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LETTER FROM THE HEAD, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Dear Friends,

Yayasan Gaia-Oasis, or Gaia– Oasis Foundation, is born from our consciousness about our surroundings in Tejakula. As a beautiful and peaceful place, we have seen many fractures, flaws or broken threads that have happened here in Tejakula, North Bali.

We have seen and heard of very young girls having to discontinue their higher study in order to work to help their family's economic condition. There is lack of opportunity for the parents to find employment that can support the entire family. Most importantly, the missed opportunity for a decent education has passed over from one generation to the next.



We have also seen how arid the land is in the dry season. The sea that been overly exploited by us, the humankind, to fulfill either our greedy need for wealth, for providing enough food for the children at home, or to fulfill our selfish thirst for pleasure.

On other hand, we also watched how the local wisdom has passed through generations on how to wisely divide the water supply between families in need. We have observed the efforts for traditional music being passed on from one generation to the next. The very essence of Balinese tradition in reverence and caring for nature is embedded in their religious and cultural practices.

Amongst this spectrum of beauty and imperfection, we at Yayasan Gaia-Oasis have been trying to create programs and activities that will support the local community to overcome their challenges and problems in life. We also believe that in working towards contributing to a greener life, we will achieve a healthy life and environment, and at the end we will be able to live a happier life.

Finally, we would like to offer a huge thank you to all our donors and supporters, because without you all, it will be hard to achieve what we believe in:

To contribute towards A GREEN, HEALTHY, HAPPY WORLD !!

Blessings and Greetings from North Bali.

ABOUT US

Yayasan Gaia- Oasis (YGO) was founded in 2007.

Vision: Contributing to a Profound Healing World

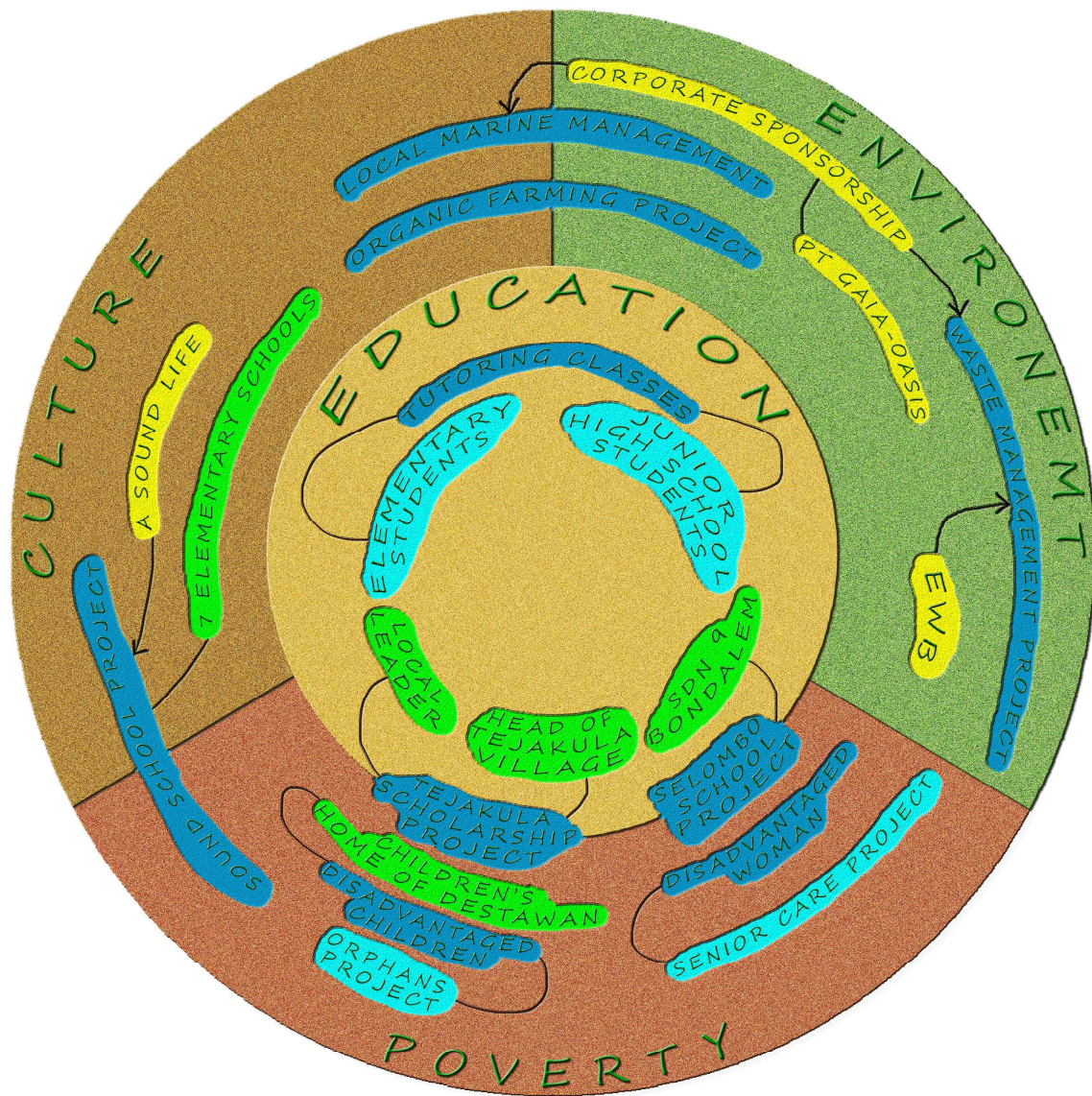
Mission: Creating A Green Healthy Happy World through caring for environmental, educational and cultural programs in Tejakula

