



Bali Children's Project

2020/21 Annual Review

Escaping poverty through education



A message from our Founder

Against a backdrop of the pandemic, I am proud to present Bali Children's Project's latest annual review for 2021.

With increased pressure on small charities like ours and an increased need from children living in poverty, we cannot say that things have been easy. However, with the help of our dedicated supporters, we have been able to not only maintain, but increase our impact.

Our programs are all designed with long term sustainability in mind. Instead of providing one book, we provide learning centers. Instead of providing kindergarten classes ourselves, we provide quality schools and train teachers. Instead of delivering health education workshops directly to schools, we train schools to provide workshops themselves. Instead of providing cash loans to families, we sponsor their children to graduate from school.

All of these programs are designed with self-sufficiency in mind. We know that it is not enough to simply give hand outs. So we focus on addressing the root causes and provide solutions that can last for years (or even generations).

Our work does however also address emergency needs, and none has been so urgent as the economic collapse in Bali (caused by the pandemic). Thanks to supporters, we have been able to provide emergency food relief to families in need, helping them weather the storm of this pandemic.

Finally, I would like to once again express our deepest gratitude to supporters and staff of Bali Children's Project. Without you, none of our work would be possible.



With our utmost appreciation,

Linda Venter
Founder



A little history

Way back the early 1990's, John Cooke and Joyce Scott came across children from the mountain village of Munduk. They noticed that many children were not in school. They found that many families could not afford to send their children to school and some lived in extreme poverty. They vowed to change this and started sponsoring two young motherless girls, and Bali Children's Project was born.

After running on a small scale for several years, Linda Venter joined Bali Children's Project. Linda worked to develop a new team and increase the impact of Bali Children's Project's work. The team grew to deliver many of the programs that exist today – including the expansion of the sponsorships, libraries renovations, kindergarten renovations, sex education, abuse awareness and more.

Today, Bali Children's Project impacts thousands of children and families across Bali. It makes a life changing difference to those who may never have had the opportunity of education. It is only thanks to the support of individuals and donors that Bali Children's Project can continue its programs.

Meet our Team

Our team is the beating heart of Bali Children's Project. We are proud to be driven by dedicated Indonesian women who are passionate about giving children better futures.

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Bali



Linda Venter
Founder



Mangku Made Ariawan
Executive Director

Founder

Linda Venter

Finance

Pam Weatherfod

Fundraising

Aron Hughes

Board Members

Robert Moselle
Monica Alami
Amir F. Alami
Gary Venter

Libraries / Child Protection



Gusti Ayu Mahardiyani
Libraries Support Manager /
Child Protection Manager



Anak Agung Rai Rasmin
Libraries Support Assistant
Child Protection Assistant

Plus part time teaching
staff:

Ni Wayan Putri Yanti
Putu Kartini

Sex Education



Opy Sulaeman
Sex Education Manager



Wayan Purnami Yanti
Sex Education Co-ordinator

Schools Support



Ayu Trisna
Schools Support Manager



Cokorda Istri Ratih Komala
Dewi
Schools Support Assistant

Plus full time teaching
staff:

Anak Agung Istri Ratna
Dewi S.Pd
Ni Wayan Sri Nurbud

Sponsorships



Anastasia Rahayu
Sponsorship Manager



Ni Wayan Sulatri
Sponsorship Assistant

Plus 14 part time
local co-ordinators.

Finance



Komang Ayu Sri Rahayu
Finance Administrator

A photograph of three women sitting outdoors in a rural, wooded area. The woman on the left is wearing a green shirt and has her hands clasped in a prayer-like gesture. The woman in the middle is wearing a dark blue shirt and also has her hands clasped. The woman on the right is an older woman with white hair, wearing a light grey shirt, with her hands clasped. In front of them is a large white sack with '25 KG' written on it in red. To the left of the sack are several boxes of Pepsodent toothpaste, a carton of eggs, and bags of rice and instant noodles. The background shows a rustic wooden structure and a pile of sticks and branches.

Case Study: Food Relief Packages

In response to the pandemic, Bali Children's Project launched an appeal to help support families living in poverty.

The appeal has helped to raise 94,000 USD and has provided 2,349 monthly food relief packages.

The food relief packages provide non-perishable staples to families who need it most. Each 40 USD package contains rice, eggs, noodles, cooking oil, eggs, toothpaste, soap and detergent.

Providing these items has meant that families can make it through the pandemic and relieving a heavy burden.

351 kind donors contributed to this appeal and helped us be there for families in their time of need. It has helped hundreds of families in Bali to make it through the pandemic.

