

2006 ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS POVERTY REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Since East Bali Poverty Project (EBPP) team of only five local Balinese, led by David Booth, initiated our first programmes in late 1999, our present field team of over 90 local staff worked relentlessly in 2006, in partnership with the communities, to achieve the impressive milestones proudly summarised below. They include every aspect of community empowerment, from improved health, education, safe drinking water resources, infrastructure development, the magic of vetiver grass, etc., verifying the efficacy of EBPP's holistic poverty reduction and community empowerment models for replication in other disadvantaged regions in the future.



13 year old Nengah Wirawan of Prasan before & after successful eye operation

ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

- **27 Posyandu (Mothers and Baby/Infant Monthly Health Posts)** active by February 2006: No community health facilities existed before October 2003, when EBPP Health Team, working with the 19 sub-villages, facilitated the first active *posyandu*. With 23 active by December 2005 four



Very active EBPP facilitated Posyandu in Ban hamlet



EBPP Health team gives awareness to mothers & children at one of the 19 Tianyar posyandu

more were initiated by February 2006. Now, over 1,400 pregnant, lactating mothers and 1,500 infants up to 5 years old can get complete medical attention every month, including immunisations, health checks, nutrition status checks, birth control for mothers *and* nutritional supplements and Ades mineral water for all, sponsored by ANZA and Coca Cola Bottling Indonesia respectively.

- **Replication of EBPP Health Empowerment Programmes in Adjacent Impoverished Villages:** In February 2006, Tianyar village (adjacent Desa Ban) community leaders asked EBPP to replicate our successful Desa Ban model community health programmes for *their* 2,400 families, primarily to ensure all their 1,600 infants got essential immunisations. By October 2006, we improved child immunisation rate *from 40% to 90%* to the joy of all Tianyar parents.
- **Cleft Lip & Palate Operations:** EBPP Health team took two tragic Tianyar youngsters with cleft lips, identified through our new initiative with Tianyar *posyandu*, for successful operations, facilitated by John Fawcett Foundation in Denpasar. Another two children can now grow up with more confidence and self esteem after their successful facial surgery.



Ketut & Tommy with escorting family outside EBPP office after cleft lip operations



Wayan Gonik, 13 year old, almost fully recovered from his life-saving appendix operation

- **Eye Tumour Operations for Two Young Children:** A girl and boy from Desa Ban had successful operations to remove very distressing cornea tumours, thanks to John Fawcett Foundation in Denpasar.
- **Perforated Appendix Operations:** Life saving operations for 2 young boys from Desa Ban, taken 65km to Singaraja General Hospital by EBPP health team. Both recovered 100%.
- **Better Balinese Smiles after Dental Treatment for 2,309 patients in less than 3 months - First time in History:** From October to December 2006, a mobile dental clinic (provided by BIWA and Bali Hati Foundation) and a dedicated team of up to 15 dentists and dental students from Denpasar's Mahasaraswati Dental Faculty, visiting twice a week, extracted 1,381 teeth, filled 1,355 and scaled 387 people's teeth at 14 schools and 20 remote community centres in Desa Ban, facilitated and transported by EBPP and our 4-wheel drive vehicles and trail bikes.



Mobile Dental Clinic outside Bonyoh hamlet Government School, central Besa Ban

ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTEGRATED AND RELEVANT EDUCATION

- **EBPP High School children Compete in Dyatmika School Science Fair, March 2006:** A great experience for 16 EBPP children, from Bali's most isolated "informal" schools that have no electricity or running water, competing against Bali's top National plus schools! They all went away winners, even though they did not get any top awards.

- **6 EBPP Children Graduate EBPP's Junior High School:** In June 2006, six illiterate children who joined EBPP's first school in September 1999 passed Government exams to graduate junior high school and are now studying at the new senior high school in Desa Ban.



Manikaji children proudly waiting for the judges at Dyatmika School Science Fair



David awarding dictionaries & engraved pens to 16 year Wy Tenda & other graduates as Rosmara Dewi looks on



David, Rucina Ballinger (CEO of YKIP, representing ALF) and Manikaji community leader pose with newly enrolled Manikaji students

- **65 Young Children Start School at EBPP's Schools:** In July and August 2006, we proudly enrolled 65 youngsters who were so eager to start school that many had already learnt to read, write, count and sing from other EBPP schoolchildren before starting school!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SAFE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

- **EBPP Develops Remote Mountain Spring to Provide Safe and Plentiful Water Supply for 80 Families:** Hundreds of lives improved in difficult mountain terrain, accessed only by trail bike or foot, by transforming a trickling mountain spring to an overflowing fresh water oasis.
- **Safe Water Awareness and Education Programmes for Thousands of Mothers and Infants:** Regular water testing with EBPP's Delagua portable laboratory and effective awareness programmes at monthly *posyandu* has ensured continued good health of thousands of children and parents.



