



Bali Children's Project 2021/22 Annual Review

Escaping poverty through education



A message from our Founder

After some of Bali's worst ever times during the pandemic, we are excited to see things are finally looking up. With borders open again, the economy has grown and with it, a return of job opportunities.

During the pandemic, we saw people struggling to afford even the basics to live. We also witnessed the kindness of people all over the world, who helped us to launch an emergency food relief program that gifted 2,959 food relief packages to families in need.

Thanks to kind supporters, we continued all of our other programs too. You helped us to deliver more kindergarten renovations, library renovations, school sponsorships and helped us to pivot our Child Protection and Sex Education programs online.

There is still much to do though. The cost of living crisis is hitting the poorest people the hardest. With hikes in fuel and food cost, families in poverty still face an uphill struggle. We will continue to focus on providing these families with a way out of poverty, through education.

At the time of writing, Bali I am pleased to say that we have had more school graduates than ever in 2021 (138 students) and currently we sponsor over 580 more students to stay in school. Meanwhile, we continue to hear about new students who will drop out of school without help.

In November 2022 we celebrated a landmark achievement of renovating an incredible 100 schools and libraries in Bali. An amazing figure considering our first renovation began in 2016.

As we look to the future, we prepare for an even greater impact. We will be building our team, structure and programs to continue serving the children of Bali, helping them to escape poverty through education.



With our utmost appreciation,

Linda Venter

A Little History. A Big Impact

Future



1995

The informal project continued with a few sponsorships. As word of mouth spread, more children were sponsored for school.

John and Joyce met their friend Linda, who had helped to launch a kindergarten support element.



2005

Having registered as a formal non profit, Linda hired a team of new staff and developed new programs such as a new kindergarten in Ubud.

She focused on developing a formal structure by hiring a team of caring Indonesian staff.

2016



New programs are launched to help provide better education for students in Bali.

Bali Children's Project officially launches School and Library renovation programs with dedicated program managers.



Bali Children's Project continues to grow thanks our incredible supporters.

A reputation as one of Bali's best trusted charities, Bali Children's Project is looking forward to helping more children escape poverty through education.

1990



John Cooke and Joyce Scott came across children from the mountain village of Munduk.

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 BCP was born.

2003



As John and Joyce decided to leave Bali, they asked Linda to take on the 'Bali Children's Project'.

Linda agreed and formalized the organisation in the USA in Indonesia, developing a new staff structure and programs to benefit the children of Bali.

2013



By 2013, new projects included a Bali-wide Sex Education program, sponsorships and a schools supply project for kindergartens.

Sponsorships had also grown to over 100 children, with kind people from around the world supporting Bali Children's Project's growth.

2022



Thanks to supporters, Bali Children's Project sponsors over 500 children for school. School entry backpacks and 'quality of life' donations also bolster our sponsorship program.

Bali Children's Project also celebrated 100 school and library renovations, launched a new Child Protection program, educated thousands in sex and HIV awareness.

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.

USA

Founder

Linda Venter

Finance

Pam Weatherford

Fundraising

Aron Hughes

Board Members

Robert Moselle
Monica Alami
Amir F. Alami
Gary Venter

Bali

Libraries / Child Protection



Gusti Ayu Mahardiyan
Libraries Support Manager /
Child Protection Manager



Anak Agung Rai Rasmin
Libraries Support Assistant
Child Protection Assistant



Ni Wayan Siniyani
Libraries Support Assistant
Child Protection Assistant

Sex Education



Opy Sulaeman
Sex Education Manager



Wayan Purnami Yanti
Sex Education Co-ordinator

Schools Support



Ayu Trisna
Schools Support Manager



**Made Gede Arya Ghita
Narayana**
Schools Support Assistant

Plus full time teaching
staff:

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



Linda Venter
Founder



Mangku Made Ariawan
Executive Director

Sponsorships



Anastasia Rahayu
Sponsorship Manager



Ni Wayan Sulatri
Sponsorship Assistant



Putu Agus Wirastana
Sponsorship Co-ordinator's
Supervisor

Plus 15 part time
local co-ordinators.

Finance



Komang Ayu Sri Rahayu
Finance Administrator

Case Study: Ngurah's New Life

When Gusti Ngurah Made Juniarta entered our sponsorship program, he had dim hopes for his future.

