that they cannot
support their children to go to school
for education. My passion is reading
books, and my dream is to help the
children in my village get education,
so they can also read, and learn to
build a future for themselves.*

*In May 2009, the people of the Bali
Bundar Foundation told me about the
WINS project.*

*I was happy with their program which
is to support children to go to school.*

*Soon after that I was asked to setup
and run a Sanggar Belajar (Education
Center) in my village. That was a big
challenge for me. Because I have no
experience in running a yayasan, and
my English is not the best, but I did
not doubt for a moment and I decided
do it. I will give all I have to do that.
So I joined the Wins and Bali Bundar
project.*

*I am happy. My dream came true,
and the children now can go to
school.*

Wayan Berata

In the daily operations, Wayan Berata is assisted by his wife Wayan Mini.



The WINS education program

The WINS program aims to teach the children independence and self sufficient responsibility. In addition to the regular education, we organize additional classes in:

- English and other languages
- Computer skills
- Culture (dance and music)
- Sex education
- Social Skills, eg communication and public speaking
- Thinking about the future and
- Planning (including having their own savings account at the local bank)
- Physiotherapy (when applicable)
- Caring for the Environment and Personal Hygiene.

One of the WINS objectives is to assist each Education Center to become selfsufficient and to be able to pay for it's own daily operational costs. This is to ensure a time when the local community will be able to do it by themselves.



A local teacher giving Balinese Dance lessons.

The English classes are given by Putu Febri, a volunteer student from Bali.



The additional classes are given by volunteers from several countries.

The WINS curriculums will be their guidelines.

Marja de Jong, a board member of Bali Bundar visits Seraya on a regular basis and advises.



The WINS program has already been successfully implemented in Bedulu, Tianyar and Angkah, and in villages in Java: Girikerto and Tonjong.

The projects:

As earlier mentioned there are no facilities yet in Seraya. Wayans home will be used temporarily as an office and computer room for the children.

Below are the short-term projects we have now defined based on the WINS model.

Facilities we need :

- An office for our Seraya team.
- A computer room, for the computer classes and where the children can maintain their own financial records.
- Small classroom, for the groups A and B (up to 12 years).
- Larger classroom for the groups C and D (high school age)
- Small open auditorium or stage, for culture classes and performances.
- Guestroom for volunteers. (This again will generate income)

Childsponsorship:

Just recently we launched the WINS child sponsorship program in Seraya Out of 25 children we now already have sponsors for 5 children. Through this funding these children will now receive an education.

Would you like to donate, sponsor or do volunteer work?

As previously stated we have a lot of work to do. Your help would be most welcome and appreciated.

If you would like to donate funds that would assist the buildings in Seraya, sponsor a child, or maybe do volunteer work, please contact the people from either WINS or Bali Bundar. Our contact details can be found below.

Our heartfelt gratitude in anticipation of your support for this project.

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