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over 30 years



Annual Report The Children's Village

A home for orphaned and destitute children in Cipanas,
West Java

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Project Background



The site of the Children's Village was originally established in 1976 as a Rehabilitation Centre for tuberculosis patients and their families. Children were sometimes orphaned as a result of their parents' health afflictions, and the children had nowhere else to go. They were invited to remain at the clinic and be cared for. When the operations of this tuberculosis centre stopped, it was changed into a full-

time orphanage to provide for the needs of these 'abandoned' children. Located about 100kms from Jakarta, in the hills of Cipanas, the Village has been home to hundreds of children over the past 30 years.

Today, the aim of the Children's Village project is to raise, nurture and educate orphans or financially destitute children so that they become self-reliant, self-disciplined young adults. YUM aims to provide the children with the opportunity to obtain an education and skills that will ensure they can provide for themselves by the time they leave the orphanage. Residents at the Village are financially supported to attend school, are provided with all their basic needs and supplies (food, shelter, clothing, schoolbooks and supplies, medical care) and are given counseling and moral support in a loving, family-style environment.

The project also aims to support the people living in the community surrounding the village through educational and vocational opportunities. By offering these opportunities to families, the Children's Village aims to improve the quality of life of people throughout the region. In particular, the Village opens its doors to local children who regularly come and use the facilities. An increasing number of these children are now also receiving sponsorship support to attend local schools.

YUM's goal is to make the Children's Village financially self-sustaining through effective use of available resources such as the land, facilities and products created onsite.

In 2006, the Village's good work was recognized when it was awarded the 'Best Orphanage in West Java'.



Activity Report

The Children's Village facilitates activities which directly benefit both the children living at the orphanage, as well as the wider community. The following activity report has been divided into "Children's Village Activities" and "Broader Community Activities" for ease of reporting. However, it should be noted that each are mutually supportive.

Children's Village Activities

General Care

In 2008, 51 children (24 girls and 27 boys), aged between 6 and 18, resided at the Children's Village. These children were provided with fundamental welfare care such as shelter, food, clothing, healthcare, and personal attention on a daily basis.

Meeting the children's basic needs is obviously the most important aim of the Children's Village. Providing healthy and regular meals for the children is vital for meeting their basic needs, ensuring they are strong and have energy to go about their daily activities. Without adequate, nutritious and filling meals the children may find it hard to concentrate and suffer at school and in other activities.

Another of the primary aims of the Children's Village is to ensure that the children all receive an education until at least the end of high school or vocational school. A full school education is essential to prepare the children for their adult lives and ensure they have every opportunity to succeed, whether they choose to pursue further study or enter the workforce directly.

The children are financially supported to go to government school. In 2008, 33% of children attended Elementary School, 47% attended Junior High School, 16% attended Senior High School, 2% attended Vocational School and 2% attended University. With diligence in study encouraged, the vast majority of the children are achieving to a satisfactory level or even one of the students is the best student in the class or even become top ten in the school.



Extra-curricular activities

Extra curricular activities are conducted after school hours, such as: tutoring, homework tuition, English classes, dancing & music, sports, cooking, sewing, gardening, computer classes and library activities. They are considered fundamental to ensuring quality education and personal development by encouraging creativity, social skills, and individual confidence so that the children become self-reliant, self disciplined adults with sufficient education and skills by the time they leave the orphanage.

▪ Homework tuition

As we know, every school in Indonesia has very large classes with only one teacher teaching, which means many students don't get attention as it should be. This is very influential and results in a lack of children's absorption of the lesson. To address this, every night in the study room the staff hold discussion lessons, discussing what the children learn at school and working together for their homework. This is led by a trained teacher, along with the staff of the Children's Village. As a result many of the children excel at school and many rank among the top five students of the class, or even top ten of their school. The following are just a few of the children's achievements:

- In third place of the Math Olympics for Junior High School at the Cianjur Regency level (Erin) and Mujib in grade 5.
- Adrianto has been chosen from his school to attend the Biology, Bahasa Indonesia, and Handicraft competition.
- Rudi, despite having time off school for surgery for his THT problem, was chosen by the school to attend Astronomy Olympics.



