NUSA TENGGARA ASSOCIATION (NTA)

COMMITTED TO REDUCE POVERTY IN EASTERN INDONESIA SINCE 30 YEARS

NTA
Nusa Tenggara Association
HELPING COMMUNITIES GROW

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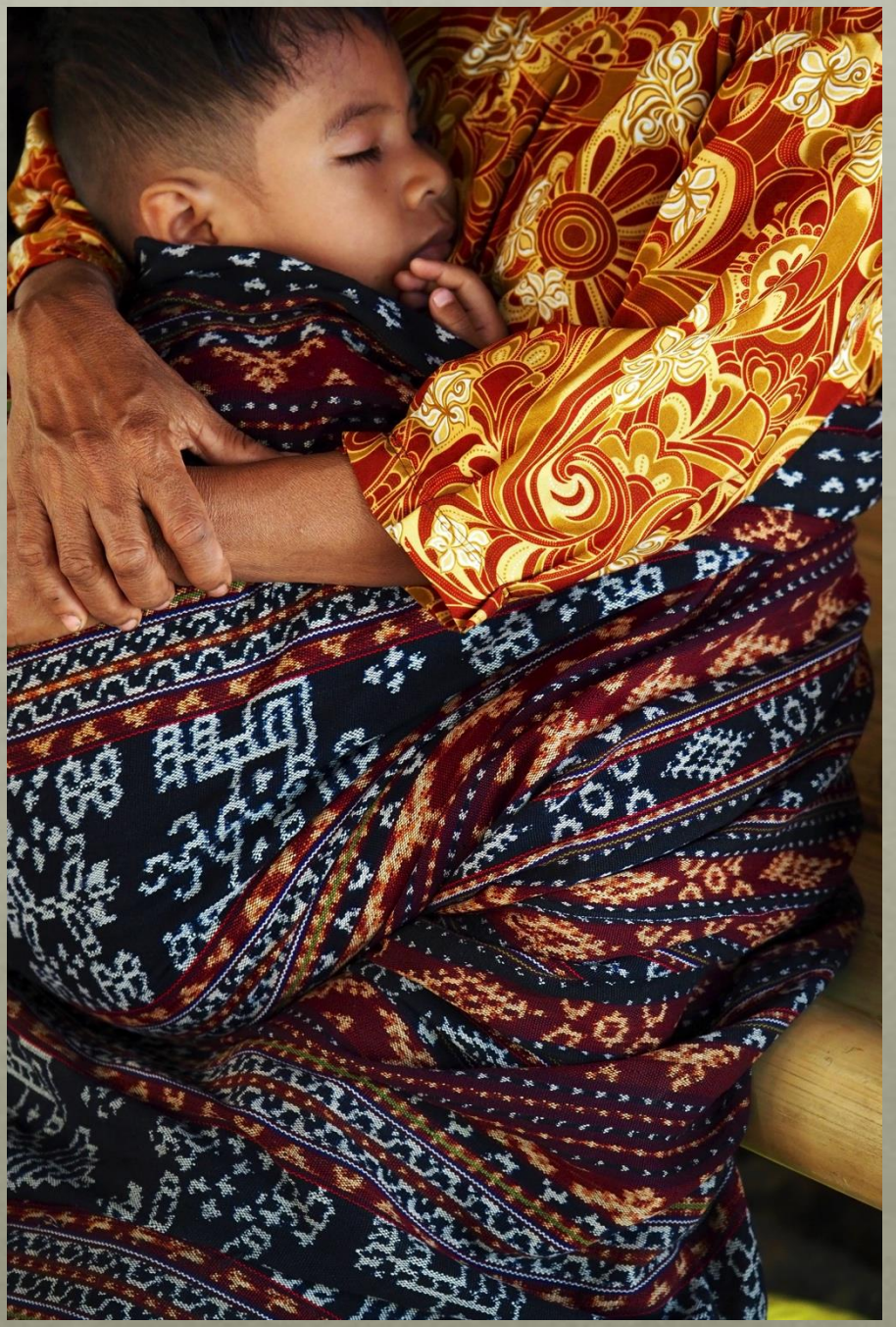
TODAY WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT:

- Short history of NTA
- NTAs Fields of Expertise
- Rotary Small Grants Indonesia
- NTAs response to Covid19
- Empowering women in Flores through weaving
- Question and Answers

