

## WSA Deputy Chairman final report

My name is Elias Coragem Dumit and I have been serving Subud as Deputy Chairman of the World Association since June of 2011.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Luqman Penseny and this extraordinary group of hard working sincere people of the World Subud Council.

When I came in I was given the assignment to support Subud Centers. I started working closely with Amanecer Center in Colombia. We ended up forming a support group comprising International Helpers, Zone Reps, the executive director representing MSF, Luqman and myself. It has been extraordinary to work together in collaboration, and in close connection with Subud Colombia National Committee and other stakeholders involved in the process of developing and reorienting Amanecer. We have been progressing, and this is still ongoing work.

My highlight here is how extraordinary it is to work in harmony together towards a common aim. I believe that this is the key for human development and here, particularly, in our work to take Subud forward.

During the course of this work I was given some clue reminders that Subud Centers are not only about large projects. So to get started and have a sense of direction I went to visit a few Subud groups, in the three areas.

From this experience I realized that supporting the Subud Centers is not a task for one person or a small team. This is the main task that we have ahead of us.

The Subud Centers are the place where the latihan happens, they're where the true reality and inspiration of Subud come in. They are our intake of oxygen.

I believe it is not possible for the World Subud Association become strong and meaningful in the world if that strength does not come from the network of the latihan practised in the groups all over. Otherwise it is not real.

For example, we want to have a large beautiful tree. We do not do it by calling a carpenter to fabricate and add branches to the tree. We take care of the roots, the soil, we provide water.... Then we can expect it to grow, flourish and bear fruits.

It is the same about our own latihan. We know how nice it would be to converse with the angels in the latihan, but our latihan goes like 'au-au-au'....

In order to grow we need to accept and embrace our reality; then we can progress.

I mean, it is by accepting a latihan like 'au-au-au' that we may eventually, if it's God's will, be able to converse with the angels.

So this is the conclusion of my work which I would like to share with you, all of you who will be working in the development of Subud for the next four years.

It is time for us to ask the simple basic questions, it's time for us to perform self-assessment....

How far are we in terms of what Bapak expects from us, in our Subud groups?

Is the atmosphere in your group inspiring and harmonious?

Are the helpers caring sincerely for the members, and particularly the new ones?

Do the latihan premises look nice and inviting? Are they adequate for the needs of the group?

Do the members engage in some sort of activities together and enjoy being together?

Are we expressing into the world what we receive in the latihan?

We need to ask those questions, and more. And by doing it we will assess what is lacking. Are we there yet? If not, why?

By assessing the needs of our groups we can then seek and receive the kind of support that fits.

So my recommendation for the next period is that the whole of Subud, from the international level, through the zones, the national, regional and local levels we commit ourselves in the next four years to supporting the development of quality Subud Centers everywhere. So that they can gradually become beacons of light, places of excellence and display of the values we receive in the latihan kejiwaan.

So, to conclude this brief report, I would say that after realizing all that I paused in my work to reflect....

As I see it now, support to Subud Centers is not meant to be just a project we support and carry out. Support to the Centers is the main task we should all undertake together. This Congress is the best opportunity for us to feel deeply about this, come up with a policy for the next four years which can lead up to a working strategy for the next World Subud Council and all the structure of Subud, at all instances.

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