



Bali Children's Project

Escaping poverty through education

2023/24 Annual Review



A message from our Founder

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Thank you for your interest in Bali Children's Project. Our organization was founded on the belief that empowered children can achieve anything they set their minds to.

While Bali is often known as a tourist paradise with beach clubs, fancy restaurants, and vibrant nightlife, there is another side to the island. Poverty is pervasive, and many children face bleak futures. For families struggling to afford basic necessities, education becomes a luxury that remains out of reach.

In 2022, official figures revealed that as many as 19,000 students were unable to graduate from school due to associated costs. Shockingly, this means that one in every five teenagers in Bali does not complete high school.

Our programs are designed to address these barriers to education. From creating comfortable learning environments for early learners to providing full college scholarships for teenagers, our initiatives span the entire educational journey.

Bali Children's Project is proud to support more children each year, led by a dedicated team of change-makers—inspiring women who are improving education in Bali.

We rely on the generous support of donors like you. Your contributions enable us to continue delivering programs that transform the lives of children, helping them break free from the cycle of poverty through education.



With our deepest gratitude,

Linda Venter

A Little History. A Big Impact



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 building/renovation programs with dedicated program managers.

Future



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, school 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.

2024



Thanks to supporters, Bali Children's Project is able to impact tens of thousands of students in critical areas of education, giving them the tools they need to escape poverty through education.

With over 500 students sponsored for school, 112 renovated learning facilities and accessible Sex Education and Child Protection programs, we are impacting more children than ever.

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.



Linda Venter
Founder



Mangku Made Ariawan
Executive Director

USA

Founder

Linda Venter

Finance

Pam Weatherfod

Fundraising

Aron Hughes

Board Members

Robert Moselle

Monica Alami

Amir F. Alami

Gary Venter

Bali

Sponsorships



Anastasia Rahayu
Sponsorship Manager



Wayan Purnami Yanti
Sponsorship Assistant



Ni Wayan Sulatri
Sponsorship Assistant

Plus 15 area co-ordinators.

Sex Ed & CP



Gusti Ayu Mahardiyani
Libraries Support, Sex Ed & Child
Protection Manager



Suke Ningsih
Sex Education Officer



Ni Wayan Sintiyani
Libraries Support Assistant
Child Protection Assistant

Schools Support



Ayu Trisna
Schools Support Manager

Plus full time teaching staff:

Anak Agung Istri Ratna Dewi
Ni Wayan Sri Nurbud

Finance



Komang Ayu Sri Rahayu
Finance Manager

Media



Trisna Setiabudi
Content & Media Officer



Case Study: Rasmi's Spa

Wayan Rasmi faced significant challenges in her life. After her father tragically passed away from rabies contracted through a dog bite, she was left alone with her elderly grandparents. Her mother remarried and moved away, leaving Rasmi without any support or communication.

Living with her grandparents, who had no reliable income, Rasmi struggled to make ends meet. She worked in a clothing shop, earning a meager salary of 600,000 IDR (approximately 44 USD) per month.

Half of her earnings went toward funding a motorbike so she could attend school, while the remaining 300,000 IDR (about 22 USD) barely covered her basic needs.

As Rasmi entered senior high school, she faced the possibility of dropping out due to the lack of funds to pay her entry fees. Without assistance, graduation seemed out of reach.

After hearing Rasmi's story, Bali Children's Project appealed for a sponsor for Rasmi and found it in Victoria. Her motorbike debt was also paid by BCP.

Fast forward, and Rasmi has now graduated from school and has opened her very own spa in Ubud. Today, Rasmi is making 10,000,000 IDR (660 USD) per month. Her life has been completely changed thanks to her sponsorship and drive to never give up.