▪ English Language

In 2008, children at the Village have been enjoying English lessons with Nurfadilah as a tutor. Nurfadilah is ex Children's Village child graduated from IPB University with specialist on Organic farming, but also with skills in English. Thanks to the support of Don Hall, from the Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation, she was able to take a course on teaching English and this has helped her to hold English lessons with the children at the Village.

▪ Performing Arts

Every Saturday night the children at the Village gather together to show their ability in arts amongst themselves in singing, dancing or playing music instrument or even preparing a performance when a donor invites them to an event they are holding. This year there were two big events attended by the children at the Village. First was at

Prameswari Hotel's birthday and the second was a Garuda Indonesia Airways gathering at Indo Alam Hotel. They invited all the children and asked some children to perform.

In October the children elected their own representatives of the existing art club, Sanggar Padesan. Yanuar Pribudi has been chosen as new chair for the Sanggar for another year. He was the youngest among the candidates, but shows capability and independence and also has good leadership which makes him selected by other children at the Village.

- Scouts

About 58 children, boys and girls at the village and the scholarship recipients from the local community have been participating in scouts' activities, twice a month on Sunday.

- Sports

Beside familiar sports like football, basketball, badminton etc, around 41 children from elementary school and high schools have been participating in Karate once a month.

Vocational training

- New Skills Training Centre

In May 2008, YUM sent a proposal to MAST Industries for the development of a skills training centre at the Children's Village. In October 2008 our proposal was approved by them for US\$45,227. This will be a new project taking place at the old tuberculosis clinic in Cipanas.

After the proposal was approved, our new project manager completed a survey to schools on the area, and made details of the program design. There will be 5 courses provided at the beginning, they are: English Club, Tourism Services Course, Basic Computer Skills Short Course, Basic Sewing Workshop and Job Seeking Skills.

Beside the courses, complete building renovation and equipment purchase is included in the budget. Renovation of the building will be conducted as soon as we receive the funds.

MAST Industries is one of the world's largest contract manufacturers, importers, and distributors of men's, women's and children's apparel to Limited Brands.

- Computer Classes

There are 5 computers being used for computer classes. 28 children from various ages between 10 years old to 17 years old or from grade 5 of elementary school to high school are now attending the course.

Last year we hired a professional teacher to teach the course, but this year we have been able to provide an opportunity to our children at the Village to give the course to their peers. Adi Firdaus, Itang, and Saipul are three Children's Village children who have capability to teach. Adi Firdaus is taking undergraduate studies majoring as a computer

programmer, Itang graduated from Diploma 1 majoring computer program and Saipul has successfully been following computer courses at the Village before.

- Sewing/Tailoring

We have a total of 7 sewing machines. 2 are being used to sew recycled bags and the other 5 are used for sewing courses. At the moment we have 5 Children's Village children who are well trained in sewing clothes. For example they have been able to sew some pijamas and other models. Some mothers from the area also follow the course. One of them has finished the course and started a new business with sewing bags from recycled material.

Our 2007 report explained that the children had learned how to make bags from recycled materials as an extra-curricular activity. Although of quite good quality they have difficulty in selling the product. They only count on foreign visitors to buy them, because local people are not enthusiastic about these bags. Some good marketing and promoting will be needed if we want to make this program an opportunity for children to learn about small business.

- Organic Farming

Farming is one of the most popular activities for the children at the Village. Some children visited Cisarua Learning Farm (CLF) and Bina Sarana Bakti (BSB) organic farm at Cisarua to undertake some comparative studies. A lot of children were inspired greatly and participate enthusiastically with these activities.

Since those comparative studies there has been much discussion among the children about all aspects of farming, and much enthusiasm for the project to continue. Each child has been given the responsibility for a limited space to plant vegetables agreed upon in group planning meetings. They employ techniques in organic compost production, compatible planting and pest control. The various fruits and vegetables that are planted include kangkung, tomatoes, green beans, corn, herbs and strawberries.

