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PROJECT 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future"



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ABOUT PROJECT 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA

Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia was initiated in 1964 by PP Cyril Richarde (deceased), a charter member of the Rotary Club of Southport (1945). He visited Indonesia numerous times to establish contacts and formulate ways to assist impoverished children and orphans lacking basic funding for their education. Cyril Richarde died in July, 2013 aged 100. PDG Alan Still (Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads) took over from Cyril in (about) 1995. Alan switched from paper to a computerised digital data base and ably managed the project for fifteen years before handing the reins to PP Bill Bonner (Rotary Club of Stanthorpe). On Bill's retirement the Rotary Club of Southport resumed management in 2014 appointing Tony Pritchett as manager.

We are deeply appreciative of the co-operation and support we have received from Salvation Army, Indonesia throughout the more than fifty-five years that this project has operated. The officers and staff work tirelessly to care for hundreds of children. We have never had reason to question their integrity or best intentions.

To fully comply with the requirements of Rotary International, RAWCS projects must be managed by at least two Rotary Clubs (i.e. one in Australia and one in Indonesia). Salvation Army, Indonesia continues to be the principal carer of children needing funding assistance for a better education. In 2016 an Agreement was formalised with Rotary e-Club Jakarta Gunawarman to co-partner Rotary Club of Southport in the management of Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia. Their involvement has enabled us to introduce more stringent surveillance and auditing processes in Indonesia, using Rotary International and other networks, to ensure that children whose education we support are benefiting, in compliance with the aims of the project. In particular we endeavour to establish that children sponsored through this program are bona-fide students, regardless of age, attending a recognised school or further education institution. A number of students attend university. We are proud to assist these students who would otherwise possibly not be able to achieve a degree.

Students deriving the greatest benefit from this project are the older ones — senior High School pupils and students at tertiary level. Because of financial and family constraints many children quit school prematurely, often seeking work, usually menial and unfulfilling, thus never reaching their true potential. Our consultations with our partners in Indonesia have revealed a need to provide financial support and incentive to encourage students to complete their High School education and, if capable, to continue to tertiary or vocational college; or university. Despite their adversity some students have already achieved a qualification or a degree and are grateful for the modest assistance our project has provided. Not all students will necessarily be capable of furthering their education beyond high school but we should like to provide an opportunity for those that are to realise their goals. Our aim is to empower these children for a brighter future!

Nowadays, primary school education is free to all children in Indonesia. However the additional cost of bags, school books, pens and pencils; and clothing, especially footwear, imposes a considerable burden on Salvation Army (approx. AU\$200 - \$400). We will continue to support these children as in the past. At high school, the costs for extra-curricular activities and books and uniforms rises exponentially (AU\$700 -\$800), as every parent comes to realise.

- **Sustainability:** Subject to availability of funding it is proposed that Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia supports the establishment in each Home of (i) a vegetable garden; and (ii) a sewing room; or workshop. Tuition by Salvation Army; students learn to grow food, make clothes and timber/metal items. This may help break cycle of poverty.
- **Scholarship(s):** Subject to availability of funds it is proposed to offer a scholarship to a student, nominated by Salvation Army and selected by Rotary e-Club Jakarta Gunawarman, to train to become a teacher/nurse/welfare worker on proviso he/she returns to work in his/her local community (approx. AU\$1,000 - \$1,500 per year; average 3 – 4 years).
- **Exit Strategy:** Salvation Army, Indonesia believes Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia should run until at least 2030. It is anticipated that Rotary e-Club Jakarta Gunawarman will assume full management of this project, with Indonesian funding, sometime after 2023. These dates will be subject to regular review and are not fixed.
- **Communication:** Students, especially senior students are expected to provide a report on their progress at least once a year with updated profiles and photos.

Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia now funds educational needs for all the children in nine Salvation Army Homes. Disbursing funds is now much easier. Children in remote areas will continue to be funded by other donors to SA. In order to retain personal contact with the children we assist, we continue to match donors with children but we hope all donors will feel that they are contributing to the educational benefit of all the students in a Home.