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Greetings Sponsors, Sister Schools and Members,

Well, there is very mixed news out of Bali this week. The much anticipated border opening has been delayed due to Covid-19 again surging and Jokowi Widodo, the Indonesian President agreed to commence implementing the emergency lockdown for Java and Bali. Initially it will be from 3rd-20th July and will be reconsidered closer to the end date. So the much anticipated schools reopening, is again on hold.

Today in the Bali Sun it was reported that there are almost 30,000 new cases of Covid-19 in Bali and Java today. 84% are in Java with Jakarta reporting 10,000. Yesterday in Bali 401 new cases were reported with 7 people losing their life. Currently lockdown rules apply:

- Office workers – 100% must work from home.
- Supermarkets must close by 8pm.
- Restaurants are closed for dine in but takeaway is allowed.
- Apotiks (chemists) can open 24 hours.
- Shopping malls are closed.
- Places of worship are temporarily closed.
- Public parks and attractions are closed.
- Domestic travel – vaccine card with proof of vaccine, negative PCR test within 48 hours prior to travel,
- International visitors – must have current Covid-19 vaccination certificates as well as a negative PCR test. 8 days quarantine will be mandatory. This policy was initiated to prevent clusters of transmission especially the new variants of Delta and Alpha. Each person will be required to test negative twice, once on arrival at the airport and again on day 7 prior to being released from quarantine.
- Hundreds of hotel reservations have been cancelled due to this lockdown.
- The Work from Bali programme has also been suspended during the implementation of the lockdown.

Now for some better news, The Food Aid programme is running well and as expected the team is being approached by more people each week. Dharma Ambesa has been doing another round in the Pandek Gede area of Tabanan. Denpasar, the South of Bali and the North East are all being covered. Many agencies are working very hard assisting hungry people over the island.

Students have time on their hands. Officially it is school holidays, but as you know the students have been home learning for over a year. Many of the students and parents have offered their services as volunteers to assist AAS. This week, after discussions previously with Michelle Yoga of Team Action in Amed, Bali, and learning about a programme they run, Oka has commenced a 'Rice for Rubbish programme'. Oka will be the overall coordinator. A few of the parents of sponsored children will be the 'supervisors' and parents and students will systematically collect all the recyclable rubbish in their villages, rivers, road verges and for every large bag they collect they can exchange it for 5 kgs of rice. The rubbish is sold to the recyclers. It does not bring much of a return but anything received will be put back into the programme. Win, win. Kids are occupied, they are earning food and there will be a general clean up in many of the villages. Let's hope the cleanup message is carried forward after pandemic.



It is only through the generosity of you, the sponsors that AAS can provide the funding to purchase the food. The AAS crew in Bali are all giving their own time. We never envisaged this trying time to continue for so long and our thanks must go to everyone involved, sponsors, doers and others in so many ways.

Just a reminder to folks who provide educational sponsorships, school fees are due to be paid in Bali next week and many people have not responded to the invitation to re-sponsor. If you intend to, can I ask you remit asap please. If you no longer wish to sponsor, please let me know so we can take alternative measures for these kids education. Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

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