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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 and with a high emphasis on environmental awareness. We are currently teaching the elementary, 7th, the 9th and the 12th grade independently, counting over 50 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 of being 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 and 2023.



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 manner 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

The Child Aid Papua Family Keeps Growing

As we reflect on the past school year, we are pleased to announce that our team is complete once again. The children are taught by a total of 2 full-time and several part-time teachers. We welcomed Maylani and Indra to the Child Aid Papua teaching family at the beginning of the year. Both brought a solid foundation in teaching and several years of professional experience. They are citizens of Indonesia and grew up in the city. To make their lives more comfortable in the unique and remote setting of Sawinggrai and to address the space needed for the growing community, we constructed additional infrastructure, in form of teacher accommodations and sanitary facilities.

The teacher accommodations, financed mostly by the extremely generous collection gathered during Jonas' lecture in Switzerland in January offer approximately 20m² living space. The former teacher rooms in the school building have been repurposed as sleeping boarding rooms for the students, allowing children and adolescents from more distant villages to be accommodated in our school.

In collaboration with our local carpenter, we have also erected the new school kitchen. With dimensions of 3x4 meters, the kitchen now provides the necessary infrastructure to prepare meals for our staff and the students residing in the dormitory. The ability to completely seal off the kitchen effectively prevents unwanted visitors such as rats or snakes from gaining access during the night.



Review and Achievements

Significant Government Recognition

We are pleased to inform you that our environmental school received a very important recognition from the Indonesian authorities in 2023. The school board of Raja Ampat has closely followed the educational system of Child Aid Papua with great interest and has now officially affirmed that the differentiated school concept is yielding visible successes. As a result, two very important official approvals have been expedited for us: firstly, Child Aid Papua is now the first official bilingual educational institution for high school students, and secondly, it is the first school in all of West Papua authorized to issue training certificates in the field of Marine and Eco-Tourism. The government's support not only solidifies the school and its educational concept within the national education landscape but also enhances the organization's international reputation.

Furthermore, we were officially commissioned by the Tourism Department to provide English training for Raja Ampat's guides. Leveraging our school's infrastructure and reputation, the government chose Child Aid Papua for this initiative, named Oceania. Our students shared their classroom with approximately 20 new Raja Ampat tour guides for a week. Using interactive training methods, we achieved visible progress in their communication skills. We received assurances of continued collaboration with the government for next year's training, which valuably contributes to our organization's finances.



Review and Achievements

Our First Graduates, New Seniors...

The first ever Senior High School students of our environmental school, Edy and Melando, have successfully passed the national examinations, marking the completion of their education at Child Aid Papua. Both have already made successful strides in the professional world. Edy received multiple job offers and began his dive guide training at one of the region's most renowned resorts, just one day after the exams. Melando decided to pursue further studies but wanted to first gain additional work experience in the conservation field. Right after his graduation, he secured a lucrative job opportunity underwater, working with scientists to plant and manage coral gardens. Since September, he is back in school as planned, as he received a scholarship from one of the best tourism / hospitality university in Indonesia. We are incredibly proud of both of them and delighted that their education with Child Ais Papua has equipped them with the tools to excel in their future careers.

Additionally, the Junior High School students of the 7th and 9th grades have successfully passed their national examinations in summer 2023. All graduates chose to continue their education with us, which resulted in eight new students transferring to the Senior High School year.



Review and Achievements

... and New Juniors

And our community continues to grow! We welcomed ten new students to the Junior High School year. Unfortunately, due to space constraints and our commitment to maintaining the quality of education, we had to limit the number of new students. Our newbies all come from seven different villages. Despite the distances, many parents have entrusted their children to the care of Child Aid Papua's environmental school to provide them access to quality education. What a statement of trust! This brings the total number of students in the high school to 25, with 12 children currently residing in our premises.

