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Greetings Sponsors, Sister Schools and Members,

Here is another update re Bali.

I am sorry to say I have to report some gloomy news this morning from the official sources. New Covid cases in Bali yesterday were 1435 and 44 deaths were recorded across the island. Lockdown is continuing with stringent regulations and consequences for those who do not follow the directions of Government. Dewi, who handles the AAS finances in Bali, and her family have all been infected and have been very ill. We are constantly in touch with our 'staff' and sending our thoughts and best wishes. On a better note, Denpasar Mayor, IGN Jaya Negara confirmed that a programme called Public Kitchen will be created to help feed the local community that has been affected by the pandemic. Food aid in the form of rice packages will be distributed to the local community. It is a start.

In Negara, in accordance to the Government's instruction to achieve herd immunity, it was announced that a Covid 19 vaccine document has become an entry requirement for visitors to the local market. It is hoped this policy will "increase people's enthusiasm in joining the vaccination programme in this region".

Better news. Oka has continued delivering Food Aid boxes to those most in need, Rice 4 Rubbish for the families who are collecting recyclable rubbish and bringing to the designated depots as well as assessing all new applicants, most of which are very needy. Most of you will realize that Oka and the coordinators who are all volunteers for AAS, are very dedicated. Oka decided last week that rubbish bins should be placed in the villages where there is a R4R collection happening as an ongoing reminder to keep the villages tidy, recycle not dump and continue to educate the villagers. He has considered waste collected management, on selling to the recyclers and how to utilize the small amount of funds derived from these activities.

Thank you to the generous sponsors who are ensuring these programmes can continue. We have funding for August at this stage. Oka is servicing Bebetan in the North East, Jimbaran and areas South to Nusa Dua, parts of Denpasar and also assesses whoever contacts him. That is a big load and thank you Made Astika who is coming on board to assist Oka. Dharma Ambesa continues in Pandek Gede and is in the planning stages for a Community vegetable garden to assist the distribution of Food Aid. We can access seeds and seedlings through a contact in Jimbaran. Dharma also has had discussions with Oka about the Rice 4 Rubbish programme and would like to initiate that in his area. Alit Widia and his

team in Kaba Kaba say the need there has not diminished one bit and would like to institute the Rice 4 Rubbish programme there as well, initially under the Food Aid programme but as a means of educating about recycling.



Food Aid distribution



Organising material for rubbish bin frames making



Square frames planning



Frames completed for round bins



'Bottling' the bins



Rice for recycled rubbish



Food Aid distribution and a bin in the making, ready lined and waiting for bottles for the outer completion.

Yuni, the AAS Bali Secretary is unfortunately experiencing long term effect from the bout of Covid she had in October, but continues to assist me and AAS in many ways. Thank you Yuni and best wishes for better health.

Our thoughts go out to all our sponsors, colleagues, friends and residents in the Eastern States and other parts of the world who are experiencing lockdown and the threat of Covid infection again. I am sure that this time last year we never envisaged this pandemic continuing for so long and affecting pretty much the whole world. Do try to stay positive.

Kind Regards,

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