Objectives:

- To support the physical and spiritual health of disadvantaged communities of North Bali.
- To help preserve and restore the environment both land and sea
- To continue to foster a good working relationships with the local community
- To promote North Bali, especially East Buleleng, into a spiritual tourist destination.
- To encourage and educate the local children in taking care of their environment and their health and to help build better future lives for themselves and their families.

The future plans and projections of YGO will be based on the above values. Since the earlier program, Gaia's base-line assessment has concluded the low percentage of budget from the village authorities in areas like Education, Environment and Health suggest that there are important areas that could do with more focus. There is therefore the potential for all parties to share skills and knowledge, not just give and receive financial aid.

This report is created based mostly on what have been implemented from August to December 2014, since it was the time where the SPO has joined the YGO.



 PROGRAM/PROJECT
  ACTIVITIES
  PARTNERS
  SPONSORS

OUR YEAR

In this our seventh year, our activities have increased such that we have now created and are implementing community development work across seven projects. The projects are divided into three different sections.

The first section is Poverty and Education Program. This section is based on our concerns around the interrelated effects of poverty and education. Many students in the Tejakula area are unable to continue their education their family's low income. A significant number of parents are fully dependent on what they can get from the land where they work as a land worker. Most do not own the land. Families having to survive on such low income consider that sending the children to work in other areas, particularly in South Bali, will give more benefit than keeping them in school. The lower standard of education also impacts the opportunity for the parents to have more income for the family and the children to continue their education. This program will highlight projects including Tejakula Scholarship, Selombo School project, support for disadvantaged children project, and project for supporting disadvantaged women.

The second section is Environment and Education Program. We believe that to be successful in preserving the environment, education is also a vital component. In this section, we have Local Marine Management project, Waste Management in Tejakula, and Organic Farming Project.

The third section is Culture and Environment Program. This will highlight our cultural program, Sound School. It is a gamelan program for the elementary students in Tejakula.

We would like to say that this year we have achieved 70% of the planned activities. However, there are many additional activities that been done in this period. To mention some among many other things, the Bio-rock launch, the 'Pokmaswas' meeting, the mango sale, the member meeting in Nov 2014, and the new proposal for the EWB (Engineering Without Border, a sponsor for the waste project). Thus, it can be said that the project implementation is around 50% with positive deviation around 50% from the original plan of Aug – Dec 2014. This is mostly due to our new officer (Senior Project Officer) having just started with the project, and output was set up with little information from the previous projects due to the lack of reporting system in place before. For next year's planning, the output will be carefully crafted even though some deviation might be allowed until mid-2015, since the projection for future planning will only be done in March 2015.