Outcomes of the project to date

- Compost bays and shelter built. Children taught about composting process, and compost is being used in the garden.
- Children have had lessons in planting and caring for fruit trees, and 8 fruit trees have been planted in the grounds.
- Several of the staff has been learning about medical plants, and a medicine garden is being established.
- A library of books on organic farming has been accumulated, and is referred to regularly by staff.
- Appropriate farm tools have been purchased, and children are being taught how to use and care for the tools.



- A site has been prepared and materials collected for the building of a goat house.
- A goat has been acquired, and all the children are involved in caring for the goat.
- Mutually beneficial relationships with Sukunan community and Milas organic farm, both near Yogya, and the two learning farms at Cisarua, have been established, for the sharing of information, lesson plans, seeds and marketing opportunities.
- Learning about farming through working together in the garden, and observing farming techniques and wild plants in the local area.
- Purchased organic non-hybrid seed to start our own seed saving
- Learn different methods of organic farming

Thanks to excellent relations between the Children's Village (DAA) and local government, it was recently given an organic waste decomposer/defiler to assist with composting processes.

20% of the Children's Village needs on veggies are now completed by our own garden, and we aim to produce enough vegable to become self sufficient bye end 2009.

- Peackok plant

Cipanas is not only good to planting veggies, but also good place to plants flowers and other kind of plan. Looking at the reason and because we have the resources, we try to take benefit from it and get some income; this motivated DAA to start to planting Peacock. For starting, we tried to plan in 300 m2 at DAA land, but now, we expanded to 2000 m2. With this effort, we hope that we can get bigger income, compared to when we lent our land to other farmers.



- Freshwater Fish Farming

The Children's Village now have three active fish ponds; two ponds are being used for cultivating a freshwater fish called "nila". We chose this species because it has the ability to quickly adapt to change and is easy to maintain. This year reaping time will be in December. Some will be cooked as a side dish for the children and some will be sold in the market.

Besides involving the children to maintain the ponds, we also hired one local workman to tend the fish.

- Small Business management

The children have been active in assisting in the management of a small shop (Warung) at the Children's Village for some time. A group of older high school children manage the shop, with Children's Village staff monitoring, ensuring that they have the opportunity to learn all aspects of business management such as accounting, product and stock management, marketing, and staff management. This training environment will prove invaluable to any child wishing to start up their own small business later in life.

- Eel Cultivation

By making use of the existing small pond, Hamdan one of the Children's Village staff, had the idea for this eel cultivation. This idea is also good for the children because they will learn something new for their knowledge for the future. Eel cultivation is easy to maintain, because we don't need special skills to tend it. The project started in December.



- Cooking classes

Cooking is an extremely important activity for the children to ensure that they are self-sufficient and capable in providing and caring for themselves when they leave the Children's Village. Some children and 2 staff at the orphanage have been taking cooking course on producing cakes and cookies taught by Mugiarti, one of the Village's caretakers who took a 6 month course in 2007.

Focus group discussions

Monthly Focus Group Discussions are held with the purpose to strengthen relationships between the children and the staff. We also use this opportunity to evaluate things that happened during the month.

Planning of extra curricular activities and vocational training opportunities is heavily influenced by the monthly Focus Group Discussions between a representative group of the children and the staff.

Birth Certificates

Fifty million children in Indonesia do not have birth certificates, which creates problems in obtaining health care, education and employment.

After a lengthy process undertaken by YUM staff, 100% of the children who live at the Children's Village and all those sponsored by YUM in the surrounding community now have a birth certificate.



Broader Community Activities

School Sponsorships

In 2008, we socialized our new system for the sponsorship program. The system was prepared by our VIDA volunteer Candice O'Brien. These systems were designed to help in controlling the program, get the parents more engaged into the program and have responsibility for their own children who receive sponsorship. For our project coordinator, the system helps them in implementing activities required for the program.

Currently, the Children's Village helps 43 children from the surrounding communities by providing them with sponsorship support to attend school. 25 are children funded by MSF (Muhammad Subuh Foundation) and the other 18 funded by individual donors from around the world.

***Posyandu* meetings**

Monthly meetings are held by mothers at the old TB clinic next to the Children's Village twice a month. A group of mothers, under five children and pregnant women are invited to attend the health session, like weighing, health check and nutrition session for the under five children. Some 65 women attend these monthly meetings with their babies.