As a highlight of the first semester, our 10th-grade students embarked on a study visit to Sorong. Over two days, they gained insights into various professions and lifestyles. They visited the state-owned oil refinery to learn about extraction and distribution processes and explored a renowned hotel, impressing its management with their knowledge, while securing internship offers. They also visited the government's reintegration program for endangered species, deepening their understanding of biodiversity and environmental conservation. This excursion was a success, broadening students' career perspectives and raising awareness of environmental issues. Upon their return, they shared their experiences and knowledge with their peers through presentations, which earned them great enthusiasm of their classmates.



Review and Achievements

School Excursion and Final Exams

Furthermore, at the end of October, three of our 10th-grade students had the unique opportunity to participate in the English-Debate Contest in Sorong City. Never before had a school from Raja Ampat participated in such an event. Our students competed against teenagers from 12 schools in Sorong City. Amidst the competitive atmosphere, our students showcased their skills and demonstrated that they could compete with the best students from Sorong City. The entire event was incredibly successful and touching, not only because of our students' participation but also due to the positive response and enthusiasm they generated among the audience.

In December, all students excelled in their semester exams, a testament to their hard work and dedication. Parents eagerly attended the certificate distribution ceremony fostering a sense of community and dialogue between the school and families. After the ceremony, students demonstrated their bilingual talents in a captivating Christmas theater performance, impressing both parents and villagers with their English proficiency and acting skills. The presence of numerous visitors underscored the strong support from the local Child Aid Papua community.



Review and Achievements

Ocean Blue Project - Marine and Eco-Tourism

In 2023, we officially introduced our new project Ocean Blue. The certification in Marine and Ecotourism from the department of education was a crucial vote of confidence in the school, one we are committed to do justice. We are therefore planning a new school building that will live up to the new responsibilities. The new school will have two floors and includes four classrooms, sleeping accommodations, and medical treatment rooms. This expansion aims to professionalize our education programs in the field of Marine and Eco-Tourism.

In August, architects from Journeyman International in America and the general contractor from Jakarta visited Sawinggrai to work on a solid, sustainable strategy on building the school. Soil samples were taken to adapt materials to local conditions, including earthquake and tsunami risks. The expenses for the consultation and travel were covered by the visitors themselves. Securing the unified approval of island residents and local authorities is crucial to us. We held public presentations and discussions to transparently disclose building plans, encouraging the community to contribute ideas.

With the completion of the formal budget of 300'000 EUR and the approval of the Sawinggrai people, we were also able to secure the first partners who will financially contribute to the building. The fundraising will continue, so we hopefully soon can officially lay the foundation of the Ocean Blue project.



Review and Achievements

Sports Field: Community Project and Crowdfunding Success

Our sports field was in desperate need of renovation after Raja Ampats natural forces have left its traces over time. But constructing a simple, yet much more robust concrete sports field presented unexpected logistical challenges, despite our experience in infrastructure development for our environmental school. 300 bags of cement had to be transported by a specially chartered logistics boat, while 2'600 baskets of sand and 2'000 baskets of groundwater were brought from the sea to land. Volunteers, including our students, invested many hours. And as the result shows, it was all worth it, to the delight of our volleyball-loving students.

Funding for this project, totalling 14'480 EUR, was made possible by Mantahari Oceancare's successful crowdfunding efforts. A heartfelt thank you to the Mantahari team and all donors for their invaluable support!



Review and Achievements

Tetanus Vaccinations for Our Students

There was also news from our Health Care Team. Angel, our in-house nurse and in the meantime important person of trust for the local people, worked tirelessly to improve collaboration with local health authorities. She successfully secured access to numerous doses of tetanus vaccine— an illness that still is a real threat in Raja Ampat.

All parents consented to have their children vaccinated. This was a significant relief for us, as Western medicine, including vaccinations, is still relatively unfamiliar to the population and often clashes with local beliefs. With Angel's help, we successfully manage to partner with the authorities while increasing local acceptance for medication more effectively.



Review and Achievements

Legendary Photographer Simon Lister's Visit

In the latter part of March, our school had the honour of hosting Simon Lister, a globally acclaimed photographer celebrated for his powerful imagery capturing nature, environment, and humanity. Simon, known for his work in the "Tales by Light" documentary series, had collaborated with UNICEF and Orlando Blum before to spotlight the challenges - especially children faces - in poor and remote communities worldwide.