POVERTY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

According to the Statistic Report in 2011, the participation of children to Elementary school in Buleleng regency is the lowest compared (93%) to the rest of the regency in Bali. This fact showed that education, especially early education, is still an important subject to support. There are many families not able to support their children to higher degree because of their economic limitation. Yayasan Gaia Oasis has seen how poverty has influenced the level of education in the Tejakula community, especially the primary study. Most of them cannot continue their study to the higher level (Junior High School) because of their family's financial condition. Some of the parents (themselves not well educated) feel it is enough when their children can read and write only and ask them to assist them (parents) to work in the fields or go to the city and find a job. This is becoming an



increasing problem in Bali with many young children ending up on the streets, especially in South Bali.

Yayasan Gaia Oasis supports several different educational projects. Focusing on education will give some help to the educational institutions as well as parents.

Tejakula's Scholarship Project

We give scholarships to students of Elementary, Junior and Senior High School in Tejakula. With the support of our donors, we have been able to grow this program over the years so that in 2014 we could offer scholarships to 25 students.

In this year, we have received a generous donation from Rodney Sen (Yoga Travel) for the amount of AUD 1,000 (IDR 10,000,000) that aims for children and education.

Selombo School

The children come from very far, from poor families and have to walk a long, long way to school as there are few roads.

Selombo School is an Elementary school called SD N 9 Bondalem, which is known to many as Selombo School. The school is located in the remote mountain area between Bondalem and Tejakula. Most of the students have to walk a minimum of 1 – 2 km to go to school and come from very poor families.

The Yayasan Gaia Oasis supports the school with stationery, uniforms, raincoats, and books. The children love their free weekly meals and yoga classes. We support their weekly extra nutritious meals, uniforms, stationery, teacher salary subsidies, dancing program, and weekly yoga class. Fund expenses for period of January - December 2014 is IDR 64, 533, 626.

Empowering Disadvantaged Community Project

By allocating funds for the educational project, The Yayasan Gaia-Oasis is also extending their hands to help the disadvantaged communities that are always living at the edge of poverty. By building this project, we hope we can open more possibility for them to survive either in their daily life or in their education (especially for children).

Orphans and Children's home

In Bali, when the children lose their father, they have to live with their mother or their closest possible extended family (grandfather/grandmother) on the father's side of the family. This is part of their religious practices in which they should pray and be close to the temple belonging to their deceased father's family. Forced into this condition, many children have to live below the poverty line just to be close enough to their



A handover of funds
for Tejakula
Scholarship



father's family.

So far, we have supported three children from two different families. Yayasan Gaia-Oasis also sponsors a children's home to support the education and nutrition of children from poor families. Monthly donations for food and educational materials have started and hopefully can continue with support of donors. Other orphans in Tejakula area are sponsored by members and their friends. We are thankful for our donors who are still continuing their support (Ms. Shanti and her friends and others). For the period Jan – Dec 2014, we have spent around IDR 5,207, 000.

ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Waste Management in Tejakula

This project is done with the cooperation and funding support from EWB (Engineering without Borders). This project was initiated based on the fact that the local waste collection practices are poor. The depot is unable to cope with the large quantities of waste, and most of the waste is burned at open fire.

In the course of the project first measures for a more sustainable waste management in Northern Bali should be implemented. This will include the arrangement of waste collecting in three sample streets as pilot project to facilitate the separation of plastic waste from organic waste. Further the Senior High-School SMA 1 in Tejakula will be involved by organizing workshops, what later we called as Eco Class, where students work on different waste-related projects.

Thus, the project aims at raising awareness, at utilization and expansion of knowledge of the students and at empowering them to put their knowledge into practices.

From October to November 2014, there was negotiation on a new amended proposal, since there were objectives of the previous agreed proposal that were not yet achieved. The new amended project proposal was agreed and a fund of €5,097 was set in December 2014. The new objectives and goals are attached in **Annex 2: Amended proposal**.

The works of waste management until Dec 2014 were adequate. There are a few points that need to be highlighted in the implementation of the project:

Sample Streets Garbage Pick-up:

The average participation of residents of the sample streets is 50% from August to December 2014. This output is less than what we had targeted (60%), due to insufficient time provided for close meeting with the residents. Another strategy is needed to increase the participation.

The plastic waste collected is on average around 2kg/household with only 19% was resalable. This is a major concern because most of the plastic waste, around 81% was dumped into the landfill. There are two possible solutions: (i) building up an environmentally friendly plastic waste burner; (ii) building up



Trying to find the best solution
for the plastic waste

a Waste Bank unit in hamlet/village level.