Donations to local community

This year we received gallons of shampoo from the friend of one of our board members – Ibu Ala. A half of them are used for Children Village needs and another half was donated to the surrounding communities. This year, the Children's Village was also able to share excess donations of clothes beside the shampoo.

Yearly bazaar

Last June, when Y.M Bapak birthday celebrations were held in Wisma Subud Cilandak, the Children's Village were invited to attend the bazaar to sell some organic vegetables from the Village's farm. Some children and staff attended the bazaar.

This opportunity was also used to introduce to public that now, the Children's Village runs an organic farm.

Sewing classes

Sewing classes are also being offered to members of the local community. These classes give lessons in basic principles of sewing – to be used for either their own family needs or to generate income.

Indicators of Success

- 100% of children graduated to a higher grade, with 4 Children transiting from elementary school to junior high school, 10 from junior to senior high school, and another 4 from senior high school to further studies.
- 600 visitors to the Children's Village in 2008, a 10% increase from 2007
- 92% children participating in English course
- 7% children involved in sewing course
- 58% children involved in computer course
- 38% children involved in organic farming
- 10% children involved in fish farming
- 48% children using library facilities on a regular basis
- 43% children from the broader community receiving sponsorship support
- continued expansion of activities
- continued expansion of broader community involvement
- 6 staff undertook short courses for professional development
- income generating activities bringing an income of 1,070,000.-- rupiah per month, a 25% increase from Rp. 850,000,--/month in 2007.

Facilities and Physical Assets

We always strive to provide the best possible environment for every child living at the Village. In 2008, some improvements have been made to our facilities.

Renewal of Water Supply

In March 2008, Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) applied to the Head of Mission Direct AID Program at the Australian Embassy to fund the Renewal of Water Supply project at the Children's Village in Cipanas, West Java.

In recent times there had been significant issues obtaining enough water to meet the Villages' needs. There was a suitable water source within the Village grounds but the problem arose from the fact that the equipment being used to extract that water was more than 20 years old and did not function effectively.

The water pump in the Village worked only sporadically, resulting in an irregular flow of water; the filter being used was no longer effective, meaning water was not suitable for drinking without boiling; and the septic tanks had become clogged, causing further contamination issues.

The primary issue was that Village residents did not have access to a clean, flowing water source for both drinking and washing. The lack



of access to water had also put restraints on the Village's farming activities, the products of which are used to provide food for the residents and are also sold at market as an additional source of income.

To address this issue YUM developed the Renewal of Water Supply project, which included the design, purchase and installation of infrastructure that would provide the Children's Village with access to a clean and safe water source well into the future.

In March 2008 the Direct AID Program agreed to fund the project.

The Children's Village now has access to clean water, the productivity of their farming activities has improved and fish farming has been re-started.

Dormitory Renovation

Since year 2006, YUM has been fundraising for the gradual renovation of the Children's Village buildings.

In 2008, 2 dormitories, the dining hall and the library are being renovated thanks to funding from the Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation (PHMF). All the renovations will be completed by end January 2009.

The children now have a safe, welcoming environment in which to live, play and learn with dignity.



Condition of Existing Assets

- Land

Yayasan Usaha Mulia owns 15,625 m2 of land in the area

- Buildings

Children's Village renovations are still continuing since 2006. Repairs and upgrades are still urgently required and continue to be pursued for a small mosque at the Village, dormitory bathrooms and final dormitory fittings.

- Fish Ponds

Before the water pump was fixed, these ponds could only be used in the rainy season. Now, after the pump was fixed, we can use all 3 ponds all year round, because we always can supply the water to the ponds anytime we need it.

Management

YUM Management Board:

Olvia Reksodipoetro, Chairperson – Pahala Nainggolan, Treasurer I – Djumiko, Secretary I - Ala Sulistyono, Secretary II – Dra Ary Prawoto, M.Psi, Director – Hannah Baerveldt, Director; Ir. H. Joyowidarbo, Director; Elektra Warrior, Treasurer II.

