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NTA: EAST INDONESIA AID
SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS
2015 - 2016

EDUCATION

57
Schools with sponsored activities.

6,840
School students in sponsored activities.

74
Teachers trained in Curriculum teaching and Accreditation.

56
Facility packages comprising new roofs, walls, floors, furniture, library buildings, water tank, toilets, volleyball courts, play equipment, fences & teachers’ quarters.

183
Teachers trained in library management.

1,790
Textbooks, reference books & story books distributed.

INCOME GENERATION & FOOD SECURITY

15
Demonstration Plots

285
Farmers

The number of cocoa demonstration farms and cocoa farmers receiving monthly training along with modern inputs and tools.

16
Demonstration Plots

481
Farmers

The number of vegetable demonstration farms and vegetable farmers supported with seeds, other inputs & training.

4
Community Meetings

801
Participants

The number of annual community meetings (musyawarah), cocoa field days and participants attending.

24
Packages comprising wells, irrigation piping, mango plantings, composite main distribution, pigs, goats, weaving (tenun ikat) and training.

WATER & SANITATION

145
Ferro-cement 15,000 litre water tanks.

122
Household toilets.

9
Pumps for irrigating dry season crops.
2015-16 NTA BOARD

The NTA is governed by an elected board made up of volunteers, based in Canberra. Beneath this body operate the Finance Committee, Operations Committee, and Membership and Marketing Committee. These committees develop policies and undertake functions under the direction of the board.

RON THOMPSON
CHAIR AND TREASURER

Ron is the former Group General Manager of Australian public listed company Electro Optic Systems Pty Limited and a Senior International Banker with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Ron is the principal of Ron S Thompson and Associates Pty Limited.

DR COLIN BARLOW MBE
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Colin is an academic specialising in the problems of small small-scale rubber and oil-palm producers in Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. He is a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political and Social Change at the Australian National University. Colin first visited Nusa Tenggara Timur in 1988, where he and other colleagues were taken aback by the poverty-stricken conditions. In 1992, Colin and Shirley Bowman founded the NTA. Colin holds a PhD from the University of Aberdeen.

PETER DAWSON
DEPUTY CHAIR

Peter is a management consultant specialising in Small and Medium Enterprise development and strategy and a former public servant (SES2). He is also a former Director of the Australia-Indonesia Business Council. Since the 1990s Peter has worked regularly in Indonesia on contracts for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Agency for International Development, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and World Bank agencies. Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Melbourne.

KIM ANDREN
SECRETARY

Kim is an officer of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where she specialises in gender policy and women’s leadership. Kim has a Masters degree from the ANU in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development.

DR RIA GONDORWARSITO

Ria is a sociologist who specialises in rural community development. Ria is a former development consultant to the World Bank. She has been a member of the Board since its formation in 2007. Ria holds a PhD from Bielefeld University.
DR JANET HUNT

Janet is a community development specialist and the former Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development. Janet holds a PhD from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. She is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at the Australian National University.

ULLA KEECH-MARX

Ulla is an international development professional with 10 years' experience working on development matters in eastern Indonesia. Ulla holds a Master of Asian Studies (Indonesian) from the Australian National University and a Master of Evaluation (Development Effectiveness) from the University of Melbourne. She is a gender advisor for the Australian aid program in South-East Asia at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

STEPHEN BARRY

Stephen has many years’ experience in Indigenous economic development, corporate governance and risk management. Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts (Policy Studies) from the Australian National University and has postgraduate accounting and management qualifications. He is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and of CPA Australia.

DR LESLEY POTTER

Lesley has been involved in research in Indonesia since 1983, predominantly working on questions of environmental change and small-scale agriculture. She is an Associate Professor and Visiting Fellow in the Resources, Environment and Development Group at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. She has worked as a consultant for the FAO, the World Bank, AusAID and the Centre for International Forestry Research. Lesley holds a PhD from McGill University, Montreal.

PENNY GODWIN

Penny is an officer of the Department of Environment with a background in natural resource management. She has a Masters degree in Integrated Water Management. Penny has previously lived in eastern Indonesia and worked with local community organisations.

NTA VISION

An improved level of livelihoods and food security of rural households in selected parts of Nusa Tenggara Timur province in eastern Indonesia.

