

SUSILA DHARMA AUSTRALIA

2005 ANNUAL REPORT TO SDIA

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2005

There were pressing demands in South East Asia after the tsunami. Most of the fund raising was focused on ongoing post tsunami relief operations.

The Australian public and the Subud members were very conscious of the orphans created by this monstrous natural disaster. We were fortunate in having a famous Sri Lankan opera singer perform for free in Melbourne. The proceeds of the event were donated to the rebuilding of an orphanage in Sri Lanka through a recognized agency working out of Sydney.

Most of the money raised was diverted to Aceh. Following closely on the heels of this catastrophe was the earthquake in Pakistan. As the human toll was massive, we immediately managed to send most of our donations to Rifka at Susila Dharma International. This liaison was very much appreciated as accountability during such events is highly valid.

Susila Dharma Brisbane worked tirelessly to raise big amounts of money both for the tsunami appeal and Mithra Foundation in India. There is an ongoing annual support for five Mithra children that Susila Dharma Brisbane sponsor. They are aptly called the 'Brisbane Children'.

One of the other projects within our zone was the fledgling school Bina Cita Utama in Kalimantan. Support and awareness of the needs of this school was highlighted by a power point presentation from the Geigers. This is a project that will have ongoing support from Susila Dharma Australia.

Our total outgoings were in excess of Aus\$13,951.40. Unfortunately much of our larger donations do not go through the accounts of Susila Dharma Australia, and hence do not give a true picture.

Our policy has been to spend the bulk of our donations on projects in dire need of assistance. At the moment, there are many possibilities of being in a position to start some of our own. Affiliation with Burnham Beeches will enable events such as the Tsunami Benefit Concert to be held in conjunction with Subud International Cultural Association (SICA). This seems more of a reality now that settlement was reached recently.

Enterprise contributions are down but there is a strategy in place for Susila Dharma to benefit from mining projects. It is an exciting time for Susila Dharma as future enterprises are getting established with a percentage pledged to benefit us.

GRANTS TO PROJECTS:

Aus \$	
Tsunami victims Indonesia.....	2500.00
Tsunami relief Sri Lanka.....	3949.00
Pakistan Earthquake relief	8000.00
Bina Cita Utama School, Kalimantan	450.00
Hardship cases	1650.00

Many grants have been made by the individual groups, especially Brisbane and Melbourne that do not go through the official Susila Dharma account. Our total expenses for the year ending December 2005 were in excess of the Aus\$14,776.58 that our books show.

GOALS FOR 2006

Ambitious plans are in place to support Bina Cita Utama School in Kalimantan so that it becomes successful. We have still not attained charitable status for Susila Dharma. Yet there are possibilities to receive funding through SICA, which has that status, or work through the foundation established by Subud International Health Association (SIHA) in Canberra.

INCOME: Most of the funds were raised from donations, both from Subud and non Subud members, concerts and raffles.

EXPENDITURE:

Mostly on natural disaster relief appeals overseas. We also supported local members in dire need of financial support. No funds used personally for travel or meetings.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2005:

Listed above.

WHAT SERVICES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE ARE MOST USEFUL AS SUPPORT TO YOUR WORK AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?

Constant and open communication between SDIA office and Susila Dharma Australia during the natural catastrophes was of tremendous value. The information of who the money was to be transferred was critical.

Communicating where Subud makes a difference by operators in the field so that donors can see the value of their donation when the latihan works with people.

Clear and lucid accounting demonstrating use of funds, highlighting the percentage for administration. It gives us an understanding of the distribution of funds.

Distribution of up to date information through Susila Dharma International newsletters gives a complete picture of current events and projects. Information coming out of Kalimantan through Kabar Itah is very comprehensive.