Humbled by Simon's interest in our school we welcomed him for one week to document Sawinggrai and our school for his most recent project. Despite challenging weather conditions, Simon immersed himself in our community, capturing its essence with his lens.

Now, having returned to his Australian studio, Simon processed his images and videos and promotes his project to be published hopefully soon. Until then, his work can be admired on Instagram under "scilista." We eagerly await the release of his documentary, grateful for his dedication to amplifying children's marginalized voices.



Review and Achievements

Christmas Markets in Switzerland

This year, we were present at two Christmas markets in Switzerland with the preliminary goal to meet our members, supporters, express our gratitude and expand our network. But of course we also offered Child Aid Papua merchandise such as our desk calendar, Ocean Warrior T-shirts, and our children's book "Mira and Edo, the Saviors of the Seas" for sale. While it has been the fourth time in Glarus, it was the first time we were in Cham.

Unfortunately, the weather was not in our favour at both markets this year. Nevertheless, we are happy with the outcome and the little extra money in the till. We greatly appreciate the visit of all those who braved the weather conditions and generously supported us.



Facts & Figures

25 Students
IN 3 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

25 Students
IN 2 ELEMENTARY /
ENGLISH CLASSES

+10*
NEW HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS IN 2023

3.6 Teachers
FULLTIME EQUIVALENT

27 CHF
COST PER LESSON



Facts & Figures

2'872 CHF
PER STUDENT / YEAR

-10% Cost*
STUDENT PER YEAR

+100*
MEMBERS AND DONORS

> 100% Increase*
IN REVENUE AMONG PRIVATE,
INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

*RELATIVE TO 2022



Facts & Figures

Financial Situation

At Child Aid Papua, we prioritize a lean management and organizational structure to keep administrative expenses to a minimum. Sustainability and short decision paths are further important dominators for efficient operation. The management remains unchanged since 2021 and the key players have been on board since Child Aid Papua's birth hour. The whole board still operates on a voluntary basis.

In recent years, we have successfully increased our savings to prepare for the full operation of our school. 2022s finances challenged us with a deficit - the first ever since Child Aid Papua's existence - which we were able to fully compensate by the retained earnings while not affecting our operating business whatsoever. In 2023 our financial situation fully recovered. Not only did the school run at full capacity with 50 children, but also we were able to secure higher income than expenses leaving us once more with a surplus in our balance sheets. With the strong and solid foundation we feel very prepared to take on the challenges and goals of the years to follow.



Facts & Figures

Income and Expenses

Counting well over 300 individual income events in total, we significantly increased not only the absolute Swiss Franc value in income, but also the number of members, private and institutional donors supporting Child Aid Papua, by almost 100. We very much appreciate this important growth of the Child Aid Papua community. By the end of the year we found ourselves in the fortunate position to count an increase in income by more than 100% with a final surplus of over 30'000 CHF.

We maintained and continued full school operations in 2023 and increased the capacity with new infrastructure. This enabled us to admit more students now totaling about 50 children on the high school and primary level. This consequently led to higher expenses in education, infrastructure and logistics of about 6%. However, while overall expenses increased, the cost per high school student per year decreased by about 10% due to better exploitation of economics of scale. Because of the significant surplus we further decided to assign 30'000 CHF from our earnings to the funds for the Blue Ocean project in 2024 (fund capital).