NTA MISSION

The mission of the NTA is to reduce poverty and vulnerability amongst communities in rural areas of the East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia. This is through facilitating and supporting sustainable income generating activities, subsistence farming activities, access to water and sanitation, and education.
MAMA BERNADETA BUTA - POVERTY REDUCTION IN ACTION

Mama Bernadeta Bura is a resident of Hewokloang village in Flores who, prior to becoming involved with the NTA, made her living working someone else’s land for payment in a portion of the crops she was able to produce. Mama Bernadeta is widowed single mother who previously struggled to provide for the basic daily needs of herself and her child, sometimes only being able to afford one meal a day. She always envisioned the day when she and her child could live in their own house built on their own land but this seemed impossible. In 2001, Mama Bernadeta applied to NTA to join our modest livestock program, and was given several piglets to raise. She tended them carefully, receiving regular guidance from the YPMF team on best practice livestock rearing, while also using the weaving skills she had learned from her childhood to produce the local ikat cloth.

Three years later Mama Bernadeta was able to sell the three healthy pigs at a modest price and added proceeds from the sale of her handwoven fabrics to then purchase a 25m x 25m plot of land on which to build her own home, something of which she is immensely proud.

Lack of clean water however continued to present a challenge, requiring Mama Berndadeta to trek 5 km each day to fetch water for her family of two. Mama Bernadeta’s fellow group members were experiencing similar difficulties, and in 2007 they requested a 15,000 litre-water tank from NTA via the YPMF. The group’s tank was erected on Mama Bernadeta’s land under the supervision of the YPMF team and continues to save her neighbours hours of labour every day, time they can now spend pursuing their farming activities and using the proceeds to realise their own goals.

Above: Mama Bernadeta Buta attends a local NTA community meeting to update the group on her own tank-building and livestock-rearing efforts.
2015-16 was a good year. Following restructure of the NTA a couple years ago it is my pleasure to report that the NTA is working well at all levels.

The efforts of the various committees and our volunteers have ensured the continuing delivery of in excess of a quarter of a million dollars of direct aid in the target areas over the year. Colin and Ria deserve particular thanks for their untiring efforts as does Phil Domaschenz, our sole paid employee. Phil’s marketing activities have been very successful and his support to the Board has been very much appreciated.

Others will report on the specifics of NTA field efforts over the past year and the plans for future fund raising as we work to further increase aid support in our area of interest and influence. I would like to thank the Directors and Committee Chairs for their untiring efforts and support over the year. Highest praise and thanks go to our generous donor community. I acknowledge the valuable cash and in-kind support of the likes of the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Inland Trading, various Australian-Indonesia Associations and Rotary Club branches and Oxide Interactive. Having Dixon’s Advisory Services on board as a significant Corporate Donor is also very much appreciated and I encourage our members to consider Dixon’s when looking for expert financial advice.

The audited Financial Statements will be tabled during the course of proceedings today. Our thanks also go to Ming Cheah for his contribution on the Finance Committee and for having the audit completed in a timely manner. We can also report that all payments and obligations are met in terms of arrangements and statutory requirements.

The continuing success of the NTA would not be possible without the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and by the Australian Council for International Development and we are most thankful for their ongoing assistance.

At the beginning of this year the NTA held a Strategic Planning Session in Canberra with valuable input from external parties. Professor Hal Hill and Glenn Keys both provided assistance to the proceedings, as did Tracey McMartin. The objective was to analyse the vision and responsibilities of the NTA and every aspect of activities was thoroughly reviewed. The two significant outcomes were agreement to establish NTA Indonesia as a legal entity leading to a formalised partnership with NTA Australia, and Transition Planning for the next CEO. It is fair to state that progress subsequent has been excellent thanks to the efforts of the Transition Planning Group.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to Kim Andren who does the work of many and is a wonderful person to work with. Her dedication to the role of Secretary is outstanding and greatly appreciated by all.
We again look back on a successful year in terms of continuing efforts to help the peoples of Nusa Tenggara Timur, eastern Indonesia, one of the poorest parts of the world. As usual in NTT, it was a year fraught with difficulties – from a worse than usual drought, from fluctuating prices of outputs, and from various pests and diseases. But through all this we made good progress, doing so by dint of great and fruitful cooperation between our targeted communities, our NTA and counterpart staff, our collaborating Indonesian government agencies, and our many supporters in Australia and elsewhere. As a friend commented recently, ‘the NTA, unlike most development agencies, measures its success in decades rather than years’. But even so, we again delivered very positive outcomes for the 10,000 people who took part in programs during 2015-16. Thank you, everyone, in both Indonesia and Australia, for working together in this manner.