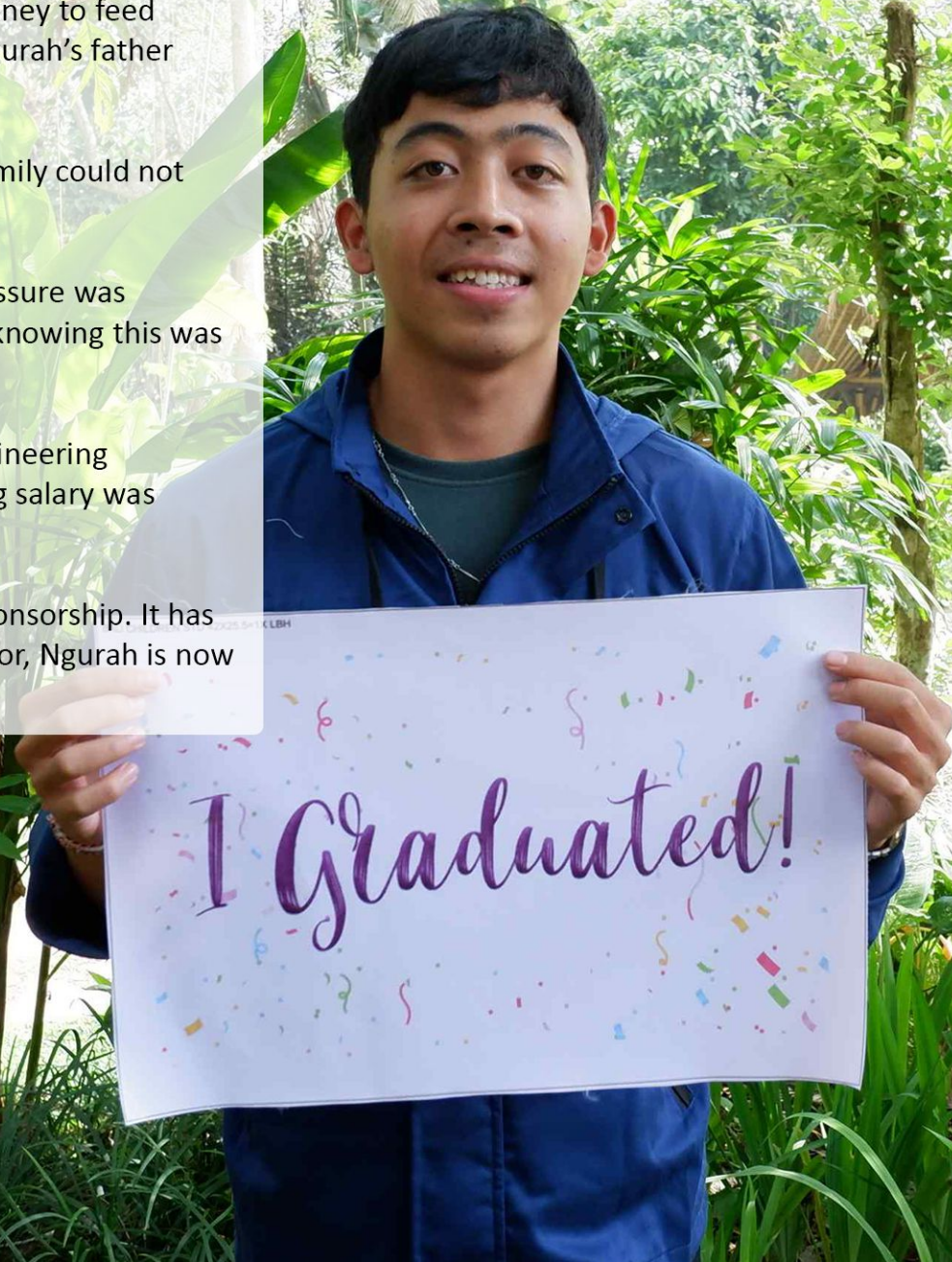
His father, who works as a day laborer, barely earned enough money to feed Ngurah, let alone to pay for his school fees. A good month for Ngurah's father would be to earn 1,000,000 IDR (approximately 65 USD).

Ngurah's older sister never graduated from high school as the family could not afford school fees. Ngurah was heading the same way.

