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1An Image from the last Fun D Raising night at the Southern Cross Club Woden ACT.

1. Nusa Tenggara Association FUN-D raising Dinner

This year the Fun-D raising Dinner has been moved back until May 21st with the hope that things will be a little more stable on the COVID-19 front. Expect a night with interesting speakers addressing one of our focus areas, Games, Fun and good company during this popular event. Make sure to put this in your calendar and

further details will be advertised soon.

2. Thirty Years of hard work in Eastern Indonesia.

For 30 years the NTA has worked in one of the poorest areas of our close neighbour, Indonesia. The NTA works in a close partnership with local communities, setting goals and monitoring the achievements of the communities. As a predominantly volunteer driven organisation, the vast majority of donated funds go directly to efforts on the ground in Eastern Indonesia. It is with 30 years of experience that the NTA is able to deliver efficient and critical aid to impoverished areas.



2Water Tanks a major part of the NTA/s work.

3. New Refreshed Logo and Name.



Part of the 30 year celebrations is the refreshed Logo at the left. In addition, we have adopted **Nusa Tenggara Association** as our sole name. It will be abbreviated to NTA in the text of documents such as this. The tagline “Helping Communities Grow” points toward one of our main principles, which is to support and encourage self-help among rural communities.

4. An example of the work the NTA is able to facilitate is shown in this report from NTA-Indonesia Monitoring visit in Flores and West Timor.

NTA visits each project location twice a year with a joint Monitoring Team from Australia and Indonesia. The goal is to make sure the projects are all making good progress and inputs from the beneficiaries are heard and included in future planning of activities. This year, Covid-19 made it impossible for the Australian team to join. NTA-Indonesia therefore completed the monitoring visit alone during October and November 2020, proving to us all how committed and skilled they are.

After 2 weeks of monitoring, the team finished visiting all projects in Flores and rounded the visit up with a final Team meeting on the 13th of November, summarizing results and planning the next steps. After a well deserved short break, the team continued another 2.5 weeks, where they monitored activities in and around Kupang, Semau Island and finally the South Timor Tengah Regency. The Monitoring ended with a final meeting on the 5th of December, where the team discussed results with Ir Deborah Kana Hau M. Si., the founder of NTA Indonesia. During this meeting, the team has also spent half a day discussing strength and weaknesses of NTA-Indonesia, in order to make valuable and important contributions to the ongoing Partner Capacity Assessment.



NTA-I Team on the first day in Flores



NTA-I Team on the last day (for Flores)

During those five weeks the team visited 189 Farmer groups and 50 schools following a tight schedule. As the team collected data electronically and uploaded results each day, the Australian team was able to see the results including pictures from finalized projects immediately.

Some Key figures on the visited Farmer groups:

- Majority of Farmer group members present at meetings are women (64%).
- 3 groups identify as having members with disabilities (2 difficulty walking and 1 sight impaired)
- A Water tank reduces the daily time spent for fetching water from 2.75 down to 0.5 hours per day.
- Fetching water is the responsibility of women (77% households -mostly women, 19% men and women together and 4% mostly men)
- In 93% of the farmer groups, the children help fetching water
- 100% of the projects from the last semester were completed and have been of good quality.
- 43% of the farmer groups requested a Water Tank, 17% Living Fences, 11% Toilet Units and 5% Pig Pens for the coming semester



3A community group working with the NTA-I team



Brand new Pig Pens



and Water tanks in Sikka

Key figures from visited Schools:

- Seven out of 50 schools stated they have students with disabilities (total 10 students with disabilities, 6 female, 4 male, 9 physical and 2 intellectual disabilities).
- Most of low-wage teachers (honorary) are female (69%)
- Nine schools do not have a library
- All schools have access to water (own watertank 82%, shared watertank 2%, well 8% or close to river or spring 8%)
- All schools have received information regarding Covid-19 from NTA, including hand washing stations, soap and educational posters
- 100% of the items from the last semester (Jan-June 2020) have been finished and are in use (Desks and tables, retaining wall, fence, Traditional-Instruments)
- 65% of the schools are requesting support to improve their infrastructure (fencing, gates, toilets, tanks, repair roofs, etc.), 35% prefer furniture/equipment such as desks/chairs, whiteboards etc.



School Fence in SDK Kimbul



Discussions with school management

It is great to see our Indonesian team working independently with such a high level of motivation and delivering transparent, good results.

According to Pak Don Bosco Meke, the Director of NTA-Indonesia, the atmosphere during the monitoring was good, open and friendly. The NTA-I team was experiencing warm welcomes by groups and schools. The amount of pictures and videos shared by NTA-I Staff and beneficiaries showed a high level of ownership and enthusiasm, which is very motivating for all of us. We wish the team all the best for the remaining weeks of Monitoring.



Introducing improved farmer techniques on the spot

The Melbourne Tea Party

The Melbourne “Tea Party” will now be held on Sunday 18 April 2021. This is an annual event for NTA supporters and interested people to learn a little more about the activities of the NTA while raising funds to support our activities. For more information please email enquiries@nta.org.au

End of Year Appeal a great success

A big thank you to all the supporters of our End of Year Appeal. Over \$5000 was raised for tanks and toilet/wash facilities in Oelnaineno village, West Timor. This village was only recently adopted into the NTA program and there is an urgent need for clean, reliable water and for improved hygiene arrangements. NTA is currently planning the roll out of this aid and will report progress in the next newsletter.

Annual Report

NTA’s annual report for 2019-20 is now complete and has been uploaded to our webpage. The report outlines our achievement for the year and also includes our audited financial report. NTA prides itself in being an open and transparent organisation. www.nta.org.au/reports/policies

Australia Indonesia Awards

The Australia Indonesia Association of NSW has selected NTA as the charity to be supported this year with the proceeds from their Australia Indonesia Awards. NTA is honoured with this selection and to be associated with this high profile event. For more information see:



australia-indonesia-awards.com

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