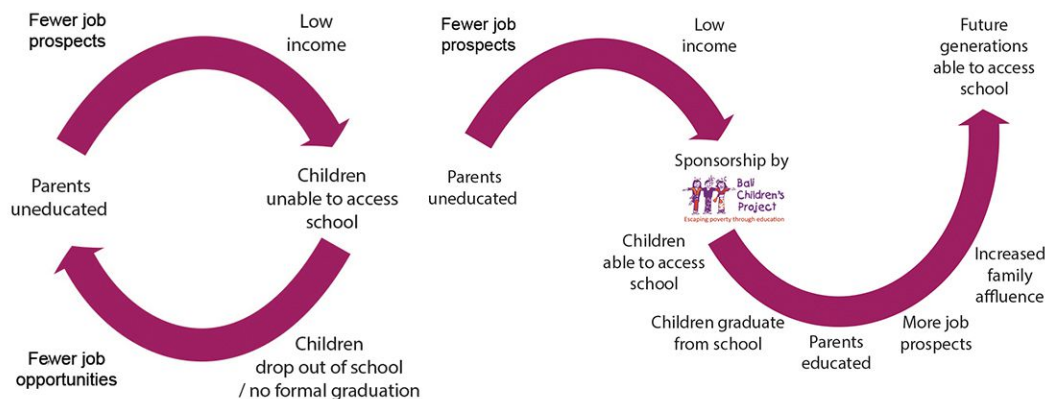
Program | School Sponsorships

High fees and little income mean children from the poorest families regularly drop out of school. Without funds to support their education, children do not finish high school. There is a larger pressure to drop out of school as children look to get jobs early so they bring income into their families.

Our sponsorship program pays fees for children from the poorest families to stay in school. It literally changes lives, helping children to grow up to realize their dreams. Sponsors are made up of caring people from around the world.

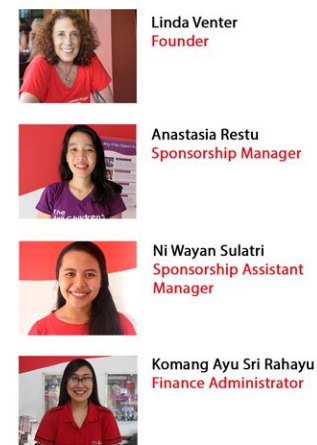
You can become a sponsor too for a donation of \$40 a month. You can see the real time list of students waiting for sponsorship on our website.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty



The Sponsorship Team

Administration and Management



Sponsorship Area Co-ordinators





Program | Schools Entry Backpacks

Focusing on children in elementary school, the entry backpacks give them all they need to go to school. Although elementary school is free, there are still costs for uniforms, shoes, bags, books, materials and more.

For the poorest families, this is another pressure that they can not afford. Many children end up going to school with holes in their shoes, torn uniforms and plastic bags for backpacks.

Each backpack supplies everything a child needs and costs 100 USD for everything. You can donate a backpack by heading to the School Entry Backpack page on our website.



Program | Library Support

Elementary schools in Bali are required to have a building set aside for a library. However, with little training, poor facilities and old books, libraries become derelict and completely unused.

Our program brings these buildings back to life through renovations, turning old unused buildings into inspiring learning spaces for children. The buildings are transformed into learning centres for reading, computer skills and English classes.

Small projects average 3,000 USD, while larger projects can cost upwards of \$10,000 USD. You can see a list of projects waiting for support on our website.

