



Happy
Hearts
Indonesia



INTRODUCTION

**Happy Hearts Indonesia:
Educate. Empower. Elevate.**

About Us

Happy Hearts Indonesia is a non-profit ensuring every child in Indonesia has access to education to overcome poverty. In rural and remote areas, access to education, health services, and economic opportunities is tough, especially for women and girls. Only **36%** of girls attend pre-school, and **19.8%** of rural women lack diplomas, leading to low literacy rates and **4 million** out-of-school children.

We rebuild safe, sustainable schools and provide opportunities for children. Our schools offer clean water and sustainable programs for students and the community. Our program supports children in underprivileged areas and those affected by natural disasters. So far, we have rebuilt over **340 schools** across Indonesia, benefiting more than **95,000 children**.

FROM PLASTIC WASTE TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Indonesia generates 7.8 million tons of plastic waste annually, and 58% is uncollected. This makes Indonesia the second largest contributor to plastic pollution, generating roughly 24,500 tons of plastic waste per day.

With our certified building partner, Block Solutions Indonesia, we provide high-quality school buildings and a safe place to study, positively impacting our environment. **Each rebuilt school removes 2-4 tons of plastic waste** and significantly **lowers carbon emissions by approximately 10 tons**. The blocks are lighter, more resistant, and more flexible than regular blocks.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Rebuilding schools is just the start. We commit to a **3-year development plan** with the community, focusing on Financial Management Training. This helps each school grow, maintain its buildings, and create extra income.



PAUD Sumber Kasih | Southwest Sumba - NTT



Fostering Literacy and Reading Enthusiasm

Our aim is to develop literacy skills and reading habits through child-friendly school libraries



Accelerating Digital Skills & Technology

Computer labs in remote schools provide access to technology, supporting teacher development and improving education.



Our Impact

*per May 2024



93k+

children served



340

schools built



93k+

onsite volunteer hours



23

libraries built



93k+

community members served

11 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

We are committed to improve the livelihood of children in Indonesia in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to achieve future development. We contribute to 11 out of the 17 SDGs.



Our Focus Area

At **Happy Hearts Indonesia**, we are committed to educate, empower and elevate students in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT). **East Nusa Tenggara is the 3rd poorest region in Indonesia** and there are thousands of children missing out on education.

They are mainly encountering 2 problems which are **poverty** and **literacy rate**.



4,89%*

illiteracy rate in NTT



19,96%*

poverty rate in NTT

30.21%*

of the population have **completed 12 years of compulsory education**

Recent study shows the linkages between **quality education and poverty rate are tightly related** where most regions that have low quality education have a high rate of poverty.

Therefore, we aim to change the unforeseen future by committing to rebuild schools across the region to break the cycle of poverty and pave the way for a brighter future.

*Badan Pusat Statistik, 2023

FAQs

What is Happy Hearts Indonesia?

HHI rebuilds schools in disadvantaged and disaster-affected areas of Indonesia as a non-profit organization.

What does Happy Hearts Indonesia do?

We work for the children to have better access to equitable and quality education by rebuilding schools.

Why rebuild schools?

By reconstructing sturdy schools with adequate amenities, we enhance the educational setting for students, teachers, and the community. This fosters student attendance, empowers educators, raises awareness about education in the community, and benefits parents.

Are there any other benefits of school rebuilding?

Communities also benefit from school reconstruction. While children attend classes, parents and community members can focus on rebuilding their lives, returning to work, and providing for their families. The return to productivity allows a community to begin rebuilding the devastated economy. Hopeful, happy children are an immeasurable resource!

What is the right ecosystem for imparting quality education?

School facilities affect the learning and teaching process, health and students' growth and achievements. Happy Hearts Indonesia identifies a Maintenance Rating System (MRS), which consists of four measures that can enable the right ecosystem to improve the quality of education:

1. Infrastructure Maintenance
2. Community Involvement
3. School Management
4. Teacher and Student Growth

How does Happy Hearts Indonesia decide to rebuild the school?

We gather information, visit the community, and survey the existing school that needs to be rebuilt. We also rely on Government data to locate the schools in Indonesia's poorest region.

How was Happy Hearts Indonesia started?

We began as Happy Hearts Fund, founded by supermodel Petra Nemcova, to reconstruct safe schools in disaster-stricken regions. In 2013, we expanded globally as Happy Hearts Indonesia (Yayasan Hati Gembira Indonesia), aiming to rebuild schools in disaster-hit and underserved areas across Indonesia.

How can I donate?

You can donate through our website at <https://happyheartsindonesia.org/do/donation/>, bank transfer, apps accepting QRIS, GlobalGiving, or cryptocurrency. The information is available on the link above. Frequently asked questions about monthly donations may be found here.

Can I donate for a specific school or other specific needs such as books, clothes, etc.?

Your donation can change the lives of Indonesian children by rebuilding schools, replacing playground equipment, books, and toys. Contact us at info@happyheartsindonesia.org if you want to support specific schools or needs, and we'll provide options tailored to your preference.

Does Happy Hearts Indonesia pay teachers' salaries?

No, we don't pay teachers' salaries. We ensure that the schools we work with are already in operation. We promote quality education and sustainability of the teaching and learning process by renovating the school building; therefore, the school's ownership and operation come from the school and community.

I am a kid, how can I help?

You're amazing, and your kindness means a lot to us! You can support us by donating any amount, pledging your birthday for education, or brainstorming fundraising activities with your family. Get creative and add a fun twist to your efforts!

Are there volunteer opportunities?

Yes, you can volunteer with us whether onsite, in the office, during an event and create your own volunteering trip with your family and friends. For more information, you can contact us at info@happyheartsindonesia.org.



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