There was discussion with EWB as our technical partner and project donor about finding out solutions for the plastic waste. EWB has not agreed with the building up of plastic waste burner as they are worried about the toxic air resulting from the burning. They have however given alternative contacts in Bali who have experimented with the plastic waste burner. EWB also gave links on the information about Waste Bank. YGO has been trying to find out the possibility to build up the Waste Bank either in the hamlet or village level. The idea of Waste Bank has been put in the new amended proposal that was agreed in Nov/Dec 2014 by EWB.

Eco Class with SMA 1 Tejakula:

Participation of the students is still very challenging. However, at this point we are able to put the class as curriculum activity. In this regard, the support from the school and teachers will be higher. The students from the Eco Class agreed to name their activity and group as Gerakan Peduli Sampah (GPS, Movement Caring for the Clean from the Waste).

We faced a hard time to have agreeable time/day for the Eco Class. The staff has tried to be democratic as possible to accommodate the students' busy schedule in the hope it will increase their participation. However, the participation of each weekly meeting is still only between 5-10 students.

The themes that have been covered until Dec 2014 are types of useable plastic; introduction to: re-think, re-use, recycle, and reduce; Bio-poles; composting, EM (a natural microorganism used for fertilizer and organic farming. Between Aug – Dec 2014, there was one invited speaker for the Bio-poles theme. It was from LINI, our NGO's partner. There was also two outreach events held at the school. One was in September 2014, with participation of 10th grade students. Another outreach was in December 2014. It was planned for a beach cleaning event but it was cancelled due to the pouring rain. The event then heavily concentrated on the socialization on waste and coastal environment lectures from two distinguished speakers from two government bodies of Buleleng Province. There were Mr. Eddy from Fishery and Sea Department (Diskanla) and Mr. Dewa from Hygienic and Urban Landscaping Department (DKP). The event was attended by students of 10th to 12th grade.

The outreach events were quite helpful in increasing the participation of the students. At the least, it has boosted the confidence of the students on the Eco group they have. There was also initiative from the students to seek assistance from the local government (DKP) for helping the school to have more waste bins. There was also request from further students to join the group.

It has been an effort from the Yayasan for a better waste management in the hamlet/village level by regular communication with the Head of Tejakula village. The last conversation with the Head is still on the possibility to contribute for their garbage car/motor. There was no realization done yet until end of December 2014.



Working together with High School Students to be the ambassador for caring for the environment



Fund used for this program from Jan-Dec 2014 is IDR 5,842, 600. New fund has transferred on Dec 2014 with amount of IDR 77, 083,460 (€5,097, at exchange rate of IDR 15,000).

Local Marine Management

the Yayasan with its staff (Senior Project Officer) has done couple of regular monitoring meeting with the Local Fishermen group, DPL BarunaBharata. There are several activities that need to be highlighted from Aug-Dec 2014:

Bio-Rock Workshop(15 – 17 Oct 2014)

Yayasan and PT Gaia Oasis had received an invitation from Diskanla to take part of Bio-Rock Workshop. The invitation is part of the bio rock project, funded by Diskanla, for the DPL BarunaBarata, a fishermen group that supported by Yayasan and PT Gaia-Oasis. The workshop was facilitated by YayasanKarang Lestari, a pioneer in the bio-rock in Pemuteran, Bali. They will be also a consultant for the plantation of bio-rock donated to DPL BarunaBarata. The bio-rock is planned to be planted in front of Gaia-Oasis Pantai Resort.

From this workshop, we believes that the fishermen group, DPL BarunaBhrata, has benefited through the new knowledge on developing the bio-rock and the management of bio-rock. This will also help the group to prepare for their bio-rock that was later donated to them by the Diskanla in November 2014. We are also learning how to develop new corals, such as the baby coral adoption project. This can be another addition for an extra income of marine tourism for the fishermen.

Coral Monitoring and Bio-Rock Survey (29 Oct 2014)

After several meetings and phone conversations, our staff agreed with Reef Check Foundation (Reni) and YayasanKarang Lestari, to conduct corals monitoring together with Bio-Rock survey on 29 October 2014. The fishermen group, DPL BarunaBarata is responsible for the diving equipment and underwater camera. PT Gaia-Oasis will support for the lunch and beverages. Diskanla will help with diving equipments including filled up the tanks. Two staff of YayasanKarang Lestari will be in charged for the bio-rock survey (Mr.KomangAstina and Mr.GedeGunarsa).

