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# Annual Report

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# About us

Child Aid Papua is a non-profit, public benefit organisation founded in June 2017 in Switzerland and under the name 'Yayasan Cahaya Anak Papua' in May 2018 in the province of West-Papua, Indonesia. Since the opening of our new education centre in August 2019, our base is Sawinggrai, Raja Ampat.

## We stand for education, conservation and health care!

We provide access to quality education in order to enable children and adolescents in remote areas of West Papua to create better perspectives for their future. Our educational programs are designed in a way to increase environmental awareness with the ultimate goal to protect the breathtaking nature of Raja Ampat. Our health care program addresses the need of first aid, provides basic medical supplies, educates about hygiene matters as well as prevention. We want to make an important contribution to education, health care and sustainable environmental protection in the Raja Ampat region by educating children.

The Child Aid Papua family consists of two organizations. The Indonesian foundation (Yayasan) implements our local projects. The Swiss association carries the foundation and provides all resources. We strive to keep our structure as lean as possible to ensure that all collected funds are invested where they are most needed.

### Education



### Conservation



### Health Care



# About us

## Education

Even though school facilities as well as personnel are provided by the government, the functional illiteracy rate in West Papua is over 30%, the highest in Indonesia. In Raja Ampat, the rate is as high as 80%. On the one hand, this is because the teacher absenteeism is very common. On the other hand, children attend much too large classes, mixed of all age-groups, which does not allow for an adequate education.

As a completely independent, but nationally accredited education institution, Child Aid Papua follows the official Indonesian curricula in subjects like math, geography, reading and writing Bahasa Indonesia etc. However, we complement our study plan with IT, English, culture with a high emphasis on the environmental awareness. We are currently teaching the elementary, 7th, the 9th and the 12th grade independently, counting over 40 children between 6 and 18 years old. Furthermore, we offer environmental and English courses to the whole village outside the normal school hours.

Our environmental school resides in our own buildings. The main building, completed in 2019, is capable to be fully operated by solar energy. It contains a class room, a library, offices for the teachers, a kitchen and a jetty. More class rooms and dorms for our teachers in an additional building followed in 2021.



# About us

## Conservation

Raja Ampat, in the western region of Papua is known as "epicentre of global marine biodiversity". Yet the paradise is threatened by the pollution of the oceans, the lack of a functional trash management as well as the constantly and rapidly increasing tourism industry. We aim to enable children and young people in the Raja Ampat region to grow up in a healthy and safe environment, to learn to understand and protect their home and to be able to make a positive contribution to the conservation of Raja Ampat's rich nature.

Our school is called environmental school for a good reason. Conservation always plays an important role on how our classes are designed. We maintain and cultivate our own corral garden in front of our main school building to teach important facts about our marine Eco system. Furthermore, we offer additional environmental lessons on a weekly basis as well as field trips and practical projects. In 2019 we introduced our Ocean Warrior project for which we wrote our own book. A typical project day includes a playful introduction to the topic of waste as well as a beach clean-up, during which an average of 40-50 kg of waste is collected.



# About us

## Health Care

Unfortunately, tuberculosis, the immunodeficiency disease HIV, malaria, typhoid, hepatitis and even leprosy are still prevalent in Raja Ampat. Medical care consists of village medical support by shamans and of simple home remedies. The closest hospital is about 3-4 hours by boat. However, even there, necessary equipment and access to professional doctors with the according know-how are not guaranteed. In addition, the journey to the city is arduous and financially not affordable for many families.

We have therefore decided to extend our services and responsibilities by hiring a specialist in health and nursing to provide primary health and medical care. Treatment of injured people and the care of the sick are the core functions of this position. However, we also pursue a preventive character through education in nutrition, hygiene as well as contraception or family planning.



