

LEARNING CENTRE CISAGO

SUMMARY

The programs of Java Village aim to help women and young people to make a positive change in their lives. The proposed Learning Centre program (2018-2020) will focus on young people who have little access to education and life skills by supporting the development of various skills and by increasing awareness on key issues in their community and their lives, such as Gender, Health and Hygiene, Child Protection and Participation, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Motherhood.

- **Rehabilitate (enhanced facilities and operational system) 'Rumah Belajar'** for young people and adolescents in the community
- **Rumah Belajar as a space where youth gathers and provide a space to access information related to issues such as Health, Hygiene, Gender, Child Protection and Motherhood**
- **Provide opportunities for drop-out youth to keep learning and develop their potential**
- **Provide information to girls and boys about their basic rights: right to life, right to development, protection rights and participation rights**
- **Empower girls through offering trainings and activities with the purpose of preventing early marriage and support for married girls**
- **Facilitating youth to practice leadership and to have a youth forum supported by the local government**
- **Increase community and local government awareness on issues affecting young people**

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Empowering young people living in Cisago¹, Sukabumi, West Java, Indonesia by implementing a learning center program focused on development of life skills and increasing awareness on key issues.

Together we can use 'Rumah Belajar' to engage and empower disadvantaged young people because of drop outs or due to early marriage.

Theme of project: Indonesia/Youth/Education/Health care

This project will focus on creating more life skills and improving awareness on and access to (sexual) health topics for young people in rural West Java, Indonesia. Both contributing to improvement of education possibilities for vulnerable youth and better access to healthcare facilities and information.

Involvement organization with project:

Mies Grijns, founder of Stichting Java Village (SJV), has carried out anthropological research in this district, with her team, on child marriage practices. As a response to research outcomes and a needs assessment among youth in the area, we integrated current education and health care programs of Java Village Foundation with a new approach to empower young people. This learning center program started by Java Village, inspired by local programs in the area, cooperating with both government programs and other NGOs like PKBI, ARI and Rumah KitaB.

PROJECT PLAN

This proposed project will focus on two integrated elements, namely the Learning Center itself and Youth Forum.

¹ Cisago is a pseudonym as the real name of the village is kept private

LEARNING CENTRE (Rumah Belajar)

The Learning Centre will be the focus point of this project. The center will be the central place and is available for trainings serving the needs of youth and indirectly other community members. This center can support learning for both in and out of school youth. As a response to earlier research on early marriage, we will give special focus to the needs of married girls or those prone to early marriage. In this way, the learning center can also contribute to early marriage prevention. Rumah Belajar will focus on both online and offline learning to on the one hand increase knowledge and skills of youth and on the other hand strengthen youth participation in contributing to community development.



YOUTH FORUM (Forum Remaja)



The set-up of a Youth Forum can be useful as a means to strengthen the learning center as a community-learning center. Besides this, a Youth Forum can function as a forum in which different parties can express concerns on topics such as child protection and child participation. The Youth Forum will be an element of the local government, so youth voices can be heard and represented. This will be organized conform the village policies that are being developed in line with the Village Law 2014.

From this starting point, a protection system can be established in order to prevent early marriage and violence against young people and strengthen a more active adolescent community. The Youth Forum will consist of eight young people (girls and boys), from every neighborhood in the village. During our needs assessment the youth who participated expressed their concern about the lack of a safe space where they are encouraged to let their voices be heard. According to them violence against both young people and women is a significant problem in the community and there is not enough awareness about this and no place available to report cases of violence.

SUSTAINABILITY OF PROJECT Our Impact:

Java Village has designed this program with sustainability and long-term impact in mind. Through this program, we target local youth, as well as established organizations, including a local Youth Forum and Cisago's local government, with the aim of building local-level capacity and ensuring that the knowledge and skills acquired are maintained and utilized at community level. In particular, we imagine that empowering young people and providing the tools and opportunities for their voices to be heard will increase their future participation in decision-making at both community and government level.

With the establishment of the learning center we hope that young people from poor backgrounds and low educational levels in Cisago can be helped. Through this program they will still be able to learn and join activities without fearing that their rights will be taken away. Rumah Belajar Cisago will also ensure that young people should still get their basic rights, namely the right to life, the right to grow,

the right to protection and the right of participation. So, with this approach, child marriage as one example of deprivation of child protection rights, can be avoided.

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