Over 80 families enjoy Pancoran spring's new safe water oasis, with 4 taps & facility for giving water to cows – their BANK!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- **3,200 Metres of Road Stabilised to Manikaji Hamlet:** Year round access is now a reality for the 300+ families on Mount Abang thanks to Appropriate Technology cement-stabilisation of their only access track.



Community harmony & happiness with new Panek – Manikaji road access



Proud Jatituhu children show Dec. 2006 exam reports in front of newly completed School Building, sponsored by Annika Linden Foundation

- **Jatituhu School Building Completed in October 2006:** 60 very happy children moved into their new school on 20th October 2006. Great pride for all, as they helped to build it with their parents, guided by EBPP Infrastructure team – and now they OWN it!
- **Manikaji School Kitchen and Library Completed in June 2006:** Completed just in time for 28 new enrolments in Manikaji School in July/August 2006, the comprehensive library is an inspiration for all children to continue learning after school hours.
- **Bunga School Kitchen and Toilets near Completion:** The new dedicated school kitchen replaces the temporary kitchen “borrowed” from Bunga community since 1999, with the first ever flushing toilets at the rear.



Excited Bunga children run back to class after inspecting their new kitchen & toilet – clearly a thumbs up!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN CHILDREN'S CULTURE, DANCE AND DRAMA

- **EBPP's Children Excel in Dance and Drama in Our Joint Schools 2006 Indonesian Independence Day Activities:** Talented children from all EBPP's 5 schools designed, choreographed and performed some very amazing and moving shows, the most impressive being the “Voice of all Balinese Against Terrorism”, performed by Manikaji children.



Drama, sadness & song by Manikaji children on Indonesian Independence Day 2006 - Their Voices Against Terrorism

ACHIEVEMENTS WITH VETIVER SYSTEMS FOR EROSION CONTROL, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

- **Indonesian Vetiver Network's (IDVN) First Vetiver Field Training Workshop, June 2006:** 8 Indonesian forestry specialists learnt how to apply Vetiver (*Vetiveria zizanioides*) as a sustainable erosion control and soil/water conservation solution in their programmes to rehabilitate thousands of hectares of teak forest and watersheds in Java and Kalimantan.



TFT & PP team with EBPP's Made Sudarma at Vetiver-rehabilitated Daya Forest spring



Vetiver hedges protect step concrete stabilized road to Cegi

- **10 Km of dirt road stabilised, preventing erosion and landslides:** Vetiver hedges facilitated safer access for hundreds of children going to school and for thousands of people to markets, health posts and water collection.
- **Over 100,000 Vetiver Slips Planted in Community Nurseries and Family Organic Vegetable Gardens Improving Community Prospects for the Future**

ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY SELF-HELP AND EMPOWERMENT

- **Community Group Training at EBPP Centre for Sustainable Development, Research & Training:** Since December 2005, EBPP Agriculture team trained young farmers groups from three of the largest hamlets in Desa Ban, representing over 400 families, in permaculture-style projects combining organic vegetable farming, worm farming for nutritious fertiliser and PE milk goat breeding for Sustainable Food Security and Economic Development. In early 2007, each of the farmers will be given “starter kits” to replicate the projects on their farms, with the commitment to train their neighbours, feed their families and eventually have a surplus to sell in the market.



Organic vegetables garden at EBPP Centre for Sustainable Development

ACHIEVEMENTS IN STAFF TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- **On-Site Teacher Training by Dewi Susanti of “Social Division of Art Explore”, Jakarta, 28-30 July 2006:** An inspiring 3-day workshop for 17 staff from EBPP Education Team entitled “Creativity for All” with 2 exciting segments: “Training for Community Teachers and Facilitators” and “Lessons to Develop Creativity in Children”.

- **H.E.L.P (Holistic Education Learning Practices) Workshop for parents & teachers, 2-6 December 2006, Bali:** Rosmara Dewi, EBPP's Education Team Leader joined the 5 day course, by led by Alan Wagstaff and described as "Rudolf Steiner and beyond Waldorf Education". A very beneficial and inspiring course for EBPP education team, with many creative techniques to use in the classroom and at home.



Dewi Susanti from Art Explore delivers staff Development Workshop at EBPP Centre for Sustainable Development

learners with difficulties in speaking, (iii) communicative activities and (iv) evaluation of learners' skills and/or problems.

- **Self Access Centre Design and Management Workshop at IALF, 30 October - 3 November 2006:** Attended by only Rosmara Dewi, due to intense work in EBPP schools preparing for exams, this course paves the way for more effective use of EBPP Library & Resource Centre in our Desa Ban Headquarters. More courses will follow that I will report when they happen.
- **'Introduction To Communicative Language Teaching' at IALF, 16 December 2006:** Another very beneficial IALF course, attended by EBPP senior education staff, Rosmara Dewi and Maria Yeni, with 4 key segments: (i) planning effective communicative lessons, (ii) helping

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