## **Progress Report**

### Harvesting Clean Water



Kalimantan, Indonesia

# Water

**Project Timeline** 

#### Year 2 Budget \$33,700

\$19,083 TO GO

**JAN 22** 

#### Overview

This 3-year project builds on previous projects funded over the past 10 years and continues to focus on drinking water, sanitation and public health. Social surveys, public health education, construction of Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) tanks and follow-up will be conducted to provide clean drinking water. Once an initial number of tanks and toilets are built, the villagers then have the skills and knowledge to finish building them for the remaining villagers as well as maintaining those already built. The current focus is on the Banjar regency in South Kalimantan, made up of 250+ villages. Year 2 budget is also \$33,700.

#### Impact for January to June 2023

#### Introductions to new districts and villages



Our partner was introduced to three new districts and five villages were surveyed to evaluate their eligibility to receive rain-water systems according to established criteria. Village officials are engaged at the start of any new project to ensure they are well informed and on-side.

#### A grant to receive a new rain-water system

was signed with one new village. New criteria for future installations have been set to require villagers to contribute 20% (formerly 10%) of costs to help cover price rises and to encourage ownership and maintenance.





#### In-field repairs and education quality checks

Repairs for an existing fractured water tank were carried out and maintenance and further development of systems checked in 9 villages. Education quality checks were conducted in 11 villages through the use of surveys. Education is constantly updated to improve uptake and application of clean water use in daily lives for the long-term.

- Water samples of both river and rainwater from one village were sent for lab analysis.
- The 'Given to Give' program continues with existing and new partner villages to help mobilise them to assist neighbouring communities to increase the number of rain-water systems through their own means, and to spread knowledge of systems and awareness of the benefits to those communities with no access to rain-water harvesting systems. It is hoped village leaders will prioritise clean water in village budgets as they see the value in multiplication throughout the district.



Mr Imberan's Story I am the head of Kuin Kecil village and I am so thankful that my village now has rain-water systems. I can actually taste the difference between the rainwater we collect and other local sources of water. It is the freshest tasting water around! Rain-water harvesting was also the best fit for our village, compared with systems that other groups had offered us. None of the others met the conditions that the village leaders put forward. As the village head, I am leading my community to take very good care of the rain-water systems so that the quality of our drinking water is maintained well into the future.





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