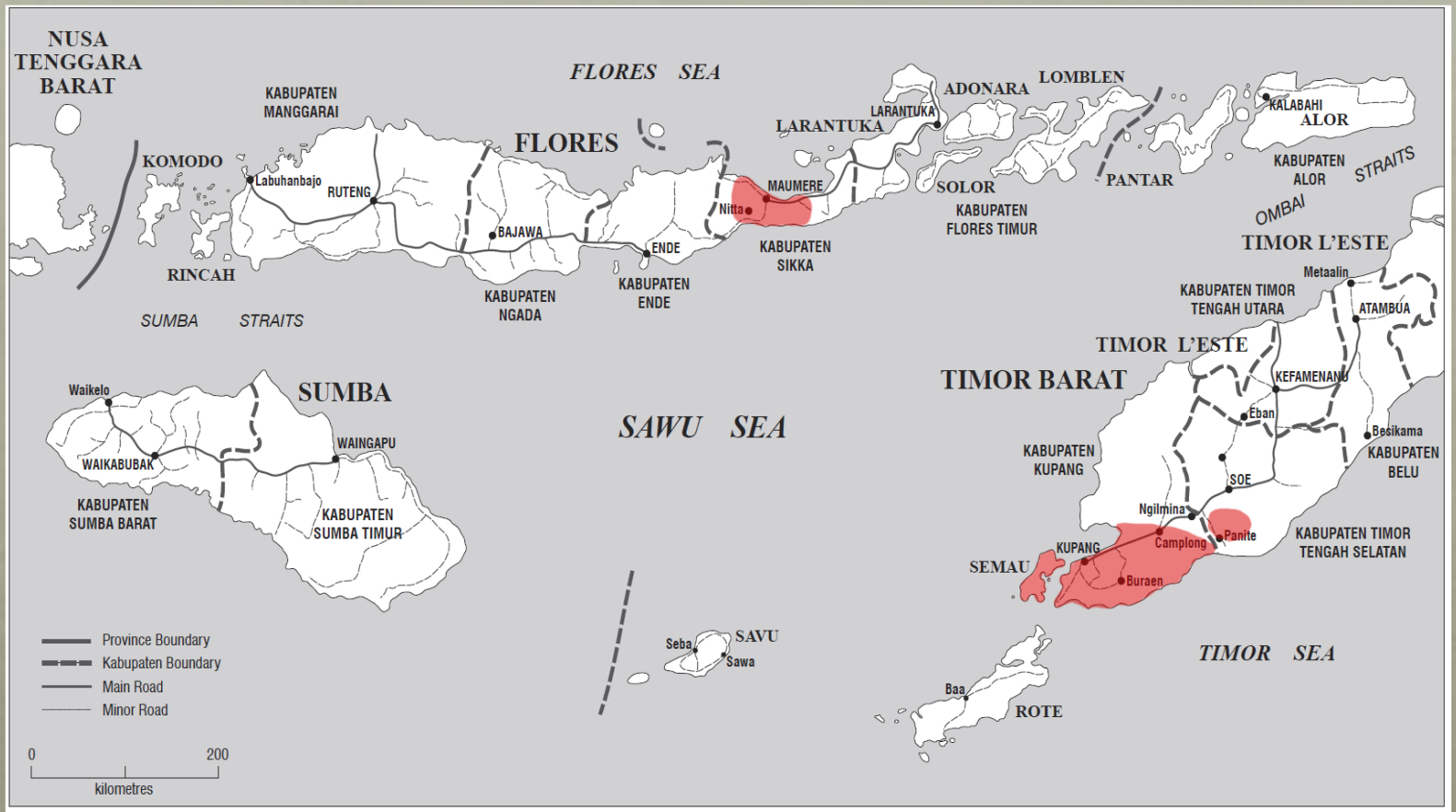


NTA– Nusa Tenggara Association

- **How it all started:** NTA was founded 30 years ago by Dr. Colin Barlow and his Wife Ria Gondowarito, who both wanted to make a difference in the lives of farmers living in remote communities in Eastern Indonesia
- **What NTA aims for:** NTAs goal is to reduce poverty in these communities. In order to so, NTA focuses in 3 thematic areas:
- **Agriculture** (income generation and food security)
- **Education** (teacher trainings, library improvements, equipment, books and small infrastructure improvements)
- **Water & Sanitation** (access to water and hygiene)

COLIN & RIA

NTA'S TARGET AREA: WEST TIMOR AND EAST FLORES



MAP 2. Nusa Tenggara, Timur Province, INDONESIA

NUSA TENGARA TIMOR (NTT), SOME FACTS:

- **NTT is a cluster of 556 Islands (Sumba to West Timor), 4.7 mio ha of land, inhabited by 4.8 mio people (UNDP 2015)**
- **One of the poorest Provinces in Indonesia (Badan pusat statistic 2017)**
- **Long periods of Drought (sometimes 7-8 month a year) often leads to shortage of food, stunted growth, high maternal and neonatal mortality rates**
- **Subsistence farmers, 27 % earn less than a dollar a day (UNICEF 2015)**
- **Primary school enrollment is below 60% (World Bank, 2015)**
- **Only 1 out of 5 use a basic sanitation facility at home. (UNICEF 2015)**
- **60% of all households have no access to electricity (UNDP 2017)**
- **One of Australia's closest neighbor (450km)**

INCREASED INCOME THROUGH IMPROVED AGRICULTURE:

Small Infrastructure projects (pig pens, goat pens, water pumps, ect.)