I’d once more comment on the great significance of our interactive and self-help approach, where we work closely with communities to assist them in numerous relatively small initiatives suited to their personal situations, and where we and they collaborate closely in achieving good results in a 6-month cycle. This approach of well-matched assistance has been developed slowly by all of us concerned over many years, and in a process of trial and error. But it’s been key to the success of the NTA. It has proved excellently suited to subsistence farm households in remote rural places just commencing their entries into better situations where they improve domestic facilities, and where they are starting to launch more modern cash-earning enterprises.

The year 2015-16 was marked by two significant changes in our development enterprise. One was formation in April 2016 of NTA Indonesia as a separate entity, replacing NTA Kupang which previously functioned as a part of NTA Australia. NTA Indonesia is now, in a major devolution, a separate agency in its own right. It is undertaking on behalf of NTA Australia the distribution of funds, and also supervises implementation by the YPMF in Flores, and by the YPMPS on Semau island, of activities funded by NTA Australia. NTA Indonesia has in addition its own extension officers working directly on development in some areas. Pak Don is the Head or Ketua of NTA Indonesia, and we’re lucky to welcome Ibu Ir. Debi Nulik, senior scientist and animal forage expert at the Agricultural Technology Research Institute, as Pendiri or Chairperson.

The other significant change of 2015-16 was the start of transition from my and Ria’s leadership. Stephen Barry took over from me at end-June as Chair of the Operations Committee, and we’re presently selecting a new Operations Manager to slowly replace me in that role during 2017. I will finally step down at the end of that year. Transition is hard for all, including our Indonesian colleagues for whom we’d like to have a smooth process maintaining their commitment and dynamism. But thanks both to the Transition Planning Group and those who implement our activities I firmly expect that when Ria and I leave for a new project in Malaysia at end-2017, good new arrangements will be in place.
Last of all but not least, I want to extend my and Ria’s huge thanks to the many Australian and other volunteers who have come to assist us in both Indonesia and Australia, the value of whose work much more than matches the value of the cash we spend on our enterprises. We in the NTA and in our cooperating agencies and communities are together engaged in a very productive enterprise of poverty alleviation in an extremely poor part of the world. I am confident that our work over the last 25 years will continue in future its exciting impetus in improving peoples’ lives.

Farmer Pak Obus Nong NTA agricultural adviser and Pak Mohd Taher discussing the different yields of local cocoa and the NTA-provided ‘F1’ cocoa plants. There are nine farmers in Pak Nong’s kelompok, all working together to maintain their demonstration plot. Measured yields of NTA’s cocoa demplots in early 2016 ranged from 1.5 to 5.6 tonnes per hectare. This compares with yields before NTA’s intervention of about 0.4 tonnes per ha per annum. Taking the minimum increase of 1.1 tonnes, incomes were more than trebled.

Sanggar Wolbi, Sikka, Flores. 21 May 2016.

Photo credit: NTA/Tracey McMartin
EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

2015-16 has been an interesting and challenging year. One of the great strengths of the NTA is its very strong and dedicated team of volunteers. Encouraging and supporting this team is a significant part of the EO role. In facing this challenge the EO is also responsible for supporting the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Membership and Marketing Committee and the Operations Committee. Over the year we have been thinking carefully about the strengths of the NTA, the very significant difference our efforts have made to the lives of many people in eastern Indonesia and how to best position ourselves to continue this work and tackle the challenges in front.

The EO support for the CEO has progressively increased over the year. The EO now prepares grant application proposals and reports including for our main grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Other activities include presentations to, and liaison, with many stakeholders and the provision of administrative support including correspondence, liaison with supporters, development of photo libraries, monitoring of finance and issuing of receipts. The EO assisted with the May-June Field Visit including liaising with counterparts and acquisition of new photographic material. The EO also participates in training and webinar sessions to learn about processes and expectations relating to accreditation and funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Council for International Development.