After being sponsored by supporters The Rice Family, a huge pressure was relieved. Ngurah was able to excel at school. He doubled down, knowing this was his chance to break the poverty cycle in his family.

Graduating in 2022, Ngurah secured a job working within an engineering contractor who deals with hotel projects. His first job, his starting salary was 2,600,000 IDR per month - a handsome amount for a graduate.

Ngurah's career is already off to a great start, all thanks to his sponsorship. It has made a huge impact on his life - instead of being stuck in day labor, Ngurah is now pursuing a career that can be proud of.



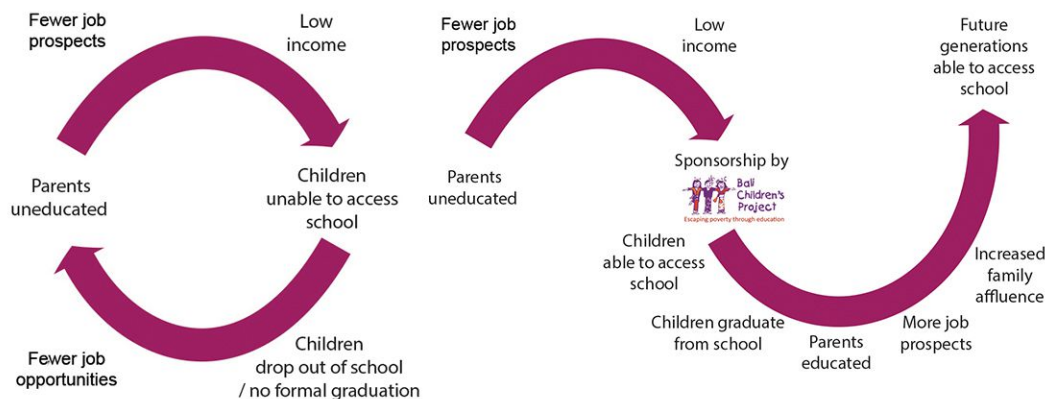
Program | School Sponsorships

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.

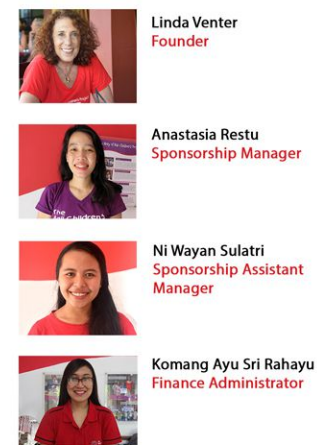
You can become a sponsor too for a donation of \$40 a month. You can see the real time list of students waiting for sponsorship on our website.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty



The Sponsorship Team

Administration and Management



Sponsorship Area Co-ordinators





Putu Widana excited to receive his fully supplied school entry backpack

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.

“Although elementary school is free, families have costs for uniforms, shoes, supplies and even the pencils and paper required for school.”

- Anastasia Rahayu, Sponsorship Manager

“Indonesia ranks 60 out of 61 countries in public reading interest”

- Central Connecticut State University

Program | Library Renovations

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. Children are not inspired or interested in reading.

Our program changes that by providing inspiring learning spaces, full of imaginative books. We transform old libraries into learning centres for reading, computer skills and English learning. This helps to set children up for a brighter future.

Small projects average 8,000 USD, while larger projects can cost upwards of \$20,000 USD. You can see a list of projects waiting for support on our website.



A lack of interesting books means that many libraries become storerooms.

Before



After



The Delgado Learning Center, completed in January 2022

Program | Sex Education

Our Sex Education program helps schools to deliver their own workshops so that students can 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 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.



Introducing sex education at SMPN 1 Payangan, Gianyar in 2022.

“Sex education is not part of the formal curriculum in Indonesian schools, leaving children uninformed about key decisions in their lives.”

- Opi Sulaeman, Program Manager

Drugs
HIV & AIDS
Reproductive Health
Trauma Healing
Motivation
Abuse Awareness
Community Awareness

Kev & Cooper School

Case Study: Kev & Cooper Kindergarten

Opened in mid 2022, the Kev and Cooper School was renovated thanks to a corporate donation from a kind company.

After completing a building renovation, repainting and providing brand new supplies, this kindergarten has a new lease of life.