YUM Executive Director:

Mailia Sudarwati

Children’s Village General Manager

Drs. Ari Prabowo

As General Manager, Drs. Ari Prabowo’s main duties are to coordinate and monitor the orphanage’s activities, form connections with community leaders and government institutions, and assist in fundraising efforts. Drs. Ari Prabowo is assisted by an administrative assistant, a bookkeeper, a social worker, and two part-time educators for extra curricular activities, two house mothers, a part-time gardener, and a night guard. All are salaried positions.

Project Planning

In 2008, a British volunteer visited the Children’s Village to conduct an evaluation of the project’s strengths and weaknesses. Building on this, our long term VIDA volunteer instigated a planning workshop with the staff of the Children’s Village, with the intention of creating a plan for improving practice in the future.

An action plan to address key weaknesses for the Children’s Village for 2009-2011 was developed and will be used to guide the project’s future directions.

Staff Development

The ongoing development of staff is necessary to ensure a high level of care to the children and effective management of the Village. In 2008 some members of the staff completed courses.

- Nurfadilah : Teaching English Training in Yayasan Mama Sayang, Cileungsi, Bogor, sponsor by Don Hall – PHMF.
- Hamdan & Rusmanto : Eel Cultivation training.
- Ibu Eti & Ibu Mugiarti: Followed “Mempersiapkan Anak Sukses” (Preparing Success Children’s Seminar) in Jakarta.
- Ibu Mugiarti, Ibu Tarkiyah & Nurfadilah: followed agriculture friendly environment training.

In addition to these individual courses:

Three staff members completed a 3-day course in Organic Farm.

Two staff members completed a short course in eel cultivation.

Fundraising

The Children's Village received considerable financial support from a range of donors in 2008.

The following is a list of the Children's Village major donors in 2008:

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| ▪ The Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation (PHMF) | Building renovations |
| ▪ The Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) | Basic needs |
| ▪ Australian Embassy | Water system |
| ▪ Susila Dharma USA | Basic needs |
| ▪ David & Elektra Warrior | Basic needs |
| ▪ Ministry of Social Affairs, West Java | Food |
| ▪ Yayasan Die Bruecke | Education |
| ▪ AusAID/Austraining | Volunteers |
| ▪ PT Nestle Indonesia | Milk |
| ▪ DBS Bank Indonesia | Education, sports equipment, etc. |
| ▪ Yayasan Dharmais | Basic needs |
| ▪ Ministry of Trade, R.I. | Shoes and bedsheets |

The Children's Village was able to generate a total of Rp. 1,070,000,-- per month through its own activities. This is a bit lower from income generated in 2007 because we use our existing land to learn planting Peacock, not lend it like last year, but further increases are planned into the future to help ensure the financial sustainability of the Children's Village.

A breakdown of 2007 income is as follows:

- Organic garden produce: Rp. 200,000,-/month
- Profit-sharing farming of Children's Village land with local farmers: Rp. 200,000,-
- Fresh water fish farming: Rp. 100,000,-/ month
- Small shop (warung): Rp. 120,000,-/month
- Recycled bag: Rp. 150,000,--
- Peacock plant : Rp. 300,000,-/month



Goals for 2009

The Children Village's first priority is to provide appropriate and life enriching care for the children who reside there. This will continue to occupy the bulk of both human and financial resources in 2009. However, there are a number of additional initiatives which YUM hopes to pursue in 2009 for the continuous improvement and long term sustainability of this project.

- Childcare Services

The expenses below are crucial to the survival of the Children's Village. Most of the personnel is paid the minimum regional salary set by the Province. Electricity rates and cost of basic commodities keep increasing, so do food and residential costs, and funding for these budget lines – though essential - are often difficult to obtain.

Project Area	Expense	IDR	USD	Euro	GBP
Basic needs	Food	130 000 000	13 000	9 250	8 125
	Medical costs	33 000 000	3 300	2 350	2 050
	Clothing	12 000 000	1 200	850	750
	Special events	1 000 000	100	70	60
	Personnel	170 000 000	17 000	12 150	10 625
	Residential costs	75 000 000	7 500	5 350	4 700
Educational costs	School costs	90 000 000	9 000	6 450	5 625
	Transport	18 000 000	1 800	1 300	1 125
	Extracurricular activities	1 000 000	100	70	60
	Alumni activities	2 000 000	200	140	120

- Continuous Improvement of Facilities & Resources

Carry over renovation and repair work from the last two years still need to be completed. Funding has already been secured for structural renovations to two dormitories, the dining hall, the library building and the well and septic tank. All this work will be finish in January 2009.

