



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

## 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.**



## Foreword

In 2022 the Covid-19 restrictions were gradually lifted, and life could more or less return to normal; this was also the case for the villagers of Cisarua. At the start of the new school year 2022-23 schools were able to open with care, which made many students happy. All those Covid-months of learning via a mobile phone were certainly not pleasant or stimulating. It was a great relief for everyone when the students were allowed to interact with their own friends and teachers again.

Financial support for Sponsor a Student (SaS) at junior secondary school, and for the Maria Peters Scholarship for senior secondary school, was gladly accepted by the selected students in the village. Every year we look with pleasure and gratitude at the generous donations that support these students. Details about these projects and some pictures can be seen later in this report.

The Learning Centre is doing a lot in addition to providing education; SaS children attend computer lessons and English lessons at the Centre. Some former SaS students are happy to come and help their juniors. There are also special lessons, such as using the internet wisely, social skills, and art based on local material. Titi Setiawati, our coordinator and Aminah Agustinah and Naufal Arkam, friends of Java Village, regularly visit the village Learning Centre.

In addition to ongoing education, we also have activities in health care. The girl Odi received a new wheelchair from the proceeds of #Giving Tuesday 2020 and some generous sponsors. Odi is closely monitored by Titi Setiawati, with advice from the doctor in Bandung if necessary.

We are tremendously proud of the savings groups, which in 2022 became fully self-supporting. It is the first Java Village project that is ready to proceed on its own.

Our five Board members and all our volunteers have been busy with events and fundraising, which you can read about later in this report. Board meetings were still mainly on-line, due to the Covid period, but outdoor events were possible. And our volunteers eagerly enjoyed helping, bringing their delicious home-made Indonesian snacks and food even when the Dutch climate brought rain and wind.

We hope you will find the stories and pictures in this 2022 Annual Report interesting.

At the end of November 2022 a string of huge earthquakes shocked all of us. Fortunately, there were no fatalities in Cisarua, but the area nearby was devastated. We experienced once again how important volunteers and sponsors are, supporting vulnerable village people. Thank you!

Mies Grijns

Chairperson of Java Village

## **THE ORGANISATION**

The Java Village Foundation celebrated its fifteenth birthday in 2022! Before it was officially founded on May 25, 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.

After the official founding of the Java Village Foundation it became possible to organise projects on a more professional basis, with transparency, and with the full commitment of a board and volunteers.

Its focus has always been the most vulnerable families in the village of nearly 8,000 inhabitants. Approximately two thirds of the population live below the poverty line, and we hope to improve the living standards of these families with our projects.

In 2022, as in previous years, the Foundation focussed on existing and new projects regarding health, education and economic independence for women.

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.

### **The Board**

In 2022 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 and Administration
- Huguette Mackay – Marketing and Communication

Although Covid-19 restrictions were more or less phased out during 2022, the Board had got used to having meetings on-line, and as the Board members live in different cities in the Netherlands this proved efficient. That didn't mean that the Board members didn't see each other; we celebrated our fifteenth anniversary appropriately with an Indonesian meal, and we also came together for our annual policy day in the house of one of the Board members. There were also several external events which the Board members attended.

Luckily travelling to Indonesia from The Netherlands became possible again in the reporting year and our chairperson took the first possible opportunity to visit the village. Our fieldworker, Titi Setiawati, who lives in Bandung, continued to visit the village on a very regular basis. This had also been possible for her during the time of Covid-19 restrictions, by taking precautions such as wearing face masks on public transport, and keeping distance. Through her visits and reports the Board in The Netherlands was kept regularly 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 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 recent policy plan is available on our website.

### **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee consists 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, having specific qualities. In 2022 the following people committed themselves to the Foundation: Sita van Bemmelen, Katja Dold, John and Evelien Hurst-Buist (Newsletter), Tineke Mook (project children with a disability), Sandrijn 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 Angkringan 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. We also received a substantial amount from our friends and sponsors to help the village to recover from the earthquake. The number of sponsors is stable and we're able to support at least ten new SaS students every year. The Maria Peters Scholarship has started to support three students in the reporting year. More sponsors would mean sponsoring more students. 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 maintain and extend our support.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

In 2022 we published our digital English Newsletter on a quarterly base. It is sent to our sponsors, friends and other subscribers. The Newsletter is also published on our website and on Facebook.



## EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In 2022 Java Village took part in the following events:

The World Fair at the Museum Volkenkunde in Leiden (Museum of Ethnology). Java Village attended with a stall selling Indonesian products and delicious Indonesian food, cooked by an enthusiastic team of Indonesian volunteers. The proceeds went to the SaS project;

Zilpa's exhibition and sale of unique necklaces. Java Village attended with a stall with Indonesian products and pashminas;

The fundraising event #Giving Tuesday. Our special request in 2022 was the learning centre in the village. #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.

Furthermore, Java Village received a generous donation in the reporting year from the art gallery Tijd voor Kunst (Time for Art). They hosted an art exhibition in the historic building of Duinzigt in Oegstgeest during the Heritage Day in September. The entrance fees of the participating artists were donated to Java Village.



***The World Fair at the Museum of Ethnology in Leiden was well attended, especially before the weather changed in the afternoon with heavy wind and rain.***

## THE VILLAGE IN 2022

In the first half of 2022 Covid-19 restrictions were still in place, and this meant that schools were still only partially opened. Students could attend school twice a week in two sessions of two hours, with a maximum of fifteen students. On the remaining school days lessons were given on-line. With the beginning of the new school year in September there were fewer restrictions, and everything returned more or less to normal.

Bad luck struck the area again when a severe earthquake hit a great part of western Java in November 2022. Luckily the epicentre was not close to the village but it still managed to cause severe damage there. Fortunately there were no severe casualties, but several buildings and houses were gravely damaged, among them one of the primary schools. It was very fortunate that there were no children there at the time of the earthquake as school had already finished. The damage to the school could be repaired swiftly and reopened before the end of the year. In January the area was struck again but with less damage than with the previous earthquake.



***Damage in the village caused by the first earthquake in November***



During our summer months, our chairperson made a long-postponed visit to the village; needless to say, she was welcomed with open arms. It was so nice for everyone involved in the Java Village projects to meet up again.



*Mies joined an English lesson at the learning centre with our fieldworker Titi*



*Mies (middle), Titi (left) and Naufal (right) with SaS students*

## PROJECTS

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



### Children and Health

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

The wheelchair Odi received in 2021 with support from Java Village, still makes her life a lot easier and more comfortable. Odi is a fourteen year old girl in the village who suffers from a severe form of



cerebral palsy. The regular maintenance of the wheelchair, which has to be done in Bandung, is also carried out with support of Java Village.



*Odi is happy with her new wheelchair*

## **Youth and Education**

### ***Sponsor a Student project (SaS)***

Through our ongoing Sponsor a Student project ten new students were again admitted for this programme in the reporting year. Schools were (partially) closed due to Covid-19 restrictions during the first half of the year, and students had to follow lessons on-line. Fortunately this is now in the past, and since the new schoolyear started in September 2022, students now attend their schools daily.



*Our ten new SaS students with our fieldworker Titi in the middle*

### ***Maria Peters Scholarship***

We are very pleased to announce that the first three students of the Maria Peters Scholarship started the second phase of their secondary school education in September 2022. Our goal is to support at least two new students every year, and if funds permit it, three or more.

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.



***Our first three Maria Peters' Scholarship girls***

### ***Learning Centre: Rumah Belajar Cisago***

The Learning Centre in the village has proved to be a safe place for the students where they can follow on-line lessons and receive help from graduated students (former SaS students) with their school work. The Learning Centre (Rumah Belajar Cisago) was founded by former SaS students in 2017 specifically to help the youngsters of the village with among other things, their computer and social skills and their command of English. In pre-Covid times they also organised social gatherings for the youngsters. Java Village has been able to donate several laptops to the centre over the years.