Attendance increased and the kindergarten was able to add on a whole new pre-kindergarten class, helping children in this village to access better early stage education.

Previously, the school only had limited supplies and teachers struggled to give young learners in the village a high standard of education.

With the renovation, that has all changed.



“Kindergartens in Bali are paid for by the village. If the village has no budget, their young learners struggle to access quality education.”

- Ayu Trisna, Schools Support Manager



Our renovations give bright learning spaces, full of supplies and materials so that students can learn at an essential time for brain development.

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



Bakas school operated from a plywood separation in the local 'banjar' community building before receiving a brand new building thanks to private philanthropy funding in 2022.

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 has gained formal government approval in two regencies in Bali, with three more intended for 2023.

The template program is replicable, so has an unlimited potential to reach schools and children all over Indonesia.



A teacher delivers a session on physical abuse awareness to children in their school.

“We focus on enabling schools to deliver their own child protection workshops through capacity building”

- Gust Ayu Mahardayani, Program Manager

Finances

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



Awarded the 2022 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).

2021 Expenditure

Bali Children's Project received 733,976 USD in total donations. Of these donations, 649,828 USD were expended in 2021, with 84,148 USD carried over for expenditure in 2022.

85% direct delivery including staff time

15% admin and overhead

Annual Growth (USD)



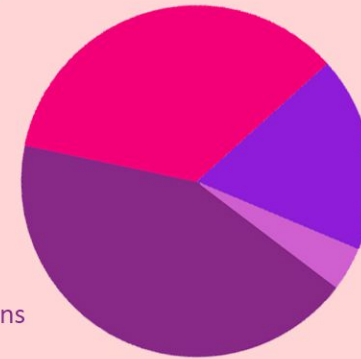
Income Sources

35% Individual Donations

18% Major Gifts

43 % Grants and Foundations

4% Corporate Donations



Direct Delivery Spending

35%

School Sponsorships

29%

Kindergarten Renovations

23%

Libraries Renovations

3%

Sex Education

3%

Child Protection

7%

COVID Food Relief

Indonesian Accounting

The vast majority of donations are received by the USA 501(c)3 non-profit account and sent to a corresponding Indonesian account.

A separate account also operates in Bali, receiving and expending local donations.

In 2021, local donations amounted to 12,257 USD, with an expenditure of 16,276 USD (expenditure more than income due to overage from 2020 deferred funds).

Major Achievements

100 Renovations

In November 2022 we celebrated a huge landmark of 100 schools and libraries renovated. In just 6 years since the very first renovation, tens of thousands of students now have access to better quality learning facilities.

Made up of 52 libraries and 48 kindergartens, these buildings have become inspiring new learning spaces for children.

The renovations are a result of kind donations from people all over the world.



Seal of Transparency

For several years running, Bali Children's Project has received the Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency.

This accolade is Guidestar's seal of approval for transparent financial reporting.

In the USA, all of our income and expenditure is subject to strict financial monitoring and review.

In Indonesia, our finances are formally reported and kept to the same standard as the USA.

We pride ourselves on showing donors exactly how their funds have been spent.



138 High School Graduates

In July 2022, we hosted our annual graduation event for graduating students from our sponsorship program.

Without sponsorship, these students would have dropped out and faced a life of labor. Now they can use their diplomas to lift their families out of poverty and achieve their dreams.



COVID Relief

An emergency response, over the course of the pandemic, supporters enabled us to gift 2,959 Food Relief Packages to families in need.

The program has since wound down as the pandemic is all but over. We now focus once again on long-term educational goals.



All Time High in Sponsorships

From humble beginnings of handing out a handful of sponsorships to families, we now sponsor over 530 children to stay in school, thanks to sponsors from all over the world.

Each student is now on the path to breaking the cycle of poverty within their family. We are proud to be able to offer these students a route to achieving their dreams.



Child Protection Online



After a redevelopment of our Child Protection program, we have been proud to offer a fully online template for schools.

In 2021 and 2022, the program was made mandatory by education boards of the Bangli and Buleleng regencies of Bali. A template that schools can easily replicate, the program empowers and trains teachers to deliver abuse awareness.

The program has a very exciting future as we aim to roll out the online program to every elementary school in Bali, plus wider Indonesia.

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!



Thank you for supporting our work in Bali



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