



January 2017

Water Projects

Focus during the month of January continued to be on the maintenance and upgrading of the wells, water tanks, water faucets, and facilities at Welajung and Larawatu. We also met with the heads of the villages from Ringurara (pictured left) and Alang to conduct socialization to both communities regarding the works that will take place in each location later this year.



Welajung:



At the beginning of January, we successfully connected the power to the generator room next to the main well at Hobarade (in Welajung) which in turn feeds the fiber tanks going to the physical water tank at Welajung Village. The fiber water tank foundation, piping at the station located outside Welajung Village have also been completely renovated and new faucets installed at the top of the village. Water from this project is now being distributed to 7 (seven) villages including: Kampung Welajung, Weyelo (pictured in the Year End Report), Wuje Matet, Koma Rame, Mude, Kamate Kare, and Rangngo. A total of 90* households are directly benefiting from the works that have been carried out here.

*Data of number of households impacted provided by Kepala Dusun III and IV

Larawatu:



Works at Larawatu have slowed with the rain this month, however before the heavy rains set in, completion of the foundation for the fiber tank water station located directly above the well has been completed and work started on the new generator room to replace the old construction has begun.

Wekabono: Due to the set backs of the rain delaying the two projects mentioned above, Wekabono water project renovations are set to begin this month (February) and will include: improved piping installation to Weihola and Kadoku villages, renovation of faucet station at Kampung Patada, increasing fiber water tank capacity from 2000L to 5000L at Watu Ngodu along with new water faucet station.

Overall, with the rains that came in during the second half of January, progress on construction works slowed however we have been using this time to gather materials as well as socialize further the community's role and responsibility with maintaining the water projects to help keep the water flowing. Progress will continue on all projects currently in work and are looking to complete the three projects mentioned above come the end of February.

Nutrition Programs

School Lunch: This month we broke ground on the construction of the new kitchen for the lunch program. The foundation for the new cooking spaces has been done and will continue to progress as weather allows. Once the new cooking areas are complete, construction will move to the current cooking space to renovate the area as a prep kitchen for produce and vegetables. Work is on going and on target to be ready to use by April.



The primary schools officially re-opened their doors after the holiday closure on the 9th of January when we started to cook and distribute lunch to the children, however it took about another week for attendance to return to normal. We are currently distributing lunch to SD Pededewatu, SD Kadoku, SD Larawatu, SD Pantai Rua, SD Anakaka, and SD Alang. We are surveying other primary schools in the area to identify which are the most malnourished and who will most greatly benefit from the nutrition program provided.

Mama2Mama:



In working closely with the Poskesmus in Lamboya, Ayu (our mid-wife nurse) has been following 3 pregnant women from the government clinic at Kabakarudi as they do not have the means to facilitate USG scanning for them. In addition, we have facilitated consultation, check-up and scanning for 7 other women at Hobawawi clinic. This month we will move the second USG back to Mateniera clinic to further increase the number of check-ups and scans being done each month.

Malnutrition:

We started the year providing nutrition to two areas (Ringurara – 43 children, and Palamoko – 21 children). Starting in February, we will add Ubumaleha Village to the program. There are 70 undernourished children in the village that we will help for the next six months. With all three areas combined, there will be a total of 134 children enrolled in the program. Siprianus Bili, Malnutrition Project staff is visits the project every Tuesday at Ringurara and Friday at Palamoko. We weigh the kids once a week and we provide the mothers of the children a week's stock of eggs and milk and monitor their progress. In addition to this food, during the weekly visit, they all eat mungbean porridge that we provide on the location. To help sustain the program, we educate the mothers, teaching them about good nutrition and healthy diets to prevent the children from becoming mal or undernourished in the future.



We are also monitoring the triplets and twins that enrolled in the program back in November 2016 and December 2016 respectively. The triplets, Aulia (pictured left), Astria and Asnia are showing a really good progress, and have put on about 1.5kg each since being introduced to the program. Each week we are providing infant formula and monitoring their health. Such is the same with the twin girls, Nakeisha and Jesika, who are both healthy and doing well. Nakeisha weighs 3 kg and Jesika is 2,8 kg.