Program | School Sponsorships

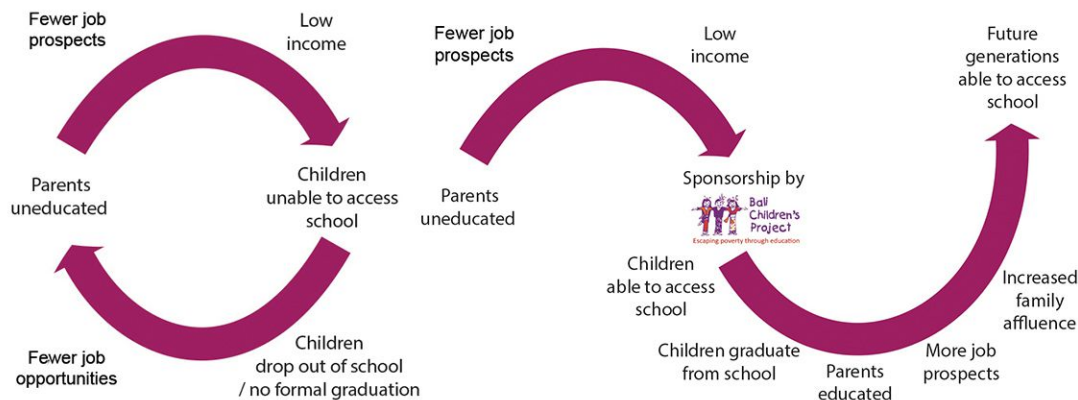
High fees and little income mean children from the poorest families regularly drop out of school. Without funds to support their education, children do not finish high school. There is a larger pressure to drop out of school as children look to get menial jobs early so they bring income into their families.

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



Impact

Bali Children's Project has helped thousands of students to graduate from school, giving them opportunities in life which would have previously been mere pipe dreams.

At any one time, Bali Children's Project actively sponsors over 500 high school students through our sponsorship program.

The program involves a dedicated team of co-ordinators to help children in Bali's rural communities to stay in school.



Desak thanking supporter Persia for gifting her a 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

Impact

Each year, Bali Children’s Project gifts School Entry Backpacks based on the number of backpacks raised.

Over 500 School Entry Backpacks have been delivered to students from families who live in poverty, inspiring them to go to school happy.

“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.

Before

After



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



The Delgado Learning Center, completed in January 2022

Case Study: 100 Schools Celebration

Since 2016, Bali Children's Project has embarked on a mission to renovate as many broken kindergartens and libraries as we can.

In 2023, we hit a major milestone as we opened our 100th renovated or rebuilt educational facility.

Both kindergartens and libraries in Bali struggle with poor buildings and supplies. The renovations we provide inject new life into these struggling facilities, reinspiring children, teachers and the communities.

In a grand opening at Sedulu Elementary, donors joined us to celebrate the 100th project - a new learning center full of books and computers.

This 100th project was part of a crowd-funding effort from our supporters.



Program | Sex Education

Our Sex Education program is designed to empower schools to conduct their own workshops, enabling students to make informed decisions about their futures.

The program emphasizes equipping teachers with the skills and knowledge needed to deliver comprehensive sexual education. By training and inspiring educators, we ensure they are prepared to address this crucial subject effectively.

Sex education is transforming students' lives as they learn about puberty, drug use, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and more.



Teacher training workshops equip teachers with the knowledge for how to deliver sex education in their schools

“By giving teachers the tools they need, we can help tens of thousands of students in Bali to access sex education, which is not part of the formal curriculum.”

- Gusti Ayu Mahardiyani, Program Manager

Impact

Operating since 2012, this program has been Bali's only concerted effort to bring life-changing education to students. After a break in 2023, the project returned to engage 727 high schools in delivering sex education to their students.

Bali Children's
“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



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

After



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 has been awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency by Guidestar and a 4/4 Star rating on Charity Navigator.



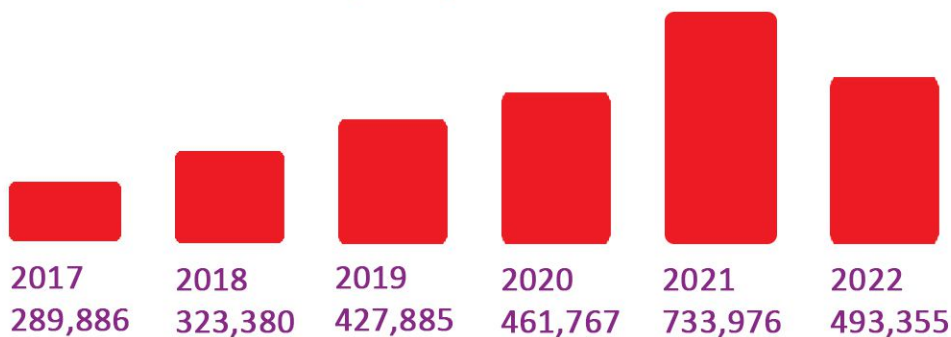
Bali Children's Project is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit charitable foundation registered in the United States of America (EIN 26-0014889) and Yayasan registered in Indonesia (NIB 230921044171).

