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FOREWORD FOUNDER WESTERLAKEN FOUNDATION

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I extend my heartfelt greetings as we usher in the Westerlaken Foundation's policy plan for the year 2024. Reflecting on the transformative journey that has unfolded over the past years, we find ourselves invigorated by the milestones achieved and the positive impact we have had on the communities we serve.

As we look into the activities planned for the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, grounded in our commitment to sustainability, human rights, and community empowerment. The unwavering support of our dedicated team, the resilience of the communities we engage with, and the collaborative spirit of our partners continue to be the bedrock of our success.

One of the significant accomplishments of the past year was the successful further implementation of our HIV/AIDS program, reaching more than 10,000 students across Bali. This initiative not only provided crucial health education but also empowered young minds with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their well-being. The impact of this program echoes far beyond classrooms, contributing to the creation of a healthier and more informed generation.

Furthermore, the completion and opening of the Seapen for the rehabilitation of whales, dolphins, and turtles represent a milestone in our commitment to marine conservation. This facility stands as a testament to our dedication to preserving marine life, and we anticipate its continued positive impact on the region's biodiversity.

In our pursuit of empowering communities, the Empowerment Center has entered stage 2 of renovation. The Empowerment Gardens, providing sustenance to numerous families, exemplify our commitment to holistic community development. As we witness the ongoing transformation, we are reminded that empowerment takes root not only through infrastructure but also through sustainable initiatives that address the multifaceted needs of our communities.

The upcoming year holds a myriad of opportunities and challenges, and we approach it with a renewed sense of purpose. Our commitment to collaboration takes a significant step forward with the Bali NGO & Associates initiative, fostering partnerships with other foundations to amplify the impact of our collective efforts. Together, we can achieve more and create lasting change.

The establishment of a kitchen for empowerment signifies our dedication to addressing not only immediate needs but also fostering self-sufficiency within communities. The completion of renovations at the Empowerment Centre and the subsequent implementation of programs will further enhance our capacity to serve and uplift those in need. Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce a dental program for schoolchildren, recognising the importance of holistic health and well-being. This initiative aligns with our belief that access to healthcare is a fundamental right, and by addressing oral health, we contribute to the overall welfare of the communities we serve.

In closing, this policy plan for 2024 reflects our unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in the world. It is a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines Westerlaken Foundation and the shared vision we have with our partners and communities. We invite you to join us on this journey, knowing that together, we can create a world where sustainability, empowerment, and compassion thrive.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Seminyak, January 2024 Dr. Rodney Westerlaken M.A. M.Si M.Ed Founder Westerlaken foundation

Policy plan

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Why Westerlaken foundation was founded?

Westerlaken Foundation emerged as a natural progression from soul surf project Bali. Building upon the legacy of its predecessor, Westerlaken Foundation extends its scope, with a primary emphasis on funding research in the domains of marine environment, human rights, and children's rights. Our foundation places a particular emphasis on the synergy between these key areas of focus, recognizing their interconnectedness and the profound impact they have on our world.

In addition to its core pursuits, Westerlaken Foundation actively supports emergency relief efforts and provides valuable expertise in the realm of cultural heritage management. Furthermore, our foundation occasionally contributes to initiatives aimed at repatriating cultural heritage to Bali, acknowledging the significance of preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the region. Our holistic approach to these multifaceted issues underscores our commitment to creating a better future for Bali and its inhabitants.

How will the foundation reach its purpose?

Westerlaken Foundation operates in a demand-driven manner. Initially, individuals or NGOs with a focus on South East Asia, particularly Indonesia, are welcome to seek funding from the Westerlaken Foundation, with a primary emphasis on supporting the initiatives of our partner branch, Yayasan Bali Bersih. In specific situations, the Westerlaken Foundation will proactively seek collaborative partners, particularly in the realm of emergency relief efforts.

To gather the necessary funds, Westerlaken Foundation will rely on the support of both regular monthly donors and occasional contributors through crowdfunding initiatives. This diversified approach to fundraising will enable us to sustain our mission and respond effectively to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

Governors:

Dr. Rodney Westerlaken M.A., B.Ed – Chairperson Adri Westerlaken - voor den Dag – Treasurer Shandy Wijaya, Secretary

Remuneration policy:

The directors receive no remuneration for their work, except for a possible excess of attendance allowance. The board is entitled to reimbursement of costs incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

Report of activities performed:

See year report 2023.

Financial statement:

See year report 2023.

Plans for 2024:

Human rights and children rights program

- Continuing the "Stop Orphanages" program through research, advocacy, and awareness campaigns.
- Sustaining our consultancy role in child welfare institutions, collaborating with both governmental and non-governmental organisations to facilitate reunifications.
- Persevering with the Jodie O'Shea Children Fund to support vulnerable children.
- Expanding our commitment to the HIV/AIDS education program and a new dental program.
- Progressing the establishment of an Empowerment Centre and Empowerment Gardens to empower individuals and communities.

Marine environment program

- Sustaining our role as the primary responder for marine strandings.
- Persevering in our research efforts to address marine-related challenges.
- Continuing our advocacy for the rights of captive marine animals.
- Enforcing the implementation of a code of conduct for dolphin watching in Lovina.
- Running the seapen for rehabilitation.

Cultural Heritage Program

- Continuing the quest to identify items for return within the private sector.
- Persisting in our advocacy efforts to champion the rights of indigenous communities in the repatriation of looted heritage.

Emergency relief program

- Maintaining preparedness for disasters and emergencies, among others through Bali NGO & Associates