Maintaining and increasing donations has been identified as one of our significant challenges. The EO participated in most meetings of the Membership and Marketing Committee, provided Secretariat support and assisted in the development and delivery of its initiatives and activities. The EO significantly contributed to the organisation of the Trivia Night and the fund raising dinner and to activities such as fetes. Other activities included presentations to schools and several Rotary groups even one via computer to the E-Rotary Club of Brindabella, and the refinement of promotional materials including corporate powerpoint presentations. The EO engaged in a range of meetings with existing and prospective donors. Electronic news provides one of the best ways for the NTA to increase knowledge and seek support for our activities. During the year we worked on the Facebook messages and increased the NTA newsletter list to 530 persons – an increase of 17 per cent.

The EO has participated in most meetings of the Operations Committee. The EO has assisted to link operational efforts with other activities including those of the Membership and Marketing Committee and other organisations. The EO assisted with the refinement of policies and field guides.

Challenges for the year in front include progressively improving systems for communicating with our supporters, planning and reporting on NTA activities and attracting new donations to maintain and increase our vital work.
In 2015-16 the NTA continued working with communities, its counterparts and Indonesian government agencies, aiming with limited resources to secure outputs and outcomes best for all concerned. Its programs in Income Generation and Food Security, Water and Sanitation and Education all did well, although they confronted major difficulties and challenges along the way.

An NTA Monitoring Team comprising the CEO, Program Manager, Project Manager Regional Director and Administrative Officer examined sponsored activities through field visits in November/December 2015 and May/June 2016. The Team reviewed project outputs and outcomes, checked disbursements, organized adjustments, and gathered background information. The Team also joined community meetings or *musyawarah* where participants provided feedbacks and ideas for the future. The *musyawarah* in Maumere in May 2016, for example, included 270 representatives of participating household cooperatives and schools, being a friendly one-day meeting at which delegates nevertheless took the opportunity of making incisive comments on the work of the NTA, YPMF and BPTP. The Team further took part in the Cocoa Field Day held in Flores in November 2015. The Team in its field visits was joined by 17 Australian volunteers, all performing specified tasks and learning about sponsored activities. Five of the volunteers in May/June 2016 were NTA Board members, including people in the Transition Planning Group, and I know this field experience was important in guiding advice on how transition should be made.

Several evaluations of NTA activities were undertaken during the year. Reviews of cocoa and vegetable improvement were carried out by colleagues from the Indonesian government Agricultural Technology Research Institute or BPTP, and more informal reviews of the NTA’s community relations and education work were conducted by senior people of the NTT community. The recommendations of these reviews have been largely taken into account, and are being implemented. Internal auditing of Indonesian accounts, along with training and discussion of accounting through Skype, was performed by Dr Petrus Usmanij, CMA, a lecturer at La Trobe University.

**Key achievements**

The Income Generation and Food Security program continued its long-term thrusts of improving cocoa and vegetable production, boosting subsistence outputs, erecting fences around cropping areas, and assisting women weavers. With cocoa in Flores the NTA helped put in place measures to raise the output of 285 small farmers on 50 hectares in the main cocoa growing area of the island, basing this effort around 15 demonstration plots. The NTA and its counterparts estimated that it would raise yields from the previous miserable 400 kg to at least 1.5 tonnes per hectare. This impressive threefold increase promises to treble household incomes from cocoa. The NTA provided selected households with improved seedlings, fertilizers, pesticides, composting materials, and other inputs. The much worse than normal drought in 2015 resulted in a high mortality of newly planted cocoa seedlings, especially at lower altitudes, and it was accordingly decided to not in future plant at low elevations.
The NTA’s vegetable project in Flores and West Timor again included two groups, and was undertaken during the year on land surrounding 16 demplots. One group comprised 35 mainly female farmers encouraged to cultivate small gardens watered from adjacent 15,000 litre water tanks, and aiming to raise household vegetable consumption. The other group comprised 446 more commercially-oriented male and female farmers with large gardens near water, aiming to supply vegetables to local markets. The farmers beside tanks were assisted with vegetable seeds, other key inputs, and training, while the commercial farmers were helped similarly in activities based around demonstration plots. It was estimated that the sale of vegetables from these plots raised average incomes by 20-30 per cent.