The coral monitoring was started at 9am and ended at 12pm while the survey was started at 11pm and ended up at 2.30pm. During lunch, there was a discussion with Mr.Manaf, head of Conservation Division of Diskanla as well as with the staff from YayasanKarang Lestari. The points from discussion were:

- The launch of the Bio-rock will be on 10 Nov 2014.
- Since it is important to have a local marine watch group to protect the conservation area (the beach in front of Gaia-Oasis is part of the rehabilitation area), it was suggested to have formal inauguration of 'Pokmaswas' at the same time as the launching of 'Bio-rock'.
- Yayasan will communicate with the head of Village to have a meeting on 'Pokmaswas'
- The fishermen meeting will be held on 5 Nov 2014.
- The meeting will have support from Diskanla



Bio - Rock, an artificial reef; working toward a better coastal environment and marine eco-tourism

Launch of Bio-Rock (10 Nov 2014)

This Bio-rock launch ceremony event is initiated by Yayasan Gaia Oasis with the support of PT Gaia Oasis. The bio-rock is donated by Diskanla Kab Buleleng to the DPL Baruna Barata. The electricity for the bio-rock will be provided by the PT Gaia Oasis. Since this project is not solely Yayasan or PT Gaia Oasis, rather a donation given by Diskanla to the DPL, then invitation to the event was done by the Head of Tejakula village.

Number of institutions invited to this ceremonial event are: Head of Diskanla Kab Buleleng; Camat Tejakula, Kapolsek Tejakula, Danramitejakula, Klian Desa Pakraman Tejakula, Ketua Pecalang Desa Tejakula, Ketua BPD Tejakula, Ketua LPM Desa Tejakula, PPL Wilbin Tejakula, Pengurus Pokmaswas Desa Tejakula, Pengurus Pokmaswas Desa Bondalem, Pengurus Pokmaswas Desa Penutukan, Ketua Kelompok Nelayan se-desi Tejakula. Ketua Kelompok Nelayan 'Mina Lestari', desa Les, Yayasan Gaia-Oasis, PT Gaia-Oasis, Cili Emas, Villa Gede Widiadnyana, Perangkat Desa Tejakula. Total number of the participants is 50 people.

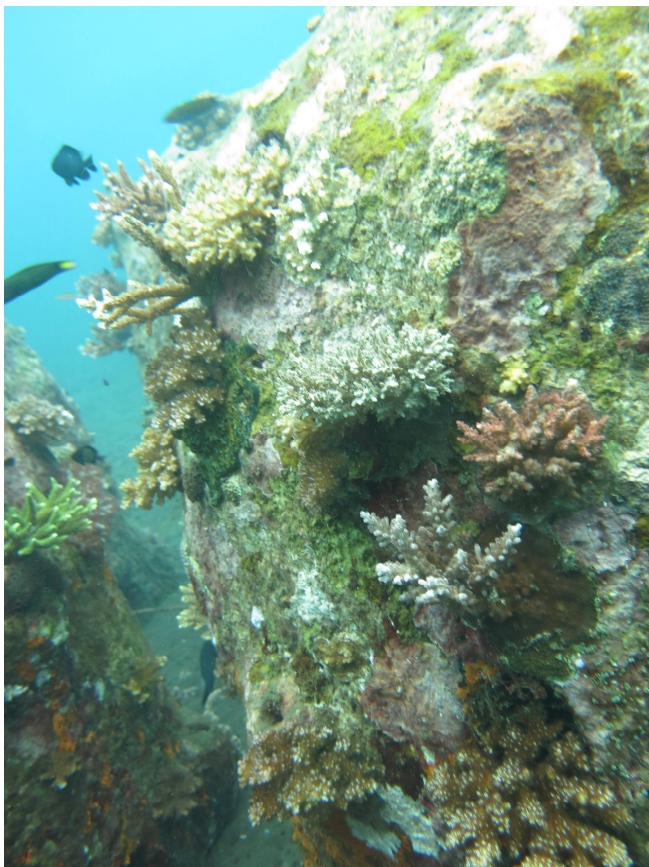
Gede Sudi (Security staff at PT Gaia Oasis who also a member of DPL) has agreed to conduct the regular bio-rock monitoring in the first 6 months. The regular monitoring will be done twice a week. our staff will coordinate with Diskanla for the supports on tanks compressor. Diskanla has put its compressor in Sembiran fishermen group to be used by any fishermen group in Tejakula. This will help to decrease the expenses for coral monitoring in the area.