# Management



## Jonas Müller

- Founder and CEO of Child Aid Papua
- Responsible for operations, strategy, infrastructure
- Degree in social pedagogy
- Degree in business administration/economics



## Maya Puspa Dewi

- Founder and president of the Indonesian foundation (Yayasan)
- Teacher and responsible for all legal affairs in Indonesia
- Bachelor's degree in international relations

# Board



## Hannes Elmer

- Co-founder and president of the Swiss foundation Child Aid Papua
- Responsible for overall operations as well as accounting
- Bachelor's degree in business administration
- Master's degree in management and law



## Tamara Kuster

- Vice-President Child Aid Papua since 2021
- Marketing and public relations
- Bachelor's degree in international economics
- Executive master's degree in business administration with emphasis on management



## Walter Müller

- board member Child Aid Papua since foundation was established.
- Irreplaceable help in everything
- Degree in pedagogy and 42 years of professional experience as a teacher



# Review and Achievements

## We are Growing...

With no less than nine additional children, we started our second high school class and got off to a good start in the new school year. With the addition of the new students, we are now counting over 40 children who are attending our environmental school. Of course, this also meant that we had to expand our infrastructure. Besides the increase in the ordinary school supplies we also added more laptops to our stock so that we can teach our students about the still so foreign, but nevertheless ubiquitous topic of digitization. We are very proud of and grateful for the growth of our school and the trust given by the parents and the village.

Furthermore, we have set an important milestone in our health care program and have professionalized and facilitated the access to basic medical care for the people in Sawingrai and the surrounding areas. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to recruit a very skilled and dedicated Indonesian nurse with prior work experience in West Papua. Angel is our first employee with a professional degree in health care and she already is an integral part of our team. Besides the treatment of diseases and first aid, she teaches hygiene and prevention.





# Review and Achievements

## Mira and Edo - Book Release

Our bilingual (German and English) environmental book 'Die Retter der Meere' has finally made its way to Switzerland! In Indonesia (written in Papua and English), the book has already been successfully in use for several months - both at our environmental school and nationwide at more than ten different learning centers and libraries.

The book is about Mira and Edo - our ocean warriors and it promotes awareness of the environment in a way that is suitable for children. On their journey through Raja Ampat, Mira and Edo discover the challenges that the nature in Raja Ampat encounters due to pollution, ignorance or shark fishing and they show with which measures people can contribute to protect and heal the environment.

The Child Aid Papua team has written the story, which is accompanied by the beautiful hand painted pictures, by Jasmine Kammeyer. The expenses for the printing of the book were borne by the Rotary Club. We have successfully introduced it at the Christmas market in Glarus and it is sold in our online shop.



# Review and Achievements

## Local and National Recognition in Raja Ampat...

Like in the previous years, we have invited the parents, the village government and the school management of the elementary school to this year's "parent's meeting" - a platform for exchange, questions and discussions. It is with great pride that all parents of our current students have confirmed to continue their children's education with Child Aid Papua.

On the occasion of Indonesian Independence Day on August 17, the Asian broadcaster "Sea Today News" aired a TV documentary on the subject of education. In the episode "The Light of The East", Child Aid Papua starred and was reported on its everyday school life and on its pioneering role in education. It is a great achievement for us that our work is recognized far beyond the borders of Raja Ampat.

Speaking of beyond the borders: As part of the official application from the Raja Ampat government to be recognized as a **UNESCO** Geopark, the region must prove itself in various disciplines. Child Aid Papua was asked by the government officials to represent the field of education and culture. Surprised (as we are a non government school) and equally honored, we committed to the assessment, which was held by the **UNESCO** assessors from Greece and Iran, accompanied by the Deputy Head of the Government in Raja Ampat. It was passed with the rate "very good" and the visitors left us with their warmest recommendations and recognition. Child Aid Papua is now officially certified as a partner of Geopark Raja Ampat. Whether Raja Ampat will also pass the overall assessment and be recognized as a **UNESCO** Geopark is currently still under review in a committee and will be announced in New York in April 2023.



# Review and Achievements

## ... and in Switzerland

Just in time to close the year, Jonas Müller, founder and managing director of Child Aid Papua, and Maya Puspa Dewi, managing director of Yayasan Cahaya Anak Papua returned to the founding site of Child Aid Papua in Näfels, in the canton of Glarus for their four week visit. On January 4, 2023 Jonas hosted an event in the Lintharena in Näfels and offered a look behind the scenes of Child Aid Papua. He reported first-hand about his work and his experiences in Sawinggrai and was available for personal questions after the presentation. Anyone who was interested was welcome to join and we were thrilled to count more than 400 guests. The event, as well as the admission were completely sponsored, so the funds collected at the presentation are fully invested in our environmental school in Raja Ampat.

