



## **Interim Progress Report 1**

### **1. Please provide the following information:**

#### **a. Organization Name**

Health In Harmony

#### **b. Program Title**

Women Catalysts for Conservation

#### **c. Grant Amount**

\$60,000

#### **d. Contact Person**

Martini Morris, Grants Manager

#### **e. Address**

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### **2. Recap briefly what outcomes the program was designed to achieve.**

The project aims to address gender inequality, and improve food security and environmental sustainability. We do this by 1) training women for leadership and technical roles within our organization, 2) launching a kitchen gardens program that helps housewives improve family nutrition and earn income by growing organic produce, 3) providing stimulus packages to help logging households transition to alternative livelihoods, and 4) operating a goats for widows program that enables disenfranchised women to earn a living through livestock husbandry.

### **3. Has funding changed for this program? For example, have you received unexpected funding from another source?**

We have received additional funding for these programs from private donations, and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. We are still looking for more funding to be able to achieve more within these programs.

### **4. Is your organization or program situation different than presented in the approved proposal? For example, new executive director, significant program staffing changes or NGO affiliation, loss of large funding, or other significant changes?**

Health In Harmony has a new executive director, Jonathan Jennings, as of February 2017. Jonathan comes to HIH from Doctors Without Borders, Canada (as Deputy Executive Director), and has over 15 years experience managing relief and development projects around the world. He also has a BA in Biology, MS in Conservation Biology and Applied Ecology, and MA in International Politics and Security. He has been an excellent addition to the HIH team.

In addition, Erica Pohnan (Conservation Manager) left ASRI in good terms. ASRI is currently filling her position.

**5. What challenges are you facing as you move forward with this project? How are you approaching these challenges?**

One of the challenges we face with the Goats For Widows program is the time demand of managing a continuously growing goat herd. The program coordinator Ibu Setiawati must provide monthly veterinary checkups for over 300 goats owned by 126 widows spread across several villages. We accommodate this increased demand by employing a local housewife, Ibu Ayu, as a goats for widows intern. Over the coming year we will reduce the number of goats we care for by devising a rotation system, whereby experienced program participants become totally independent and receive veterinary help only in emergencies. By limiting monthly checkups to new participants, we can ensure that we continue to reach new partners and communities while maintaining the program at a reasonable size.

**6. Have you revised your original objectives since the project began? If so, why? What are your new objectives?**

We have refined the logging household stimulus packages into an entrepreneurship program. We distribute the money as interest free investment capital to wives of loggers to help them start their own businesses. At the same time, using funding from other sources, we buy the husband's chainsaw and provide similar investment funds to him. In this way each logging couple starts up two alternative businesses in exchange for giving up logging. Through weekly follow up meetings, we help ensure that suitable portions of the profit are set aside as savings or re-invested in the growing businesses. This more directed program design improves the chances of success by targeting both spouses, launching two businesses per household, and including buying the logger's chainsaw as a condition for participating. The program is popular among loggers, and we have now helped 17 families give up logging, and more are lined up to participate.

**7. What progress have you made toward achieving your objectives? Please address each stated objective.**

1) ASRI staff training. Two staff members, our goats for widows coordinator Ibu Setiawati and kitchen gardens coordinator Fitri Suryani, attended a sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry training in November 2016. In addition, over the past year we have employed and trained two women as Goats for Widows interns, a high school student named Rose and a woman named Ibu Ayu.

2) Kitchen gardens. In our first year we organized and collaborated with two women's groups containing 55 housewives from two communities. We provided seeds and supplies to start their gardens, and monthly training on organic farming methods, family nutrition, and financial



management. We are in the process of forming a third group, and plan to form three more over the coming months, for a total of over 100 women in six communities.

3) Stimulus packages for logging households. Through our entrepreneurship program, 17 logging couples have given up their chainsaws and launched alternative businesses. Many of the businesses are already turning a profit, and we are using our repaid investment funds to help additional couples. We plan to reach ~10 more families by the end of 2017, and at least 15 more in 2018.

4) Goats for Widows. We have continued to distribute goats to new members and provide monthly veterinary checkups for the entire herd. The number of participating women has grown to 126, collectively managing over 300 goats. By selling goats from the growing herd, participants have earned around \$1,000 in 2017, using the money to pay for healthcare and other expenses. Many of the women are now financially independent, and some no longer need monthly goat health visits.

### **8. Do you anticipate any difficulties in completing your project in the timeframe outlined in your proposal?**

No.

#### **Within the report also include:**

- Several high-resolution JPG photographs of the program depicting the women/girls who have benefited from the grant funds should be posted to your assigned Dropbox. Photos should be submitted with the right to use in all forms and media in DFW documents and website. Include confirmation of grantee's right and consent to use photos/videos as per local law.

Photo 1. Thanks to help from Dining for Women, our kitchen gardens coordinator Fitri Suryani attended sustainable agriculture training in November 2016, and now helps manage ASRI's organic farm and training center.

Photo 2. Through our kitchen gardens program, local housewives learn to make organic soil fertilizer from plant waste and manure.

Photo 3. Using organically enriched soil, they raise organic produce from seeds.

Photo 4. Kitchen gardens program participants, with chilies and other crops in the foreground.

Photo 5. By participating in our chainsaw buyback entrepreneurship program, Darus Sita (second from left) and her husband Herwandi (next to her) gave up logging to start new businesses. Darus Sita now operates a sugar cane juice café and her husband farms rice and vegetables.

Photo 6. Chainsaw buyback entrepreneurship program participants Syarif Supian and Karyawati, in Karyawati's organic garden (her small business funded by the program). Syarif Supian started a chicken farm.

Photo 7. Our goats for widows intern, Ibu Ayu, rounds up a widow's goats for their monthly checkup

Photo 8. A widow presents her goats for their monthly checkup



Photo 9. Younger family members help care for the goats

• **Any message you would like us to convey to our membership and donors about the impact our grant is having on those being served and/or your organization and its mission.**

We truly appreciate your support to empower women in rural Indonesia. Our programs offer women opportunities not otherwise available in the area, such as funding for entrepreneurship initiatives and trainings including peer-to-peer learning opportunities. The impact of your funding is not just financial – these initiatives improve women’s confidence and create a connection between women across the world from each other.