As part of our food security focus the NTA again distributed seeds of composite maize in target areas of West Timor, although this activity was severely limited by the drought and not as extensive as planned. The goal was to replace previous traditional varieties with composite giving yields two-three times those of traditional varieties and enabling some crop to be sold. This is an important step forward, and efforts to spread composites will be continued in 2016-17.
All cropping activities were facilitated through the NTA’s help in erecting 64 one km fences around growing areas, excluding livestock that previously caused widespread damage. This to me is an exciting program, entailing the use of barbed wire and gamal trees in living fences surrounding big areas of tree and annual crops. Assistance was also given to womens’ weaving groups, which in some districts were the main income earners.

The water and sanitation program continued efforts of many previous years, and in 2015-16 entailed constructing 145 ferro-cement 15,000 litre tanks and 122 household toilets. This highly popular initiative frees up time previously used in water collection and much improves health. It boosts peoples’ wellbeing, facilitating concentration on income-generating enterprises.

*Ibu Dortia, Pak Yustus Nobatonis and Pak Albert Nggonggoek with their newly finished toilet provided through NTA. Nine out of 20 families in this kelompok have improved toilets. These toilets have drastically reduced the previously endemic diarrhea, decreasing illness and therefore increasing time available for income generating activities. Women in particular are delighted by the greater privacy afforded by the new toilets.*

Setia Usaha, Kupang, West Timor. 27 May 2016.

*Photo credit: NTA/Tracey McMartin*
The Education Program involved 57 mainly primary schools, continuing to emphasize library training, distribution of books, and improvement of school infrastructures. One hundred and eighty three teachers were trained in library matters, with initial central tuition being followed by instruction in individual schools. This activity was broadly successful, and many of the previously untrained honorary teachers, comprising 40 per cent of the teacher workforce in NTA target areas, saw it as a major step in their teaching careers. Library improvement is critical to raising students’ interest in reading, with important flow-on effects to overall school performance.

The program also included teacher-training, involving 72 teachers and focussing on the honorary teachers. It further supported 280 scholarships for poorer children. It helped too in improving basic infrastructures, entailing assistance with water supplies, toilets, furniture and other facilities. It finally involved aid to kindergartens, with this being directed to those established by local communities receiving minimal government support.

**Devolution and capacity-building**

Devolution of project organisation continued strongly during 2015-16, with increasing responsibility being transferred from Australian participants to Pak Don and his colleagues, and with Pak Don himself engineering substantial devolution in his arrangement of activities. In addition there was continuing capacity-building, encompassing both technical and accounting capacity, the organisation of field activities, and the management of household records.

**The Operations Committee**

This Committee provided critical ongoing advice to the CEO/Operations Manager, Program Manager and Indonesian staff. It commented in regular two-monthly meetings on reports from the field, discussed important issues, and scrutinized and finally approved proposed disbursements within the Board-approved budget. The Committee reviewed the yearly ‘ADPlan’ submitted to DFAT by the Executive Officer, as well as the performance report to DFAT on the previous financial year’s activities.

Members of the Operations Committee also contributed importantly as volunteers on monitoring trips. They helped in reviewing NTA-sponsored activities, conducting auditing exercises, taking photos, eliciting personal stories, improving relations with communities, and making maps.

Some members in Australia assisted in preparing financial proposals, formulating strategic plans, translating Indonesian-language reports, preparing a manual for volunteers, drawing up legal and other documents, checking child protection and terrorism issues, and undertaking fundraising.

The contributions of the following persons involved with the Operations Committee are gratefully acknowledged: Stephen Barry; George Miller, Lesley Potter, Keith Gray, Juris Jakovics, Anton Usmanij, John McCarthy, David Lever, Silvia Fanggidae, David and Terry Quane, Alex Trakula, and Bernadette Davis.

I relinquished the chairing of this Committee to Stephen Barry at the end of 2015-16, and wish him well in this new capacity.
MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING REPORT

Committee Membership and Meetings

The Membership and Marketing Committee has met on a monthly basis through the year. Members have included: Peter Dawson (Chair), (Dr) Janet Hunt, Kim Andren, Penny Godwin, Carys Chan, Iona Main, Nadia Hooton, Kirrilly McKenzie and Phil Domaschenz. Carys Chan withdrew from the committee during the year as did Janet Hunt. Recent new members of the committee are Omar Gannash, John and Di Davison-Mowle and Stacy McGee. Penny Godwin and Kim Andren have indicated that, due to other pressing commitments, they will be unable to continue beyond this term. The committee is hugely indebted to Janet, who has provided leadership and ideas, Kim who has been webmaster, newsletter editor/writer and regular attender and Penny who has contributed especially to the conduct of events. The NTA’s Executive Officer, Phil Domaschenz, has played a major role in the work of membership building and marketing activities particularly in working with Rotary Clubs and in managing events.