During the time of this stay, Jonas was also invited to the Rondo Magazin, a TV show hosted by Südostschweiz - a Swiss newspaper and channel. He was interviewed about his life in Raja Ampat and his work at the school with Child Aid Papua.

We are proud, honored and grateful to get so much recognition and support from Switzerland!



# Facts & Figures

**+9**

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS IN 2022**

**98%**

**OF OVERALL REVENUE  
COVERS DIRECT PROJECT  
EXPENSES**

**Diversified**

**REVENUE AMONG PRIVATE,  
INSTITUTIONAL DONORS**

**Financially  
guaranteed  
Operation**

**AT FULL CAPACITY FOR AT  
LEAST 2 YEARS**



# Facts & Figures

## Financial Situation

At Child Aid Papua, we prioritize a lean management and organizational structure to keep administrative expenses to a minimum. Our entire board works on a voluntary basis.

In recent years, we have successfully increased our savings to prepare for the full operation of our school in 2022. Based on our current budget plan, our retained earnings - largely accumulated in 2020 and 2021 - will guarantee school operation at full capacity for at least two years. This business plan also accounts for accruals and unforeseen incidents, without relying on income.

The past year was challenging due to the global supply chain crisis, inflation, the war in Ukraine, and the fear of a recession. For the first time in Child Aid Papua's history, 2022 resulted in fewer income and a deficit. Fortunately, it can be covered by our retained earnings from previous years and will not restrict our operating business.



# Facts & Figures

## Income and Expenses

We are lucky and grateful for the generous financial support of over 200 members, private and institutional donors - a number that has been constant over the past years. Our revenues are broadly and sustainably diversified across different sources.

About 98% of our revenue covers direct project expenses. Overhead costs for insurances, permits, taxes, fees and other administrative costs are very low.

In 2022 we achieved a significant milestone. It was the first year of school operation at full capacity with four teachers and approximately 40 children. The increase in operating activity inevitably led to higher operating costs: Our expenses have steadily risen over the past years and have peaked in 2022.

We value checks and balances between the Swiss and the Indonesian foundations. Our liquid assets are primarily held in Switzerland. Bank transfers to 'Yayasan Cahaya Anak Papua' in Indonesia are executed on a monthly basis, only after the according budget request had been approved by the entire Child Aid Papua board in Switzerland. Further, we carefully keep records on our cost per lesson as well as cost per student ratio to analyze trends and to track scaling effects.



