



# THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

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## GRAND PRIORY OF THE NETHERLANDS

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Concerns: "EVIDENCE" (Educational Vigour against Infectious Diseases Employing Novel Combinations of Expertise).

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the Saint Lazarus The Netherlands (SLNL) Foundation, I would like to draw your attention to our charitable development project "EVIDENCE" we have undertaken on the island of Flores in Indonesia.

### Strategy

Key issues in the process of its development are the creation of communities as the most important stakeholders bringing to the fore their own commitment and responsibilities, as well as younger people spurring things on with their energy and powerful efforts. Equally important are transparency, collaboration and efficient reporting, together with the ability to manage independently through raising their own necessary revenues.

### Objective

The project's prime objective is to set up a steady and durable infrastructure to improve living conditions in the poorest villages in backward rural areas on the island of Flores. Sixty percent of these villages are cut off from clean drinking water or are dreadfully deprived of any proper sanitary facilities. This inevitably leads to deplorable hygienic situations like zymotic diseases, cormobidity, and a high child mortality rate in village communities suffering from oppressing poverty.

### Dealing with these problems

An integrated development approach and cost-effective execution of all operations within a stable socio-economic and technically reliable infrastructure are the hallmarks of this project.

In this respect important points of particular interest are systems for water supply and sanitary facilities; health care; education; schooling/ training; work opportunities for youngsters; as well as safety and security with regard to food for which 5 hectares (around 12½ acres) of horticultural land have been bought and cultivated: what with water now being available, irrigation systems have been constructed for this horticulture project, thus enabling generation of own income.

### Activities

In order to improve living circumstances, a thorough scientific study was started and completed in 2015 as a joint venture between the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem (OSLJ), The Erasmus Medical Centre (EMC) of Rotterdam and the University of Jakarta.

Subsequently, field explorations and baseline surveys were carried out to test the possibilities for implementation.

Initially the project could be characterised as a medical initiative. Nowadays it ought to be typified more exactly as an integral development for all village communities concerned.

In the meantime strong local support has been built up comprising of district authorities, involved village communities, church leaders (Archbishop Ende) and health organisations. They all participate energetically and carry joint responsibility for the planned activities and their realisation.





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#### **Pilot**

In March 2016 a pilot scheme went ahead in 7 villages in the Nangapanda district to supply water and sanitary facilities for, among others, 12 schools.

Great satisfaction has already been shown by the inhabitants of these seven villages when their water supplies were completed by January 2017; furthermore, sanitary facilities are by now in place in several of their schools, too. In the course of the second quarter of 2017 this will be entirely implemented and an evaluation will then be made.

The Pilot's total cost amounted to € 147,000 in accordance with its budgetary estimate and funding plan.

Post-verification of the results in relation to its zero measurement will be carried out during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017.

#### **Continuation**

In 2017, this successful Pilot will be followed up by a project extension for water and sanitary supplies in some 10 villages in the Ende district as well as in some 35 villages in the Ngada district. This continued process will cover a 5-year period.

For every 5 villages plans have been established for step-by-step completion and budgeting in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Caritas Ende (local management and administration of the Ende diocese's charity organisation) and the Ende and Ngada District Councils. Per village the cost will amount to around € 20,000. In their capacity as trustees of the charitable funds of the Association of the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, the St. Lazare The Netherlands (SNNL AMBI) Foundation will make an annual contribution of € 35,000 out of its own assets.

Upon the assumption that this project may appeal to you and may fall within the aims of your own objectives, we take the liberty to submit it to you.

We would be pleased if your Fund could look into it and see whether you might also become one of the financiers of this project. Obviously we remain at your entire disposal to provide any further information you may require.

We look forward with great interest to hearing from you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely/faithfully

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