2022 Expenditure

Bali Children's Project received 493,355 USD in total donations. Total expenditure amounted to 532,148 USD, which included funds carried forward from 2021. Search our 990 form using number EIN 26-0014889.

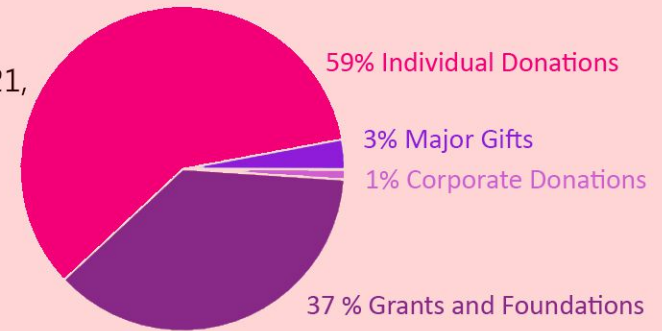


Annual Growth (USD)

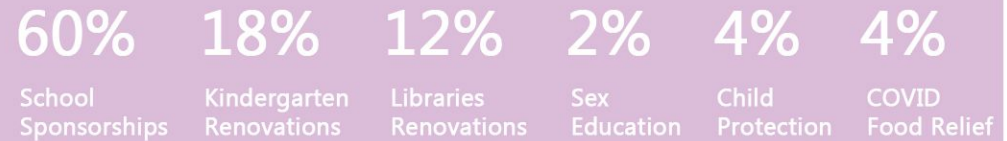


Income Sources

Overall, 2022 showed lower income than 2021, but higher than 2020. This is due to one-off large grants received in 2021 and the cost of living crisis which impacted donations.



Direct Delivery Spending



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 towards program activity.

In 2022, local donations amounted to 168,304,588 IDR, with an expenditure of 329,472,749 (expenditure more than income due to previous years income unspent until 2022).

Major Achievements

100 Renovations

Recently, we celebrated a huge landmark of 100 schools and libraries renovated. The network of new and renovated learning facilities all over Bali means tens of thousands of students now have access to better quality education.

At the time of writing, Bali Children's Project has now delivered 54 kindergarten and 56 library renovations

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



Seal of Transparency

We pride ourselves on being transparent and giving supporters the knowledge that your donations are spent appropriately.

Our finances go through strict compliance procedures in Indonesia and the USA. Since 2015, we have been awarded the Guidestar Seal of Transparency award for our financial reporting.

In 2023, Bali Children's Project has been awarded the highest rating for GuideStar/Candid (Platinum), Four Star from Charity Navigator and was the recipient of Best Charity in the Moraga Awards.

Our promise to donors is to always use their funds appropriately and to show transparency in delivery.



High School Graduates

Hosting an annual graduation event, we celebrate with the students who beat the odds to graduate from school.

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.



Backpack Joy

Over the years, Bali Children's Project has provided over 1,000 school entry backpacks to children from families living in poverty.

The backpacks give children all the need to go to school happy. It inspires them to learn and helps them to meet their potential in school.



All Time High in Sponsorships

From humble beginnings of handing out a handful of sponsorships to families, we now sponsor over 500 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



In 2021 and 2022, our Child Protection education program was made mandatory by education boards of the Bangli and Buleleng regencies of Bali. In 2023, Jembrana, Karengasem and Badung followed suit. And in 2024, the remaining regencies of Gianyar, Klungkung, Tabanan and Denpasar also signed our MOU of Child Protection delivery too.

It has opened the door for every single elementary school in Bali to receive Child Protection training. Using a template that schools can easily replicate, the program empowers and trains teachers to deliver abuse awareness.

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.balichildrenproject.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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