Challenges and Outcomes

The key challenges for the Committee are to build the supporter base of the NTA and to raise money to support operations in the field as well as to cover modest overhead costs. The cash raised complements funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which remains our principal sponsor. We operate in an increasingly competitive marketplace for charitable donations. Every sort of not-for-profit institution, including schools and universities as well as scientific, cultural and social as well as other bodies compete for the spare cash of donors, both individual and corporate. These are often highly sophisticated in their methodologies and, in the case of phone and door-to-door canvassers, both skilled and persistent in seeking donations. The NTA has not so far emulated these competitors but has endeavoured to articulate a strong ‘value proposition’ to prospective donors emphasising the benefits to our East Indonesian clients communities of the work we do in building better livelihoods through agricultural and aquacultural development, clean water and sanitation and help to schools. We continue to improve our website and other promotional materials and seek to maintain contact with our donors through newsletters, events and periodic appeal letters. We lifted income considerably in FY 2015 and have maintained most of that increase in FY 2016, still well above historical levels. Our supporter base now exceeds 500 and is growing steadily.

Leading Donors

We are especially grateful to our regular donors. Rotary Clubs in Canberra and Sydney have been especially generous. Canberra’s Burley Griffin Club continues with significant support and we must especially acknowledge the support of Chris Curtis and the Lane Cove Rotary Club, which, with other Sydney clubs, has donated $12,000 this year. The continuing support of Australia Indonesia Association branches in the ACT, Melbourne and Sydney has also been greatly appreciated. Special mention must be made of the wonderful support of Marylou Minty in Canberra. Marylou operates a charity stall at the Phillip Farmers Market selling delicious baked goods and marmalade, and donates most of the funds raised to the NTA.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of individuals both in Canberra and in Melbourne. Our Melbourne group raised a significant sum this year and Vision East continues to support the NTA. We have a number of significant individual donors in Canberra and some beyond. Mention should be made of the significant contributions of David and Terry Quane.
Partnerships

Oxide Interactive, an innovative IT company in Canberra, has continued to host our website and to advise on related matters including a marketing communications strategy. Inland Trading, a Canberra region company which exports wine to 55 countries, has generously donated cases of wine for NTA events. A significant new partner is another Canberra-based company, Dixon Advisory, an award-winning Self-Managed Superannuation Fund manager, which has made an initial donation of $4,000 and pledged $1,000 for each sign-up of a new client associated with the NTA.

Events

Events provide opportunities for NTA supporters to gather and for new supporters to be recruited. Regular annual dinner and Trivia Nights have been arranged and have been well-attended. H.E the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Nadjidb Riphat Kesuma addressed the annual dinner this year.

Getting the NTA Story Across

In modern marketing jargon it’s called a Value Proposition; that is the value or benefits offered by an organisation or a product. Our value to our partners in the Nusa Tenggara Timur province of Indonesia is in improved livelihoods. It is best conveyed by stories such as how a villager was helped to grow vegetables in polybags on his small plot. He sold some of the vegetables but also his family consumed some, so family health improved and proceeds of the sales paid school fees. We are working to bring more such stories to the attention of our supporters and potential supporters. Our value to donors is an assurance that their donations help improve those livelihoods in the province.
In FY 2016, NTA recorded a net deficit of $4,416, compared to a net surplus of $33,690 for FY 2015. The underlying total revenue in FY 2016 was $237,987 (12 per cent lower than projected revenue and three per cent lower than FY 2015). However, it is important to acknowledge that despite revenue being lower than predicted, it is still the second highest revenue recorded in the past five years. Therefore, a big round of applause to our supportive donors, members, allies, partners and most importantly, our dedicated committee members for all their amazing efforts in the past 12 months.

Similar to previous years, revenue stream is made up of (i) DFAT grant (63 per cent); and (ii) monetary donations (37 per cent). Total monetary donations has seen a decline of eight per cent, with 26 per cent decline in individual donations, 22 per cent increase in corporate donations and 18 per cent less in fundraising.