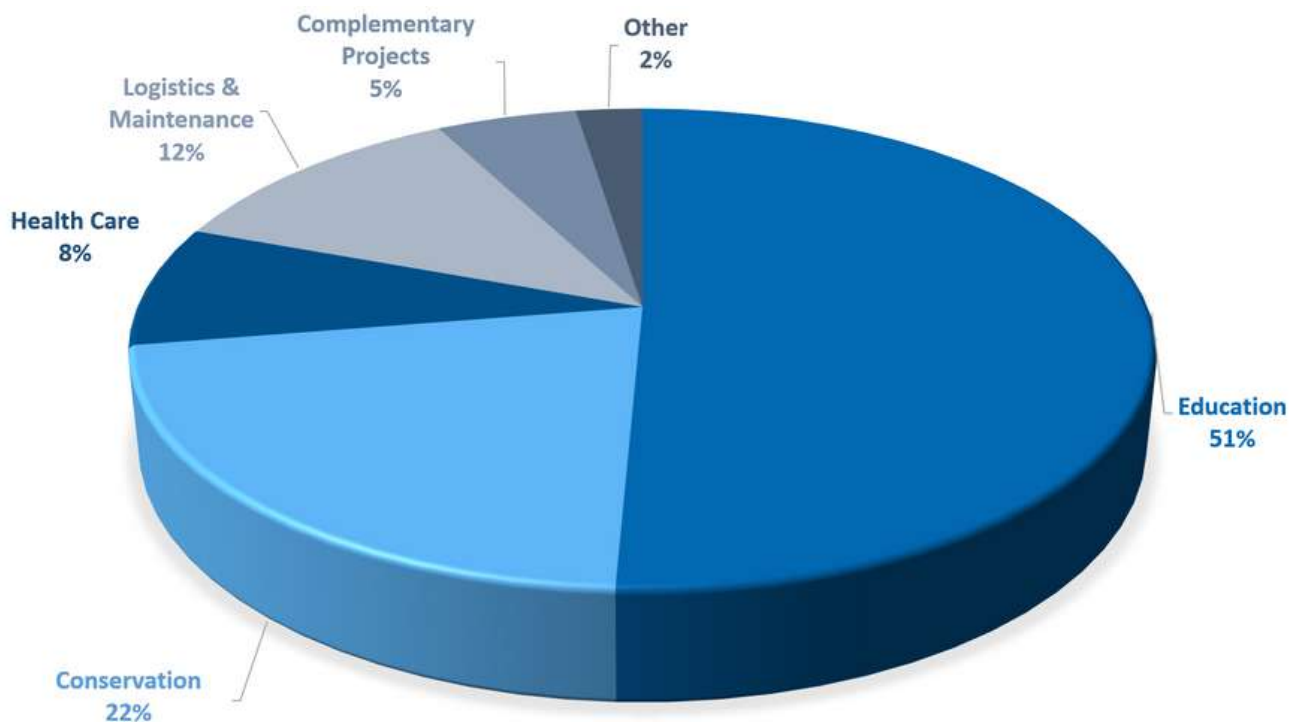


# Facts & Figures

| Income                  | 2022                |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Members                 | CHF 37'406          |
| Donors                  | CHF 50'736          |
| Events and Sales        | CHF 15'500          |
| Donations with Earmarks | CHF 4'516           |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>CHF 108'158</b>  |
| <b>(Deficit)</b>        | <b>(CHF 53'724)</b> |

| Expenses                | 2022               |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Education               | CHF 82'085         |
| Conservation            | CHF 35'179         |
| Health Care             | CHF 13'238         |
| Logistics & Maintenance | CHF 18'899         |
| Complementary Projects* | CHF 8'476          |
| Other                   | CHF 4'004          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>CHF 161'882</b> |

\*Garden project, Ocean Warrior, "Mira&Edo" book etc.



# Outlook 2023

## Infrastructure

Due to the lack of qualified teachers in Raja Ampat, we still hire our staff from the cities like Java or Jakarta. Because of the remote area of Raja Ampat, our teachers have to get used to a completely different life style. We would like to improve their living situation and prevent fluctuation by providing more infrastructure for teacher's housing. According construction plans have already been designed and we expect to start building within the first quarter of 2023.

The growth in demand for our education program seems to sustainably persist. As we, heavy-heartedly, had to turn down children from other surrounding villages in the past, we strive to expand our offering so we can admit more students and classes. We are working on infrastructure concepts to be able to accommodate more children and verify plans to extend our services to overnight stays.

## Volunteering Programs

It is for the first time that we will be able to host volunteers from Switzerland in the coming months as we have according projects, a home-stay partnership for accommodation and two suitable candidates who are interested to support us during several weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming a mechanical engineer / doctor specialized in hearth diseases as well as a volunteer who has specialized in marketing and communication.



# Acknowledgment

Undoubtedly, the remote life in Raja Ampat still holds some challenges: be it the unpredictable tropical weather conditions that require frequent renovation work on the school buildings, illnesses and injuries that keep us on our toes and lead to absences, or logistical matters that make careful planning and organization indispensable. However, thanks to the tremendous, appreciated support of our members and donors, we continue to successfully face these adversities.

The recognition of the parents, the success of our students, the praise of the authorities and partners, continue to encourage us in our doing.

We thank all our donors, members and benefactors for the valuable and generous support. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future, to provide children in Raja Ampat with access to education and a life with perspectives.

Special thanks go to the Lighthouse Foundation, Blue Germany Foundation as well as the Rotary Club!

## Terima Kasih!