In country technical Expertise & Training

Improved seedlings

ACCESS TO WATER:

15’000 liter Rainwater catchment Tanks

Wells

HEALTH & HYGIENE:

Building Toilet and Wash Units, awareness raising on improved hygiene practice

Apakah sudah mencuci tangan?

Saat-saat yang kita harus mencuci tangan?

- Sebelum dan setelah masak, makan atau suap anak
- Setelah buang air besar/kecil
- Setelah ganti pampers anak
- Setelah memegang hewan
- Setelah bersih-bersih rumah
- Setelah berkebun
- Jika pulang ke rumah dari tempat lain

Tangan bersih itu SEHAT

- Sebelum dan setelah makan

Setelah:

- buang air besar/kecil
- bersin atau batuk
- bermain diluar
- memegang hewan

EDUCATION:

Library management, teacher training, books, furniture and infrastructure

Music and Dance Festival 2019

NTA IN AUSTRALIA

- **Base and office in Canberra**
- **40 active volunteers and 2 part time employees (fundraising & operations)**
- **NTA Board and Committees (operations, finance, fundraising & marketing)**
- **Fundraising and Information sharing activities**
- **Support Groups in ACT, Vic, NSW, SA, Qld, WA and Jakarta**
- **DFAT Accredited**

NTA IN INDONESIA

- Devolved in 2017
- Base (and office) in Kupang
- 1 project manager, 2 admin, 8 extension officers & 5 technical specialists
- 42 voluntary coordinators
- Biannual Australian visits, monitoring all the project locations

THE NTA TODAY

- Works currently with 220 house-hold cooperatives of 10-15 families and approx. 50 schools and kindergartens.
- Has built more than 3500 Toilet units and 1200 Water Tanks over the past 30 years
- Self-help principle: Beneficiaries are expected to participate in all activities (provide material and labour)
- Annual Musyawarah with representatives of all cooperatives and schools/kindergarten
- Bi-annual monitoring and evaluation visits from a Australian-Indonesian team
- Empowering local partners with capacity building (monitoring)

ROTARY SMALL GRANTS
PROJECT INDONESIA 20 / 21

- 16 x 15'000 Lt. Water Tank (16*400) = 6400 AUD
- 5 x Improved Pig Pens (5*200) = 1000 AUD
- 3-Day Training on Weaving = 977 AUD
- 10 x Education Packages (10* 2-400) = 3450 AUD