In addition to the usual means of revenue, NTA has also made considerable progress in broadening its means of income, with Dixon Advisory becoming the organisation’s first corporate partner. This initiative is in line with the NTA’s long-term goal of reducing its dependence on government funding.

As opposed to the slight decrease in revenue, total expenses increased from $211,766 to $242,403 in FY 2016. This is due in some part to a carryover of disbursement of $15,000 from last financial year into the 2016/17 period. In total there was a 16 per cent increment in disbursement for international programs from $183,743 to $214,104. Fundraising, accountability and administrative expenses have remained at a similar level compared to the previous year.

It is noted that to avoid confusion, both total revenue and total expenses reported above exclude the in-kind non-monetary value from volunteer project administration and monitoring visits of $119,142, which is reported in the financial report as revenue and then fully offset as expense in accordance to ACFID guidelines.

Going forward, the finance committee is determined to work closely with other committee members to ensure that NTA records net surplus in the coming years besides seeking for more collaboration with local organisations. Ending the year in a sound financial position with more than $50,000 held in bank accounts the finance committee remains optimistic that NTA will continue to maintain its healthy and sustainable financial situation in this ever-changing macro environment.
# 2015-16 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## INCOME STATEMENT

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### REVENUE

**Donations and gifts**

- Monetary: 2016 - 74,122, 2015 - 83,665
- Non-monetary: 2016 - 119,142, 2015 - 121,444

**Grants**

- DFAT: 2016 - 150,000, 2015 - 150,000
- Other Australian: -
- Other overseas: -

**Investment income**

- 2016 - 124, 2015 - 168

**Other income**

- 2016 - 13,741, 2015 - 11,623

### TOTAL REVENUE

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## EXPENSES

### International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure

**Overseas projects**

- Funds to international programs: 2016 - 214,104, 2015 - 183,743
- Program support costs: -

**Fundraising costs**

- Public: 2016 - 4,774, 2015 - 4,671
- Government, multilateral and private sector: -

**Accountability and administration**

- 2016 - 23,526, 2015 - 23,351

**Non-monetary expenses**

- 2016 - 119,142, 2015 - 121,444

### TOTAL EXPENSES

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1. Significant accounting policies**

**Basis of accounting**

In the Officers’ opinion, the Nusatenggara Association Inc. is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports.

This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for the purposes of complying with the ACT Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Officers have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the users.

The financial report is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and do not take into account changing monetary values. The accrual and going concern basis has been adopted. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance compatibility.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements. Unless otherwise stated, these accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous year.

**Accounting Policies**

(a) Cash and cash equivalent
Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less plus bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown on the balance sheet as current liabilities within short-term borrowings.

(b) Income tax
As the Nusatenggara Association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

(c) Revenue recognition
Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is received. Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established. Grants and subsidies are recognised as income over the period to which they relate.

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

(e) Rounding of amounts
Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest dollar.
(f) ACFID Code of Conduct
The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at: www.acfid.asn.au.

(g) Donations and gifts - non-monetary

Pak Jemy Polang and Ibu Bernadetta show their NTA-funded water tank.

Watu Denak, Sikka, Flores. 23 May 2016.

Photo credit: NTA/Tracey McMartin
The Board of the Nusa Tenggara Association declare that:

(a) the financial statements and notes as set out on pages 2 to 7, are in accordance with the A.C.T. Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and:

i. comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and

ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date of the Association;

(b) in the Board’s opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of the Nusa Tenggara Association.

Dr Colin Barlow
Chief Executive

Ron Thompson CPA
Treasurer

Dated at Canberra this 22 day of October 2016
NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Independent Audit Report
to the Members of
NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED


We have audited the Code of Conduct financial summaries, being a special purpose financial report, of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (the association), for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee’s Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee’s responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee’s financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements. We have conducted the audit in accordance with the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct Financial Standards.

Auditor’s Opinion

In our opinion, the Code of Conduct financial summaries of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED as of 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and Australian Auditing Standards as required.

Prosperity Accounting Solutions
Certified Practicing Accountants

Signature
Paul Clark CPA
Unit 5, 18 Bentham Street
YARRALUMLA ACT

Phone 02 6281 5843

Dated this 18th day of October 2016.