Before

After



The Westphal Learning Center, completed in April 2021

Program | Sex Education

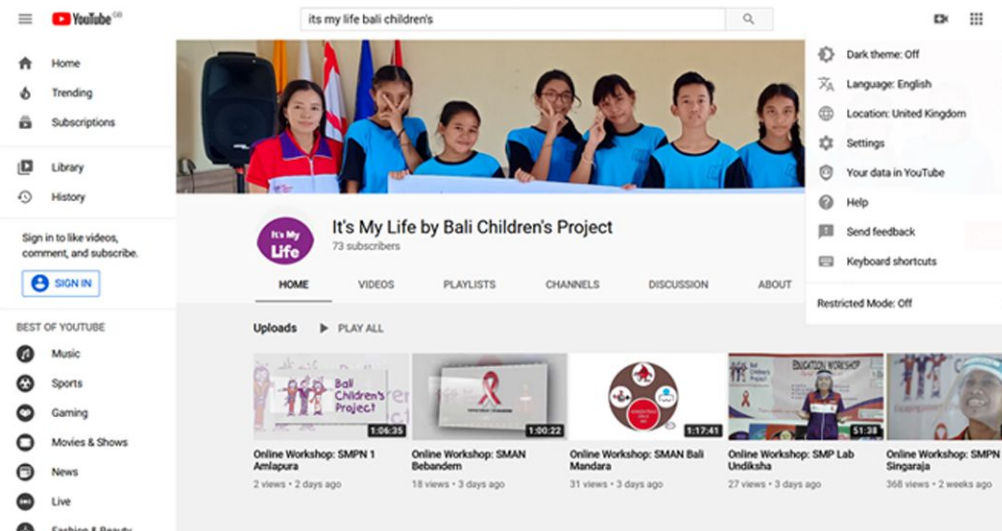
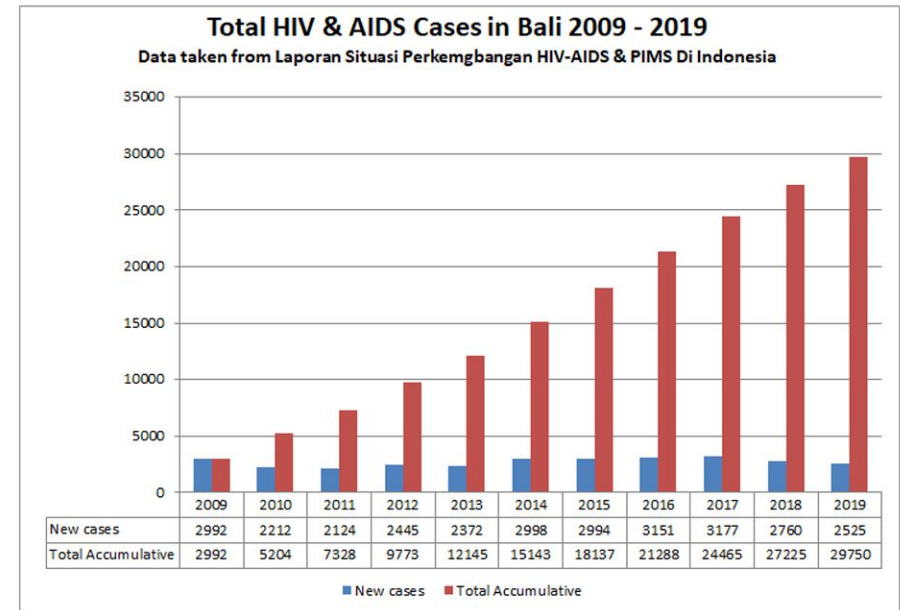
There is no such thing as sex education in most Bali schools. Our Sex Education program helps schools to deliver their own workshops so that students can understand sex and to make informed decisions in the future.

Schools and student health groups are engaged by our team, who then provide support and online materials to help them deliver their own sex education workshops. The program includes short videos by each school as well as a structured online workshop that schools can follow.

Using the capacity building approach means that schools are given the responsibility, structure and materials needed to launch and sustain effective sex education programs. It is something that can change the lives of students as they learn about puberty, drugs, pregnancy, sexual disease, HIV and more.

2013: 12,145

2019: 29,750





VAN ORDEN SCHOOL

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Case Study: Van Orden Kindergarten

One of our major projects in 2020 was the renovation of Van Orden Kindergarten, funded by supporters Karmagawa.

After finding out about two inadequate kindergartens who lacked learning space and supplies, we agreed with the local community to renovate an old dormitory and turn it into a large kindergarten to accommodate both villages.

Thanks to Karmagawa's donation - the project was completed in December 2020 amid a muted celebration due to the pandemic.

Since opening, the kindergarten has increased its attendance and parents have given more importance to early stage learning for their children.

Teachers, now trained by Bali Children's Project, are able to give students a quality education in a bright and spacious building, full of supplies. It's the 23rd project funded by Karmagawa in Bali.

Program | Schools Support

There are few affordable kindergartens in Bali. Children go to school in broken buildings with untrained teachers and a lack of supplies.

Our program focuses on finding schools in most need. Through renovations, new buildings, supplies provisions and teacher training, we are creating better preschools and kindergartens for poor areas.

A list of projects requiring funding is available on our website. School supply donations are welcomed and donors are invited to support a renovation. A list of schools awaiting support is on our website.

Before



After



The EnviTours Kindergarten opened in early 2020





Program | Child Protection

Like many other countries in the world, children in Bali are not always protected from abuse – which can manifest in many forms. Abuse often goes unreported, with children not knowing how to react.

Our program focuses on engaging schools and education boards to implement Child Protection workshops in schools. Through an online guided workshop - as well as physical booklets - schools are able to teach about abuse.

The online structure includes a teachers training manual, dedicated animated videos and guidance from our program manager. The program aims to 'sign up' over 100 schools per year.

