



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Working together for a brighter future



The Java Village Foundation focusses on a better future for the most vulnerable inhabitants of the village of Cisarua on West Java in Indonesia

These vulnerable residents are mostly women and children. We encourage and support local initiatives to break through the poverty cycle and work with them for a better future.

In Cisarua, approximately forty percent of the more than 8,000 inhabitants live below the poverty line. Female bread-winners in particular have a hard time, usually working long days at the tea plantation or in vegetable fields, and barely earning enough to be able to afford rice and a little fish. In order to support their families, often as the main income providers, they have to borrow from their employer, or worse from commercial money lenders, and thus end up in a vicious cycle of indebtedness. This also affects their children, since there is often not enough money to cover school fees. The mortality rate among new-borns and their mothers, who are sometimes very young, is also unacceptably high. Some of the women and children from families where the father is present to help with household expenses still experience similar problems with education and health. Children and young people from poor families thus already start their lives at a significant disadvantage. Our goal is to support these vulnerable families and this is why we focus on them with our activities. An important requirement for the support offered is that it will improve self-reliance and solidarity.

Foreword

2021 was the second year that the world, and therefore Indonesia and the Java Village Foundation, was heavily plagued by the coronavirus with short interruptions.

Despite the fact that the execution of the Java Village projects was hampered by lockdowns, our field worker Titi Setiawati maintained contact with the inhabitants of Cisarua, so that whenever possible, activities could take place again.

Board meetings continued as usual, though it was mainly on Skype. Our volunteers and donors did not get put off by Covid-19 either and continued to support Java Village. As a result, it was possible to be present at the Heritage Day in Duinzigt, where by selling tasty snacks made by Indonesian volunteers, an amount of € 529 was collected!

An additional recruitment campaign and participation in #Giving Tuesday also provided additional financial support for the Maria Peters Scholarship. The first three girls who may be eligible for the Maria Peters Scholarship have been provisionally selected. The final selection will take place in 2022, whence they can start with the second phase of secondary education (SMA/K).

The Sponsor a Student (SaS) project continues to run smoothly. Another ten new children have been selected, and they will be financially supported during the first phase of secondary education (SMP). The schools opened again in the second half of the year, but the children were taught in shifts, alternating with on-line education.

In addition, the SaS children use the Learning Centre to attend computer lessons and English lessons. Some former SaS students like to help their juniors.

Odi received a new wheelchair from the proceeds of #Giving Tuesday 2020 and some generous sponsors. Odi is closely monitored by our field worker Titi Setiawati, with advice from the doctor in Bandung if necessary.

This year, we have sought to ensure that the savings groups will become self-supporting in 2022. It will be the first project of Java Village that is ready to go on its own.

We hope for a 2022 without the restrictions of Covid-19, so that more activities can be carried out within the framework of the projects, with the support of our volunteers and sponsors. Unfortunately, Tineke Mook stated that she had to retire as a volunteer because of work pressures. Java Village would like to thank her very warmly for her many years with us.

Board of the Java Village Foundation

THE ORGANISATION

Java Village Foundation is heading into its fifteenth year. Before it was founded 2007, Mies Grijns, chairperson of the Foundation, together with her Indonesian colleague Titi Setiawati, had already initiated projects in the village to support the needs of the poorer inhabitants. These activities had been taking place from 2002 onwards.

When the foundation was officially founded on May 25, 2007 it became possible to organise the projects on a more professional base, with transparency and with full commitment of a board and volunteers.

The initial emergency assistance from 2002, has now been replaced by a focus on capacity building, self-reliance and sustainability. Since October 10, 2008, Java Village Foundation has been acknowledged as an Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling, ANBI (institution serving public interest) by the Dutch tax authorities.

Board

In 2021 the Foundation was run by the following five Board members:

- Mies Grijns – chair and projects coordination
- Sonja Abrahams – treasurer
- Ties Molhoek – secretary
- Kristel Hoogstad – vice-secretary & administration
- Huguette Mackay – marketing & communication

In 2021 the Foundation also focussed on existing and new projects regarding health, education and economic independence for women.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions meeting each other face-to face, as was possible in the pre-Covid years, was hardly possible. The monthly meetings were therefore held on-line. These meetings worked very well although we all missed the regular physical contact and communicating in a more direct manner. We could come together for our yearly policy day in September 2021, as the Covid-19 restrictions during the summer were less severe. An advantage of having on-line meetings was that we could also invite our fieldworker Titi Setiawati in Indonesia to take part, although the time difference was another challenge to deal with.

Travelling to Indonesia from The Netherlands was also not possible in the reporting year. However, our fieldworker, who lives in Bandung, could make the journey and she visited the village several times. Of course she could not travel without taking the necessary precautions, such as wearing face masks on public transport. Through her visits and reports the Board in The Netherlands was regularly kept informed on the ins and outs of the village.