Health Programs

Sumba Foundation Malaria Clinics:

In January, the total number of patients treated at our clinics was 2,355 patients. Below are listed the number of cases treated at each of our 4 clinics during January 2017. The busiest clinic this month was Hobawawi (1,199) followed by Lamboya Clinic with nearly 630 patients treated.

Clinic	Lamboya	Hobawawi	Rajaka	Rua	January total
Patients	630	1,199	332	194	2,355
Malaria	106	157	1	9	273

General Malaria Control Program:



The 273 malaria cases treated at our malaria clinics in January was a significant drop from the last months of 2016 when the rainy season is at it peak. During January did outreach in a few villages and at Nihiwatu Resort for the staff there. We screened 329 staff at Nihiwatu and of these 10 had a malaria infection. February will focus on the village surveys in the high malaria areas of Watukarere.

Mosquito Net Distribution:

In conjunction with the Malaria Control Program, we distributed a total of 226 nets in 10 different villages focusing in our core area. The nets were all very well received and more will be distributed in the months ahead. The primary focus of the nest distribution is to cover the people in the villages we have just screened in the malaria program to reduce the chance of reinfection.



Malaria Training Center:

The main focus in January was preparation of the MTC for new students arriving from February 2017. The facility has been painted, cement repairs were done and the roof repaired as well and cupboards and new bed sheets fitted for the students. All the microscopes have been cleaned and the slide bank renewed to avoid any errors in the student slides.

The first students will arrive on the 13 February. The students are primarily from West Sumba and we are considering a few other invited students from the greater region if we have space.

Sumba Eye Program:



Our two nurses (Nefry and Sany) have done an excellent job during the month of January and performed eye care screening at Lamboya and Hobawawi clinics and did an out reach clinic at Sodan village. During the afternoon screenings at the Lamboya and Hobawawi clinics our Eye Care Nurses saw a combined total of 95 patients and another 28 patients at Sodan for a total of 123 patients. The main focus was on delivery of eyeglasses and identification of eye diseases. Of the 123 patients screened, 106 received new eyeglasses, and 6 patients have been confirmed to receive cataract surgery in August later this year.

This program will continue each month and we will provide eye screening once a week rotating between the 4 clinics.

Nursing Scholarship Program:

Maraiana Pandi was accepted for nursing scholarship and has been enrolled at the senior nursing school in Waikabubak, West Sumba. She will complete the 3 years nursing degree over the coming 3 years and we will share updates on her progress as she passes her exams.

Hapu Ammah (Andy) finished his bachelor degree in nursing at Udayana University in Bali. Andy is extremely happy and we are all very proud of his achievements. He received the highest marks of his class with a total score of 3,45, excellent. Andy will now do his final nursing specialization over the coming 8 months.



Emergency Aid

Ubumaleha and Sodan:

Much remains the same with the status of Sodan and Ubumaleha. With the recent rain and heavy weather the last few weeks of January, it has been quite from both communities. We will be making the next delivery of Rice on the 16th to Sodan and 17th to Ubumaleha so they have enough stock for Pasola Lamboya (due to take place on the 18th February) and will meet with the heads of the villages to see if they require any additional assistance at this time.

Social Media

Facebook:

Looking at the trend, as of 31 January, our facebook page likes have increased to 2,101, only 23 new followers. Content is being posted daily, but the most successful content are the videos posted. For the coming months we will focus on capturing and sharing more videos specifically for facebook.

Instagram:

Our presence and recognition continues to grow at a steady pace as we now have 1,383 followers (107 new in the last month). Response to each post is good with an average of 90 to 100 likes per post. We will continue to look at more varied content and additional videos and clips here too, but shorter bursts and begin post content 2 times per days as we compile more from the continued work from the projects.

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Our Mission

The Sumba Foundation is deeply committed to lessening the consequences of poverty on the island of Sumba. Our aim is to provide humanitarian aid by fostering village-based projects that impact health (including access and malaria control), education, water, and income-generation, while preserving and respecting the fragile culture and traditions of the Sumbanese people.

A large part of the financial support for the foundation comes from guests of the Nihiwatu Resort. With their involvement, we can create small miracles every day.

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