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- Urgent need for PCs/ PCs suitable for running Microsoft Office and email.
- Cupboards - most need replacing. Total cost per cupboard approx Rp 500,000 and needed more urgently for the boys than the girls:
24 boy's cupboards x 500,000 = Rp 12,000,000/ \$1700AUD
OR for replacement of all necessary cupboards x 38 = Rp19,000,000/ \$2700AUD
- The children have no real outdoor play/ recreation area. Phase 1 of constructing a useable space:
 1. Leveling area approx Rp 4,000,000/ \$565AUD
 2. Retaining wall approx Rp 2,000,000/ \$282AUD
 3. Drainage pipes approx Rp 3,000,000/ \$425AUD
- Other equipment needed - second hand or new:
Urgently need Indonesian/English and English Indonesian dictionaries,
Also: Filing cabinets, Office shelves/cupboards, Wall mirrors
Reading material - primarily Indonesian novels and educational
Ok for youths' sports shoes right now but this is an ongoing need
- Handy Bulk items from outside Indonesia:
First Aid/ infirmary supplies eg saline, antiseptic, bandages
Multi vitamins and panadol
Milk powder, oatmeal, raisins/ sultanas
Crayons, cotton underwear
Durable second hand clothes

Bedding for single beds

...Please be aware that most items (especially shoes and clothing) are very easily and often more cheaply purchased within Bali

WALL CLOCKS FOR ALL KIDS ROOMS HAVE NOW BEEN PROVIDED, THANK YOU!

WE NOW HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF GUITARS AND A KEYBOARD!

Donations of replacement PILLOWS no longer required thanks to extra Christmas donations from various Australian donors.

MATTRESS REPLACEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROMISED...

FOOD SITUATION: Much thanks to all those who have donated towards improving this! There is better provision now for a more nutritionally balanced diet.

SPONSORSHIP: At present we have 15 commitments of 200,000 Rp/month (approx AUD\$30 or USD\$20/month) to cover running costs including food. We require another 35 monthly commitments.

*** We are not only interested in money!***

Any skill that can be taught is invaluable. We want to supplement the kids' formal education with inservices, creative sessions eg craft, cooking, sewing etc particularly with a focus on empowering them to initiate their own small business ventures.

We have a shop that is under utilized. Our main problem right now is lack of time to provide these resources. Ideas are very warmly welcomed. Local volunteers or those coming through from overseas are much appreciated.

SALAM Children's Home – funds for food

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The purpose of this document is to inform the reader of the food requirements of Salam Children's Home. It also contains the expected costing for the food requirement of 55 people including staff.

Duty of care is considered paramount in any involvement with children. Proper care is typically broken down to basic human needs: physiological needs such as food, water, clothing, shelter, and psychosocial needs such as stimulation, nurture, respect, love and belonging.

We of the Steering Committee feel that all these areas need improvement in the Salam Children's Home but currently consider the lack of sufficient nutrition as an urgent issue. Heather Phillips, an English sports physical therapist, recently stayed at SCH for two months. During this time she conducted health examinations on the children. She confirmed what we had suspected, that the childrens' food requirements were not being met. Many of the children showed physical symptoms that this was the case.

Heather submitted her findings which concluded that the childrens' protein intake needed to be doubled, more fruit provided, and the vegetable portions increased and varied. Unfortunately these findings coincided with a reduction in government funding, and a reduction in the rice that was being provided. To meet the recommendations proposed by Heather requires us to source funds specifically for these needs.

We have based the following calculations on the expected number of children and staff being 55. This will fluctuate as children come and go throughout the year. The budget for one person's food requirement was just 2500 rp per day. We really require 5000 rp a day:

$5000 \times 55 \text{ (people)} = 275\,000 \text{ rp per day}$
 $275\,000 \times 365 \text{ (days)} = 100\,375\,000 \text{ rp per year.}$

Currently the government assistance via DepSos and Darmais provides an estimated 40 000 000 rp per year leaving us with a 60 000 000 rp shortfall per year.

We still need to raise more funds for this. Ideally this would come in the form of a monthly commitment. If you or anyone you know can be of any assistance please contact me on 0361 741 6649, or alternatively email: info@salambali.com (SCH account details can be provided upon request)

Visitors are warmly welcomed to SCH. Please phone ahead on 0361 810086. With regards to food donations please avoid highly processed foods such as instant noodles and snacks. Bulk non perishable food items are much more valuable to SCH. Eg: dried red kidney beans, black beans, green beans (kacang hijau), lentils, oats, peanuts, rice (including black and red rice), UHT coconut milk, milk powder, vitamin C, multivitamins...

Thank you,

Matthew Trevatt
for SCH Steering Committee.