- Library Upgrade

To cater for the growing demands on the library from both inside and outside the Village, and to ensure the facility remains relevant to a modern audience, YUM would like to be able to expand the library to include a broader range of books and a multi media component. Such an upgrade would require the purchase of additional furniture, books, projector and screen, and resources to establish a computerized catalogue system.

- Dormitory Refurbishments

Through the generous support of donors in 2008, we have gradually been renovating and refitting the dormitories at the Children's Village. Outstanding needs in 2009 are:

Expense	IDR	USD	EURO	GBP
Bathroom Renovations	65,000,000	6,500	4,640	4,050
Fittings (lights, fans etc)	20,000,000	2,000	1,430	1,250

- **Mushollah Renovations**

Indonesia is a predominately Muslim country, and the majority of the children in our care practice the Muslim Faith. The Children's Village has a small Mushollah (a place designated for prayer) on its grounds. However, it is in great need of refurbishment

IDR	USD	EURO	GBP
65,000,000	6,500	4,640	4,050

- **Clothing**

There is need to procure specific clothing for children that cannot be sourced through in-kind donations. The children from the Village, and those from the surrounding community who are receiving school sponsorships, require uniform t-shirts. Group outings are a frequent event and uniforms will help to ease the monitoring of the children and simultaneously create a sense of shared identity and equality amongst all children. Further to this, the children at the Village urgently require new underwear, an item of clothing which cannot be sourced through in-kind or "pre-worn" donations.

IDR	USD	EURO	GBP
10,000,000	1,000	715	625

- **Enrichment Activities**

The goal of the Children's Village is to provide the children with a balanced and holistic education and upbringing. In order to encourage the children's physical and creative development, we are in need of resources for enrichment activities.

Expense	IDR	USD	EURO	GBP
Sports Equipment	7,500,000	750	535	470
Musical Instruments	10,000,000	1,000	715	625
Playground Repairs	8,000,000	800	570	500
Totals	25,500,000	2,550	1,820	1,595

- Farming Expansion

The Children’s Village is operated from a centre which has a reasonable amount of land attached. The land is currently used for small scale farming, but this has significant potential for growth. Expansion of current farming activities will provide greater inputs to the food supply for the children, and excess produce also has the potential to be sold for profit.

Current estimates for the expansion of farming activities at the Children’s Village are:

IDR	USD	EURO	GBP
30,000,000	3,000	2,140	1,875

Conversion rates used:

USD = Rp. 10,000

Euro = Rp. 14,000

GBP = Rp. 16,000



Long Term Sustainability

The long term financial sustainability of the Children's Village is of great concern to YUM. Efforts are being made to establish means by which the Village can generate enough income to support a significant portion of their running costs. This goal is extremely long term, and is not expected to eventuate in its entirety for years to come. However some steps towards this goal can be perused immediately and it is hoped that YUM will be able to source the funding support required to do so in 2009.

Organic Farming

Efforts continue to improve and expand the Organic Farming practices at the Children's Village. If carried out more effectively, it is hoped that organic farming will enable the Village to be able to better provide for its own consumption needs as well as generating enough produce to sell for profit. For this to occur, greater inputs into this activity are required. Best practice needs to be established, markets identified, and crops generated to meet market demand.

Eel Cultivation

Looking at eel cultivation potential, which is very profitable at this moment, there is an idea to utilize the pond behind the dining room, to be used as eel cultivation.

This activity commenced in December 2008, with 30 kilos of elver. Eel cultivation needs 4 months before it can be harvested. It is hoped that this activity will prove successful and be able to expand in 2009.

Feasibility Study on Use of Land

YUM plans to seek professional advice on the best use of the land available in order to meet the needs of the Children's Village. Such advice will need to take into account both YUM's immediate needs and also its long term sustainability prospects. This advice will then serve to inform YUM's short and long term strategic planning for the Children's Village.