Local Marine Watch Group

YGO coordinated with the Head of Tejakula village and conducted meeting on 5 Nov 2014 about the Tejakula Marine Watch Group. The meeting was initiated by the Head of Tejakula village and supported by Diskanla and Yayasan Gaia Oasis.

The aim of this meeting was to socialize and plan for the formal inauguration of Pokmaswas 'Tejakula Lestari'. The Head of Tejakula village was promised to participate in this meeting. However, since there was another appointment in Singaraja, the meeting was led by his representative.

Three staff of Diskanla were present. They are: Mr. Eddy from Wakadis Diskanla; Mr. Sutami from Monitoring Division of Diskanla and Mr. Manaf from Conservation Division. Institutions invited to this meeting are: Diskanla kab Buleleng; PPL Wilbin Tejakula; ketua Kelompok Nelayan; Yayasan Gaia Oasis; PT Gaia Oasis; Ketua LPM Desa Tejakula; Ketua BPD Tejakula; Perangkat Desa Tejakula. The meeting had only



Continue monitoring of
the Coral at Tejakula sea

20 participants. There were also briefings from Diskanla on the protection zone and the importance of formation of community based watch group (Pokmaswas).

In early 2014, there were meetings that has resulted the structures of Pokmaswas but no further follow up been in place. There is a need for providing wider opportunity for other fishermen group in Tejakula to buy into the idea and join as members in Pokmaswas. The meeting ended up with the agreement of all participants to support the initiative that been taken by the head of Tejakula Village to form Pokmaswas. Fishermen group agreed to do follow up on the formation of Pokmaswas. However, until the end of Dec 2014, the formal inauguration of the Pokmaswas with signed formal letter from the Head of Tejakula village is still impending. It is due to the lack of initiative from its members that are mostly appointed by the Head itself.

Regular Meeting with DPL Baruna Berata

There were a couple of meeting done with the fishermen group, DPL Baruna Berata. Our staff has tried her best to have monitoring meeting at least once every month. There were meetings in Oct and Dec 2014. To fulfill the gap in monitoring meeting, the Yayasan staff has done sometime an informal meeting/conversation with the member of fishermen group (such as Gede Sudi and Ketut Miyasa) to gather information on current issues. From the meetings, there were several things that need to be highlighted: the need for purchasing new life-jackets for fishermen who involve in the Dolphine Tour (their marine eco-tourism project); a new designated area in the sea for fishing outside the rehabilitation zone so there will be less destruction of corals in the rehabilitation area because of the fishery activity .

The fund used for these activities for 2014 is around IDR 1, 543, 000. Many expenses for the activities is covered by the PT that later in Feb 2015 should be covered in the proposal for the project for PT CSR (it has been promised to be around 8-10 millions rupiah).



Supporting Local Fishermen group and government to maintain the ocean treasures of North Bali

Organic Farming Project

Since 2007, the Yayasan has been developing organic farming in its land in Abasan. The farm consists of a variety of plants, from herbs and fruits, to higher income product plants such as cocoa and cloves. In 2014, a higher result was coming from Mangoes with its two varieties 'Lale Jiwa' (Madu, Sweet Mango) and 'Harum Manis' (Sweet and Scented Mango). The total selling in 2014 for the mangoes is IDR 1, 768, 275 (505kg) compared to others (e.g. coconut, rambutan) is IDR 3, 805, 000.

Income of 'Penyakap' (land worker) in 2014 is IDR 7,315, 925, while income of the The Abasan Retreat is IDR 17, 216, 775. The result from the farm from is around 1, 444.8kg and 4, 971 pieces (some fruits and veggies are counted in pieces). However, there is no actual money transaction besides that paid to the 'penyakap'; the money goes to the affiliation funds between The Yayasan and Abasan Retreat. It will still be in the financial note under Abasan accounting as a farming income.