Finances

Bali Children's Project is proud to have been awarded the Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency in financial reporting.



Awarded the 2021 Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency

Bali Children's Project is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit charitable foundation registered in the United States of America (EIN 26-0014889) and Yayasan registered in Indonesia (NIB 230921044171).

Expenditure

Bali Children's Project received 461,767 in total donations. Of these donations, 406,666 USD were expended in 2020, with 55,101 USD carried over for expenditure in 2021.

85% direct delivery including staff time

15% admin and overhead

Annual Growth (USD)



Income

Income in 2020 was 461,767 USD from various sources. These funds were raised through the kind support of individual donors, businesses, private foundations and grant-making trusts.

Funding Areas



Direct Delivery Spending



The vast majority of donations are received by the USA 501(c)3 non-profit account.

A Yayasan non-profit account also operates in Bali, receiving and expending local donations.

In 2020, local donations amounted to \$70,956 USD, with an expenditure of \$72,558 USD (overage from 2019 deferred funds).

Achievements in 2020

10 Kindergartens Built

We renovated ten kindergartens in 2020, giving young learners in rural Bali bright and fully supplied learning spaces.

Sex Ed Goes Online

Against the backdrop of a pandemic that closed schools, we were still able to run our innovative online sex education program. Focusing on giving schools the structure to deliver their own sex education workshops, we engaged 45 schools and reached 45,000 students with life saving sex education.



55 High School Graduates

55 graduates beat the odds by graduating through school thanks to our sponsorship program. Without sponsorship, they would have dropped out and faced a life of labor. Now they can use their diplomas to lift their families out of poverty.

7 Learning Centres

With support from different donors, we completely renovated seven libraries in rural Bali. The renovations targeted old, broken library buildings and gave them a new lease of life, full of colour and interesting books.



Abuse Awareness for 10,000

Although schools were mostly closed for the year due to the pandemic, our team continued to provide online education through a dedicated youtube channel that received over 10,000 views from students all across Indonesia. It is part of a larger education package for schools



COVID Relief

Thanks to kind donors, in 2020 we delivered over 1,100 monthly Food Relief Packages to help families living in poverty to manage through the pandemic. The packages come full of essential non-perishable staples.



194 New Student Sponsorships

New sponsorships helped us to give 194 children assistance to stay in school. In Bali, one in five students drop out of school. Thanks to 194 new sponsorships, these children were given a guaranteed route through school.

New Life for Libraries

After a private donation, Bali Children's Project renovated the library at Wanagiri Elementary in the mountains of Bali.

Injecting it with new life, over 400 books and comfortable seating, the library went from hardly used to full every day.

The renovation included new computers so students could learn IT skills for the first time in their lives.

The learning center has revolutionized education in this area.



Welcome Relief

While many people directly employed in tourism lost their jobs in the pandemic, the economic crash had a ripple effect.

Even those on basic labor wages found that there was less work available, higher competition and lower demand.

It meant that families already in poverty were finding life even more difficult. Thanks to supporters, we delivered over 1,100 monthly food relief packs in 2020.



Buda's Future

Buda lives and works on a brick making site with his mother. His father passed away when he was young.

Bali is a patriarchal society, so Buda is considered the main bread winner. He works as hard as he can making bricks while not in school. He dreams of a different future.



Bali Children's Project has been supporting Buda with a school sponsorship as well as food relief packages.

Future Plans

Bali Children's Project continues to grow through the hard work of our wonderfully committed Indonesian team.

Our belief is that all children deserve the basics of education, regardless of their poverty or rural setting. We remain dedicated to delivering this on the largest scale we can.

We are proud to say that all of our program managers are Indonesian females. They are the life force of Bali Children's Project through their commitment to the delivery of highly effective programs.

Bali Children's Project can only grow and continue to impact children with your support. Without help from our donors, Bali Children's Project would not exist.

We continue to fundraise year on year to grow each of our programs so that we can impact as many students as possible. Sticking to our core programs, our plans are to expand existing programs over creating new ones.

Funding is comprised of donations from a mix of individual donors, businesses and grantmakers. Our work is wholly dependent on funding from these sources.

Thank you for helping children to escape poverty through education.

Become a Donor

Bali Children's Project invites you to join us in delivering better futures to children in Bali.

Donors are welcome to fund any program they wish. Funding areas can be seen at www.balichildrensproject.org/how-to-help.

Support Options

Partner your Business

Fund a School

Partner your School

Fund a Library

Sponsor a child for school

Donate to a program

Reference us for a grant

Donate to the wishlist

Thank You!