The Board members conducted their input on a voluntary basis and did not receive financial compensation for their activities. The Board follows the guidelines of officially recognised fund raising institutions as a minimum requirement to itself. Overhead costs are kept to a minimum and therefore the donations were, just as in the other years, fully used for the projects.

To achieve our goals, the Java Village Foundation develops a new strategic policy plan every three years. This policy plan is published on the website and is accessible to everyone. The Board also holds a yearly policy day to evaluate the effectiveness of our policy and whether we can continue in the same way or need to change our course. Our policy plan 2020-2022 is available on our website.

Audit committee

Our audit committee consist of the following members: Mr Christiaan Ruitenbeek and Mr Tim Toussaint. Our annual financial account, compiled up by our treasurer, has been checked and approved of by the audit committee.

Volunteers

We are in a privileged position to be assisted by a number of volunteers, also in Indonesia, with specific qualities. In 2021 the following people committed themselves to the Foundation: Sita van Bemmelen, Katja Dold, John and Evelien Hurst-Buis (Newsletter), Tineke Mook (project children with a disability), Sandriyn Myjer, Silvy Puntowati, Digna Ruitenbeek, Christiaan Ruitenbeek (audit committee), Anindita Sitepu (project children with a disability), Tim Toussaint (audit committee), Gerard de Winter (website, ICT), members of the Indonesian Angkring circle in Leiden. Photographers: Hans Kleijn (our events in The Netherlands), Naufal Arkam and Titi Setiawati (in the village.)

FRIENDS AND SPONSORS OF JAVA VILLAGE

The foundation is grateful it can count on a steady group of sponsors that make the work of Java Village possible. Sponsors donate to a specific project as the Sponsor a Student project or the Maria Peters Scholarship. All though the number of sponsors is stable, we have experienced a slight decline in income. We therefore welcome new sponsors who are willing to donate on a stable base to the Foundation. We are also sponsored by funds and private organisations. And it is also possible to become a Friend of Java Village. It is our sincere wish that the number of sponsors, funds and friends will grow in the coming year to make more projects possible.

NEWSLETTERS

In 2021 we published our digital English Newsletter on a quarterly base. It is sent to our sponsors, friends and others that are interested in our work. The Newsletter is also published on our website.

EVENTS AND FUNDSRAISING ACTIVITIES

Slowly some physical activities could take place again in 2021, although not on the same scale as in the pre-Covid years. In September Java Village sold products and Indonesian dishes, made by a great number of enthusiastic volunteers, during the Heritage Day of the historic building Duinzigt in Oegstgeest, near Leiden.



Left: some Board members at the Java Village stall at the Duinzigt event in September 2021.

Right: Silvy and her team selling their home made Indonesian food.

We continued to raise funds on-line. We took part in the fundraising event #Giving Tuesday. Our special request in 2021 was a donation for our Maria Peters Scholarship. Also through Jeroen Peters, husband of Maria Peters and initiator of the scholarship, new sponsors made donations towards this special fund.

With this scholarship we can help excellent and motivated SaS pupils who have successfully completed their junior high school (SMP) to continue their secondary school education by going to a senior high school (SMA) or to follow a vocational education (SMK). *(More on our Maria Peters Scholarship below.)*

#Giving Tuesday is the global day of action for doing good on the first Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, every year in November. A time for charities and social organisations to bring their work and goals to the attention of as many people as possible. It marks the beginning of a traditional period of giving.

It must be said, however, that Covid restrictions resulted in Java Village in 2021 having fewer opportunities to take part in more events and to make contact with new and old supporters of our Foundation, and this was also reflected in our financial income during the reporting year.

THE VILLAGE IN COVID-19 TIMES

In 2021 the village was still confronted with Covid-19 restrictions. The vaccination programme was carried out by health workers from the health centre and was successful. Luckily there were no big outbreaks of contamination of the disease and the number of fatal casualties in the village was low.



The vaccination programme carried out in the village. After the twelve years old and above were vaccinated, the vaccination of the children between six years and twelve years was carried out.

School were opened but under restrictions. Pupils could attend the school twice a week in two sessions of two hours each with a maximum of fifteen students per lesson. On the other days lessons were given on-line.



PROJECTS

Java Village supports projects in the following fields: Children and Health, Youth and Education, Women and Empowerment



Children and Health

Java Village remains to be involved in the local health centres and supports them where necessary. (Puskesmas, Pustu en Posyandu)

A special project in 2021 was the purchase of a wheel chair for Odi, a thirteen year old girl in the village who suffers from a severe form of cerebral palsy. She had out grown her old wheel chair. Thanks to fund raising activities in 2020, also through #Giving Tuesday, a new chair could be ordered in Bandung, and it was collected in the beginning of 2021.



Odi with her new wheel chair. Right with her (para) medical team, mother and Titi.