In Oct – Dec 2014, there was a proposal to make continued and sustainable products of the garden. It is still challenging considering there are many insects and pests attacking the veggies, though we can say the expected result has already been achieved. There are also changes in communicating the products from the veggie garden to the kitchen in Pantai and Abasan. The Yayasan has reported weekly what will be available for harvest in the garden and what will still have to wait. By doing this, the kitchen will know how much they can get from the garden and how much they should purchase from outside. There is also a regular note written on how much Abasan kitchen has gotten from the garden, which was not previously documented. The result of vegetable garden from Oct to Dec 2014 to the kitchen in Abasan Retreat is 70kg (average 20kg/month).

Fund used for the whole project activities from Aug – Dec 2014 is IDR 1,710,800. The expenses are mostly on several payments for the comparative study and consultant transport fee (Mr. Man Tese) for the veggie garden project.

CULTURAL AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sound School

The result of a combination of cultural influences and the force of 'democratizations' in Tejakula have caused local art to flourish, for it freed artists to pursue multi-faceted interpretations and to develop their own ideas. The richness of Tejakula's performance arts is well-known throughout Bali, but unfortunately in recent times this heritage has come under threat. One of them is gamelan. This repertoire is being lost, and the art of gamelan is eroding as young people turn to more modern forms of music.

This project is aimed to continue the existence and vibrancy of gamelan (a traditional musical instrument). It aims to give structured teaching to ensure students learn the proper methods of playing the gamelan



Save the planet
through organic
farming



instruments. By having a more traditional-style training and a solid technical base, students can more confidently explore new means of expression, marrying the best of old and new music forms.

The project started in August 2014, involving 40 students of Elementary School. The children can use the facilities of the Village, and the Sounds School is funded by sponsors who have a similar project overseas. The gamelan facilities of the village had been broken; thus we took initiative to fix them so the children may be able to play with them. By doing this, we hope that not only this group of students will play gamelan, but other gamelan groups can be facilitated by the village to flourish.

The participation of the students for their weekly practices is roughly between 30 to 35 students out of 56 students registered by end of Oct 2014. The teacher responsible for the program (Mr. Taye) has told us that he will aim at least for 20 students that will later goes to advanced class in mid-2015.

The total expenses incurred from May – Dec 2014 was IDR 14,276,000, which comprises Sound A Life IDR 12,584,000, the yayasan contribution is IDR 1,692,000.

FUNDRAISING AND INCOME

One of the fundraising platforms used by Yayasan Gaia-Oasis is the mocktail event. This is an opportunity for the Yayasan representative to share information about the Yayasan projects to guests. In the period of 2014, we only recorded 17 mocktail events from August to Dec 2014. Donation gathered from this period is IDR 25,777,000 (and donation for AUS1,400 from Mark Breadner in our Australian account) which was designated to: 8 donations for Selombo School project; 8 donations for Orphans, and 7 for Untied donation.

There has no been fundraising blueprint made yet. There was an idea to create a postcard for the guests to enable them to directly channel their funds during their stay in Abasan and Pantai resort. This will be done in early 2015. Mocktail events will still be the main channel to gather donations.

To keep support from the previous donors, there is a request to start with regular communication with them. We have designed a surprise gift for regular donors if they come to visit Gaia-Oasis. We also sent a Season Greetings to our donors in Dec 2014. We received a few replies from donors to this email. In 2015, we plan to send the newsletter and 2014 annual report to the donors. The Yayasan has created and managed a list of all donors.



Reconnecting Children
to their culture through
music



NON SOCIAL PROGRAM

The Management of Spiritual Retreat and Eco Tourism

Since Yayasan Gaia-Oasis was founded in 2007, the Gaia-Oasis Abasan Retreat was also developed as part of the spiritual retreat and eco tourism. Apart from fundraising support of the Yayasan and social entrepreneurship, the building of Abasan Retreat is aimed for bringing spiritual communities from around the world that will help to preserve and promote the Balinese spiritual lifestyle.

Gaia-Oasis Abasan Retreat

In 2014, the Gaia-Oasis Abasan Retreat has been visited by around 459 overseas guests. These guests represent diverse background such as yoga groups, foreign balian (a healer) groups, Vipassana meditation groups, and other spiritual groups. Our foundation, Yayasan Gaia-Oasis has also facilitated the activity of TirtaYatra for foreign guests, and cooperates with other groups to introduce guests to sacred art, offering banten/metanding, listening to Dharma Wacana, visiting JeroBalian as well as other Balinese ceremonies.