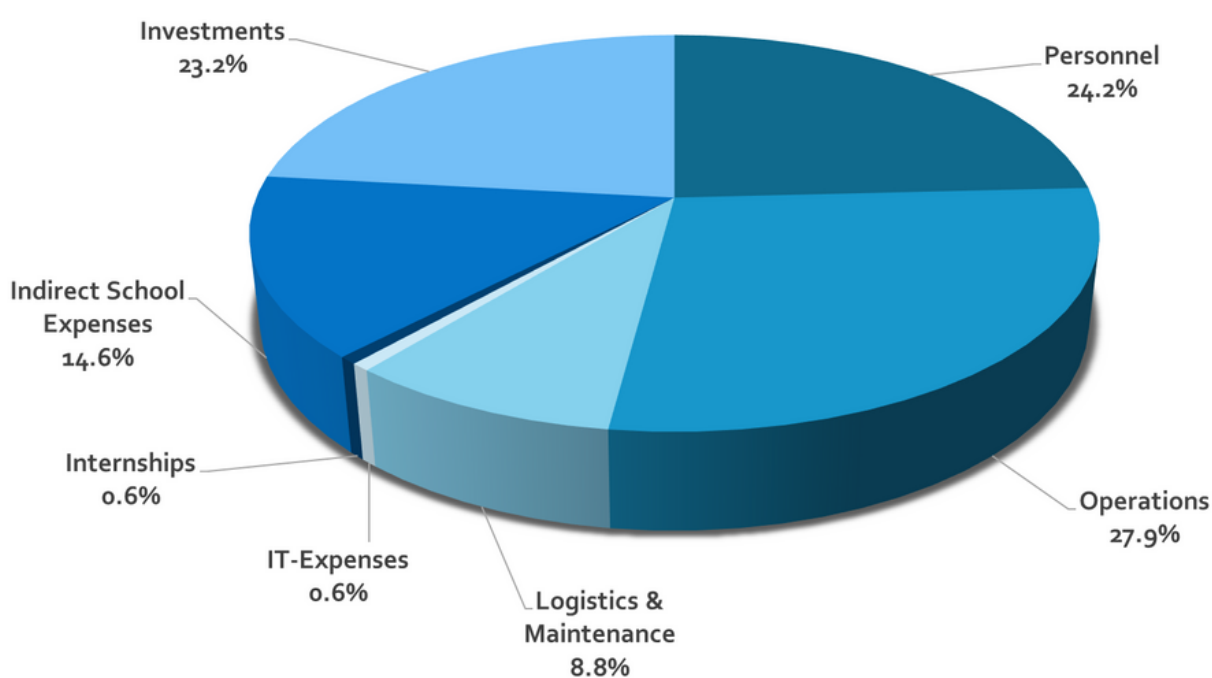
The procedure of checks and balances between the Swiss and the Indonesian foundation remain unchanged. Our liquid assets are primarily held in Switzerland in Swiss Francs to avoid the currency risks caused by the highly volatile Indonesian Rupiah. Expenses are tracked closely. Bank transfers to 'Yayasan Cahaya Anak Papua' in Indonesia are executed on a monthly basis, only after the according budget request have been approved by the entire Child Aid Papua board in Switzerland.



Facts & Figures

Expenses	2023
Personnel	CHF 45'232
Operations	CHF 52'158
Logistics / Maintenance	CHF 16'517
IT-Expenses for School	CHF 1'165
Internships	CHF 1'150
Direct School Expenses	CHF 116'222
Health Care	CHF 9'980
Complementary Projects	CHF 10'978
Permits	CHF 1'003
Diverse	CHF 745
Expenses Switzerland	CHF 4'681
Indirect School Expenses	CHF 27'388
Investments	CHF 43'401
Fund Capital (Blue Ocean Project)	CHF 60'000
Total Expenses	CHF 247'011

Income	2023
Members	CHF 42'177
Donors	CHF 127'549
Events and Sales	CHF 15'418
Donations with Earmarks	CHF 77'972
Earnings / Donations from Indonesia	CHF 15'559
Total	CHF 278'716
(Surplus)	(CHF 31'705)



