



Teenager Education and Protection

Budget: \$15,000 for a one-year project. \$5,000 funded. \$10,000 still to raise.

Update:

The province of North Maluku was subject to religious and ethnic conflict in 1999 and many people were killed and displaced as a result. Health care services remain at a minimum. Working in a remote and needy part of Indonesia, our partners provide support, preventative education, healthcare services and a drug recovery opportunity to members of its community.

During this period our partners have trained eight volunteers and staff in the facilitation of education sessions for the community. This means that they have been able to educate and empower half of their annual 6000 participant goal, mostly in secondary schools.



They educated 1,777 individuals in the community (mostly youth under 18 years old) in HIV prevention and discrimination. Two female staff and two community participants were trained in self-defense which they now hope to integrate into their women's and children's protection education program. They have trained two staff in teaching about sexual abuse prevention and issues relating to pornography and four volunteers on the facilitation of HIV prevention teaching. They continue to mentor eight volunteers in basic community healthcare skills and knowledge and the facilitation of community based education sessions. Two staff in youth internet safety and trafficking awareness have also been trained.

One of the staff, Nita, says she sees the need to teach and help young people make good decisions and protect themselves and others from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Teachers often ask for further training on more and more social issue topics including but not limited to underage marriage. A student recently said "We are so grateful to learn at school the value of building a better life". Nita, as a midwife, mainly focuses on teaching about HIV but has recently been sharing about sexual abuse and the dangers of pornography. (Nita, pictured below, addressing a group of students.)