We have been growing and in 2014 received profit of IDR 825,707,897, which will be used to support the Yayasan programs. To facilitate transparency and accountability, we have tax report (NPWP 01.828.926 – 902.000) and have separated our financial bookkeeping. In 2014, we have reported and paid our tax with total IDR 188,953,153 (in 2013: IDR 121,020,588). This was based on the income tax for the accommodation and restaurant services for the guests who visited us in 2014.

Spiritual Communities

The Retreat aims to develop and maintain good relationship with organizations, such as Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia, PHDI Buleleng Region, and other institutions that have focused on Yoga Asana practices and Pasraman activities for students. The program involves the foreign yoga teachers.

Yoga Asana class is one of the integrated programs between the Retreat and the Yayasan social program. The Yayasan has invited yoga teachers to teach children in Abasan. In 2014, 13 teachers had taught yoga to children in Selombo School in Abasan every Saturday (in total 22 weeks). The children were very enthusiastic to take part in this program. Every week, at least 40 students participated in the yoga class.

Pasraman, or religious short camp, is conducted during the mid-year school holiday. It was a three-day short camp where students participated in several religious based activities. Yoga Asana is one of the activities that students were offered during Pasraman, and in 2014, around 40 students (4th, 5th and 6th graders) participated in the Yoga classes.

Another important feature the Retreat has developed is building networks with different spiritual groups, to enable conducting spiritual courses from diverse practices, such as Qi Gong and Ayurveda. This was done through providing

retreat opportunity for different groups. In 2014, our retreat was chosen by 18 groups for spiritual retreat from 6 different countries (Australia, Germany, British, Estonia, USA and Indonesia).

To support these spiritual communities and its retreat, the Abasan Retreat has tried to identify and document several tracking area in Tejakula Municipality as well as Temple (Pura) for spiritual tourism activities (TirtaYatra). One of the spiritual tourism destinations that been introduced to our Retreat guests is the local Temple, Pura Ponjok Batu. In 2014, more than 10 groups visited the Temple and conducted melukat ceremony led by the temple caretaker (pemangku). This activity is aimed for the guests to get to know the local culture and heritage so they will understand the importance of culture, heritage and spirituality in the Balinese life. Other Temples that can be visited are Pura Penulisan, Pura Puncak Sinunggal, Pura Tampak Siring, Pura Batukaru, etc.

Another networking that the Retreat has been trying to develop is the relationship with Balinese *JroTapakan*, *Balian* and *Pemangku* (traditional healers). This will be used to introduce and promote the Balinese traditional medication to our guests that at the end will enhance the understanding and respect over Balinese traditional culture. Many of our guests have visited the local *JroTapakan*, *Balian* or *Pemangku*, and some have become repeat visitors. In the end, the relationship is not only between the Yayasan and its Retreat but also between the guests to the *JroTapakan*, *Balian* and *Pemangku*. In 2014, around 64 guests visited the three *JroBalian* for either traditional medical treatment or spiritual and meditation discussion.

The Retreat facilities are designed not only for any foreign spiritual groups, but is also intended for community purposes. The Retreat has opened its doors to any communal activities from local community. However, the community has preferred to use the village auditorium since it belongs to the village and is easier to gather community for communal events. The Yayasan would like to continue to promote to the community to encourage them to use the Retreat facility for their social communal events.

In summation, the Retreat has been successful in providing space for both international and local spiritual communities to have more opportunity to conduct their spiritual activities. It has also taken part in promoting Buleleng as a spiritual tourism destination. This has been one of the main themes promoted by the Tourism Board of Buleleng Region. The Retreat has also played an important role in financial support for the Yayasan social program.

DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

Without the support from the following donors and partners, Yayasan Gaia-Oasis would not be in a position to provide invaluable services to the countless number of vulnerable men, women and children of Tejakula, North Bali. We sincerely thank each and every one of these organisations and individuals for their continued support and belief in the work that we do and we hope that these relationships continue to exist, long into the future.

Partners/Sponsors:

Engineering Without Borders (EWB,)
A Sound Life

Governments:

Social Department of Buleleng Region
Ocean and Fishery Department of Buleleng Region
Hygiene and Urban Landscaping Department of Buleleng Region
Head of Tejakula Village

Individual Donors:

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