Total: 11'822 AUD

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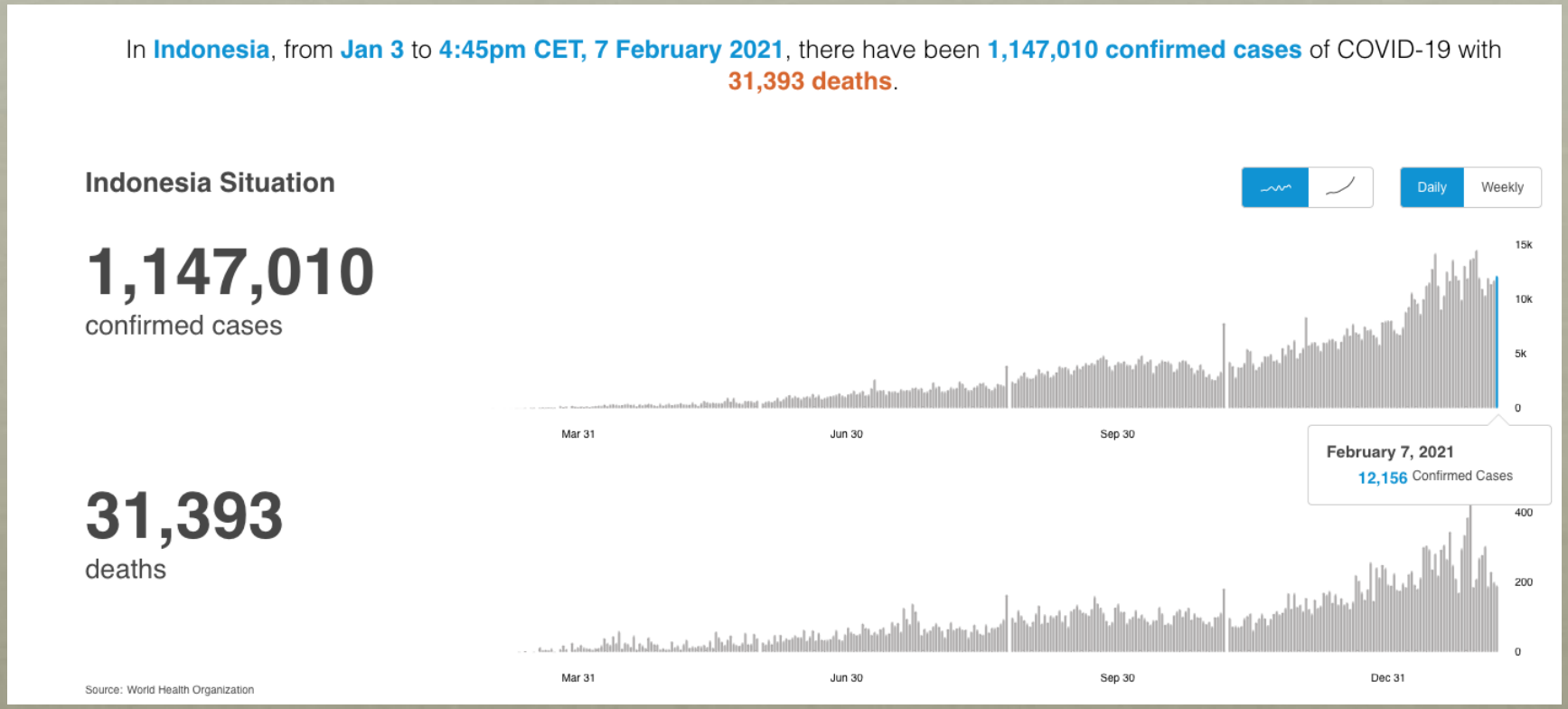
COVID-19 TODAY

SOURCE: WHO, 7.02.2021



Worldwide: (Population 7.8 Billion)	**Australia: (Population 25 Million)**	**Indonesia: (Population 267 Million)**
Confirmed Cases: 105’394’301	Confirmed cases: 28’848	Confirmed cases: 1’147’010
Total death: 2’302’302	Total death: 909	Total death: 31’393

NTA's Immediate Response to COVID-19

- All activities/meetings in Australia and Indonesia have either been postponed, canceled or redeveloped as online-events (zoom, Skype)
- NTA staff have been educated on Covid19 (webinars, what-sapp groups, guidelines, regular briefings)
- Remote communities have been provided with reliable information and practical recommendations on Covid19 (banners & Posters)
- Remote communities have been provided with Hand washing stations and information on good hand-washing practices
- Schools received Hand washing stations, educational posters and e-books on Covid19 and general information on good hygiene practice

650 EDUCATIVE POSTERS AND 48 BANNERS INSTALLED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS

46 HAND WASHING STATIONS DISTRIBUTED IN COMMUNITIES

61 HAND-WASHING STATIONS DISTRIBUTED IN SCHOOLS

THE WEAVING PILOT PROJECT:

Goal: Empowering women in Flores through weaving, by increasing the income of weavers in Sikka

Skill development: natural dye technique, increase quality standards, diversification of products (– meet the market needs)

Organizational development: build a base for organizational structure that can grow

Links to the market: facilitate direct links to potential buyers in Bali, Jakarta and abroad

NATURAL DYE

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR:

- **Discussions / need analysis with the pilot weaving groups**
- **Facilitating the visit of other weaving groups (comparison study)**
- **Facilitate networking with other stakeholders (local government, local NGOs, Guide Associations, shop-owners in Flores and Bali, travel magazines, ect.)**
- **2 days of Training in natural dye**
- **3 days of Training in Social Media and Online Marketing**
- **5 days of Training in Product diversification**

DISCUSSIONS IN THE VILLAGES

TRAINING ON NATURAL DYE, 6-7TH OF JULY 2019

TRAINING ON PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION

AND THERE IS SO MUCH MORE

- Train more women in natural dye
- Train more women in how to access the market
- Train more women in product diversification
- Distribute sewing machines
- Field days for Weaver groups
- Increase organizational capacity (admin, quality control, distribution, networking, etc..)

EVERY SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- Rotary Clubs from all over Australia are NTAs biggest donor besides DFAT
- NTA is accredited by DFAT since many years and a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).
- Every dollar from donations goes directly into our projects, as we are a primarily volunteer-based organization
- Every little support helps to make a difference in the lives of many, thank you for your consideration.

Thank you

For more information please visit: www.nta.org.au