*Naufal a volunteer at the Learning Centre conducting an English lesson (above). Under: a lesson in computer skills*



## **Women and Empowerment**

Java Villages continues to follow the three savings and micro-credit groups (Anggrek, Bugenvil and Bunga) in the village at a responsible distance. In the reporting year they continued their activities. Bugenvil had become a cooperation in 2020. Since the Covid-19 restrictions have become less strict gatherings are possible again and the groups can do their useful supportive work with providing savings and loans facilities. The leaders of the 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. In the reporting year Java Village donated a laptop to the forum. The Java Village Foundation is proud to be able to say that the three mentioned savings and microcredit groups have become independent and self-supporting groups.





***Our chairperson Mies Grijns handed over a laptop to the women of a savings group. Right: our fieldworker Titi***

## **PLANS FOR 2023**

No longer hindered by Covid-19 restrictions Java Village can continue to focus more efficiently on its projects. It was great that our chairperson was able to visit the village again after two years, and see and speak directly with people who are involved with the projects.

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. We are very happy that in 2022 the scholarship started with its first three students. 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.

However, we are a small foundation with limited funds. But even with our limited funds we manage to implement important projects that are part of the village community. It would be wonderful if some of the projects could become even more independent and keep doing their good work with less support from Java Village, as is already the case with the savings and microcredit groups. Java Village is also focussing on this more independent strategy. In the meantime we also keep focussing on maintaining and possibly extending our funds and hope that our number of supporters and friends will grow. We're an optimistic team full of good spirit, here in the Netherlands as well as in Indonesia.

## Income and expenses financial year 2022

Stichting Java Village 2022								
	Realisatie 2022		Begroting 2022		Realisatie 2021		Begroting 2021	
	€	%	€	%	€	%	€	%
<b>Baten</b>								
Bijdrage overige particuliere donateurs	2.384		2.000		1.240		2.000	
Bijdrage SaS donateurs	6.819		4.600		3.632		3.600	
Bijdrage Maria Peters Beurs	560		1.000		5.373		4.200	
Bijdrage evenementen	718		750		529		500	
<b>Baten uit eigen fondsenwerving:</b>	<b>10.480</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>8.350</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>10.774</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>10.300</b>	<b>100,00%</b>
Bijdrage Microkrediet								
Bijdrage overige projecten	0		0		0		0	
<b>Bijdrage overige projectfondsen</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,00%</b>
Overige baten		0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>10.480</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>8.350</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>10.774</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>10.300</b>	<b>100,00%</b>
<b>Lasten</b>								
SAS	3.465	36,59%	1.500	17,96%	-1.553	-32,31%	1.500	18,29%
Maria Peters Beurs	756	7,98%	2.100	25,15%	2.250	46,83%	2.100	25,61%
Microkrediet	564	5,96%	750	8,98%	666	13,85%	750	9,15%
Learning Center	1.236	13,05%	1.000	11,98%	837	17,42%	1.000	12,20%
Overig	1.421	15,01%	1.500	17,96%	1.502	31,26%	1.500	18,29%
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>7.443</b>	<b>78,59%</b>	<b>6.850</b>	<b>82,04%</b>	<b>3.702</b>	<b>77,05%</b>	<b>6.850</b>	<b>83,54%</b>
<b>Lasten Werving Baten</b>								
Kosten fondsenwerving	280	2,95%	400	4,79%	0	0,00%	200	2,44%
Kosten beheer en administratie	861	9,09%	760	9,10%	813	16,91%	810	14,43%
Overige kosten	887	9,36%	340	4,07%	290	6,04%	340	2,44%
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>2.028</b>	<b>21,41%</b>	<b>1.500</b>	<b>17,96%</b>	<b>1.103</b>	<b>22,95%</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>19,31%</b>
<b>Som der Lasten</b>	<b>9.471</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>8.350</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>4.805</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>8.200</b>	<b>100,00%</b>
<b>Resultaat</b>	<b>1.009</b>	<b>9,63%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>5.969</b>	<b>55,40%</b>	<b>2.100</b>	<b>20,39%</b>