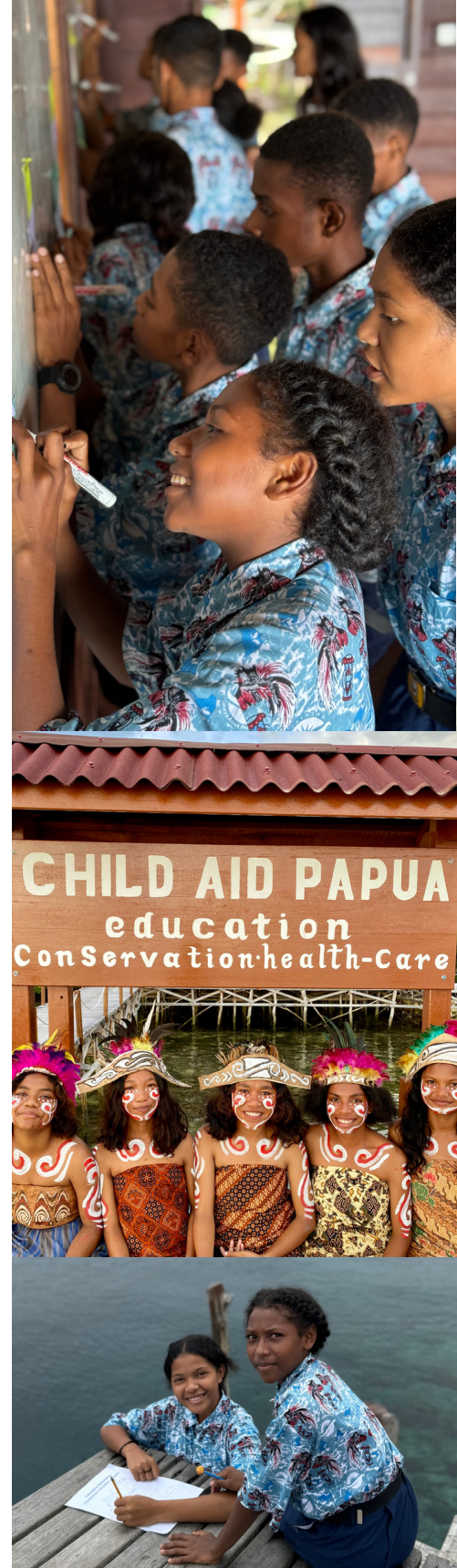
Outlook 2024

Partnerships with Foundations

With the efforts and time spent in finding new partners and foundations to support our cause, we are now fortunate and grateful for having extended our network with many new renowned organisations, who will financially support our Blue Ocean project as well as our operating costs in 2024: Journeyman International, McPike-Zima Foundation, Alexander Foundation, Green Leaves Education Foundation. We have professionalized and formalized our project applications, the foundation dossier, the annual reports etc. to provide our partners with relevant information and to nurture our partnership. To meet the increase in demand and the potential for growth, we will continue to seek acquisition of new, valuable cooperations to ensure the sustainable operation of the school.

Blue Ocean Project

The new school building - our Blue Ocean project - will remain an important next milestone in Child Aid Papua's road map for 2024. We are doing everything we can to find the financial resources to increase our capacity, admit more children to our school and become more economically efficient. With the current commitments of our partners, we have financially secured a large amount of the funds needed. We only lack 50'000 EUR to meet the overall budget, to break ground for our new school, hopefully by the end of 2024.



Acknowledgment

2023 was a very important and successful year for us - as a school and as the Child Aid Papua foundation. Not only were we able to further professionalize our educational programs, we also sustainably expanded and improved the school infrastructure, addressed economics of scale and we set some important milestones for the future. We were able to grow on multiple levels simultaneously, and with every month in Raja Ampat, we continue to learn. We remain committed to our vision and will do everything in our power in 2024 to provide access to quality education for the children in Raja Ampat. Hence we will continuously expand our offerings and our school infrastructure. We look to the future with gratitude and confidence. Thank you for being part of our journey.

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. It is because of you that we can pursue our mission for Child Aid Papua.

Special thanks to the Lighthouse Foundation, Blue Germany Foundation, Alexander Foundation, Journeyman International, McPike-Zima Foundation as well as the Rotary Club for their support in 2023! We look forward to continuing the successful partnership.

Terima Kasih!