Youth and Education

Sponsor a Student project (SaS)

Through our ongoing Sponsor a Student project ten new students were admitted for this programme in the reporting year. School education hasn't been the same in the area since the Covid-19 pandemic broke out. Although schools opened in 2021 under restrictions, on-line education remained in place.



The ten new SaS students with their mothers. Titi is standing far left.



Titi with new SaS students and mothers in a class room of the elementary school in the village

Maria Peters Scholarship

Java Village is very pleased with its Maria Peters Scholarship which makes it possible for two to three students each year to continue their secondary school education after completing the first three years of secondary school.

The scholarship was founded in 2019 in memory of Maria Peters, one of the first supporters of Java Village, who sadly passed away in 2016. In honour of her, her family took the initiative, together with Java Village, to establish this special grant for excellent students.

Learning Centre: Rumah Belajar Cisago

The Learning Centre, initiated in 2017 by former SaS students in the village, has proved to be a great asset to the pupils especially during the lock down period and also when restrictions became less strict and schools were re-opened. Although the Learning Centre could not organise large gatherings as in the past, giving help to the pupils with their on-line lessons was possible.



Laptops donated by Java Village in the past years proved to be very useful for this purpose.

Women and Empowerment

The three savings and micro-credit groups (Anggrek, Bugenvil and Bunga) continued their activities during the reporting year. Bugenvil had become a cooperation in 2020. Under Covid-19 large gatherings were restricted but they still managed to hold small meetings and continue their useful supportive work with providing savings and loans facilities. The leaders of these three groups regularly meet in their own forum Cut Nyak Dien (named after the famous female Acehnese resistance fighter). When needed they can still ask for advice from the Indonesian women's organisation PPSW Pasoendan (Pusat Pengembangan Sumberdaya Wanita, centre for the development of sources for women), which trained the groups when starting the project. The Java Village Foundation now follows the savings and microcredit

groups at a distance and we are proud that they are becoming independent and self-supporting groups.

PLANS FOR 2022

We are pleased that, despite Covid-19 our ongoing projects could continue in 2021. The Maria Peters Scholarship is a wonderful asset to our activities as it gives the opportunity for motivated and talented pupils to continue their secondary school education. Good education, as we all know, is so important and it can make a world of difference for these pupils (often girls), from a poor background to make a good start in life. The activities of the Learning Centre, an offspring of the SaS programme, as it was initiated by former SaS students, also demonstrates that many in the village realise how important education is. It is wonderful to witness the input from these young people.

We keep realising that we are a small foundation with limited funds. But even with our limited funds we manage to realise important projects that are part of the village community. We would of course like to do more and for that reason we keep trying to extend our funds and hope that our number of supporters and friends will grow. In the meantime we will keep up the good work with our optimistic team.

Income and expenses financial year 2021

Stichting Java Village	Realisatie 2020	Begroting 2020	Realisatie 2021	Begroting 2021
Algemene donaties	2.506	2.500	1.240	2.000
SaS vaste donaties	2.965	3.600	3.632	3.600
Maria Peters Beurs	4.200	4.200	5.373	4.200
SaS eenmalige donaties		1.000		0
Overige SaS opbrengsten (evenementen, etc.)				0
SaS opbrengsten	7.165	8.800	9.005	7.800
Opbrengsten overige projecten	2.705	1.500		0
Overige opbrengsten Evenementen		1.000	529	500
Totaal Inkomsten	12.376	13.800	10.774	10.300
Overige Personeelskosten	250	250	250	250
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Totaal Personeelskosten	250	250	250	250
Telefoon en Internet	272	250	307	250
Automatiseringskosten	224	225	226	225
Kantoorkosten Bandung	39	65	30	85
Kantoorkosten	534	540	563	560
Vergaderingen	50	25		50
Bank- en Transactiekosten	182	250	255	250
Overige Kosten		150	36	50
Algemeen Kosten	232	425	291	350
Evenementen		300		200
Algemene Promotiekosten		50		0
Brochures		0		0
Marketingkosten	0	350	0	200
Kosten Overhead Titi	919	300	703	750
Kosten Microcredit	501		666	750
Kosten SaS	2.056	4.500	-1.553	1.500
Kosten Maria Peters Beurs			2.250	2.100
Kosten Learningcenter	911	1.000	837	1.000
Kosten Overige projecten	131	750	799	750
Projectadministratie	4.518	6.550	3.702	6.850
Renteontvangsten Banken	-2	-5	-1	-5
Renteontvangsten Spaarrekening ASN	-6	-10	0	-5
Rente- en Bankontvangsten	-7	-15	-1	-10
Totaal Organisatiekosten	5.278	7.850	4.555	7.950
Totale Kosten	5.528	8.100	4.805	8.200
Resultaat	6.848	5.700	5.969	2.100