



World Subud Association

Bringing together Subud members around the world

# 2015 Annual Report



## About Subud



Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo

The name Subud is a contraction of the Sanskrit words, Susila, Budhi and Dharma, meaning: "a human being who develops and expresses true human character that arises from his/her inner self, through the surrender, trust and sincerity towards Almighty God"

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, was born in Indonesia in 1901 and died in 1987. Bapak (father), as he was affectionately known, spontaneously received his first experience of a spiritual practice (later called latihan kejiwaan of Subud) in 1925. Eventually he understood that the latihan kejiwaan was not just meant for himself alone.

Following the spread of Subud to the West in 1957, Bapak travelled around the world, giving talks and explanations about this path. Today, his daughter, Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo, continues to give talks in much the same fashion.

Through this practice, each person may discover his/her own inner nature, potential, talent and guidance in life, in accordance with his/her unique capacity and commitment.

Subud encourages the expression of individual's qualities and talents, through the form of cultural expressions, enterprises, education, healthcare and the support for those in need.

The international Subud organization exists to serve the member countries and to facilitate the development of Subud and its expression in the world. It organizes gatherings, disseminates talks by Bapak and Ibu Rahayu, supports the acquisition of Subud premises, helper visits, publications, web sites, and access to and support for networks of Subud members.

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### Cover

Germany's famed Black Forest - the backdrop to the next Subud World Congress in Freiburg.

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# Message from the WSA Team

Dear brothers and sisters, during our times together in 2015, we became convinced that our most important mandate is to work together as one body with harmony guided by the latihan and that progress only happens when first there is that harmony and an understanding of unity.

Many events and meetings brought us together. We were able to see which areas of our work needed attention and how to set our goals and direction for the remainder of our four-year term. Many important events throughout the year gave birth to our work for the next three years. Some of the important events of 2015 include:

- Our meeting in Indonesia with Siti Ibu Rahayu, members of the World Council team and international helpers' dewan. We were also able to attend the National Congress in Indonesia as well meeting with the WSA Archives team in Cilandak.
- The visit to New Zealand and Australia by our chair, Elias Dumit.
- The WSA Archives weeklong meeting in Wolfsburg, Germany to establish a working dewan connected through the latihan and agreeing to work in a collaborative and coordinated way. In compliance with the recommendation from the 2014 World Congress, the meeting was necessary to initiate the work on an operational charter for the WSA Archives, to look into long term planning and funding and to decide to continue the work on a manual of operations in order to establish procedures. The work on a WSA Archives database was also initiated.
- The Zone 8 meeting in Quito, Ecuador. A strong connection with all three zones, 7, 8, and 9 of the Area 3 membership was established between the zone representatives, the chair, Elias Dumit and executive chair, Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg. They assessed the needs of the three zones during the discussions of topics of importance to the area. The International Center of Amanecer with the Gran Salon (MSF holding it in trust for the WSA) received important attention and planning during the meeting.
- A meeting, during the German National Congress, brought together international helpers from Area 2, WSA team members and the committee for Germany and its new chair Helen Han. A main topic for discussion and planning was the World Congress 2018 which will take place Germany.
- A meeting in Bonn, Germany made clear - after comparing facts and costs and discussing the different options - that Freiburg, Germany was to be the site for the World Congress in 2018.



- Communicating with the membership worldwide is always important. So in 2015 the idea for a new eMagazine, "WSA Connect" emerged. First edition to be published online in 2016 in 4 languages. Connect will be produced two to three times a year and will include articles from our Subud world and news from the wings. A compact monthly news report FYI (for your information) will update members on work in progress of the WSA team and the World Subud Council (WSC).
- A disclaimer was formulated and translated into 7 languages, to be posted in 2016 in the online Subud library and to accompany all talks in pdf format. This to address the copyright issues of Bapak's and Ibu's talks (members not being aware they need permission from the WSA to use talks or quotes).
- The Subud House from the 'Providencia group' in Santiago de Chile was the site for the annual World Subud Council meeting in September. In Santiago, council members assessed the needs from the different zones. Good cooperation and collaboration between the zones and wings as well as the Muhammad Subud Foundation was seen

as essential to serve the Subud brotherhood best. The WSA wings (SICA, SESI, SDIA, SIHA, SYIA) decided to cooperate in the Basara Youth Camp to take place in December 2016 in Central Kalimantan. In expressing special support for the Youth for the Basara Youth Camp, the WSC made visible that our focus is to secure the Future of Subud as well as supporting initiatives to put the latihan into practice.

- The "YES Quest" and "Human Force Camp," are considered part of the WSA Executive functions (this being confirmed by the WSC in Santiago).
- A working group on financing the World Subud Association was formed in compliance with the recommendation from 2014 World Congress. The launching of an international awareness campaign to secure the mid- and long- term financial needs of the association was agreed on for 2016.

#### WSA team

(L-R) Anwar, Salamah, Ismanah, Lucia, Elias, Hilaria and Elwyn.

# Zone Activities

## Zone 1 & 2

### Asia Pacific

Team members of the World Subud Council were hosted by the Indonesian membership during the national congress in West Java and in Wisma Subud for meetings with various enterprises. This was an exciting and highly productive time for all. Subud houses were renovated and upgraded in several areas of the zone. The zonal meeting for 2015 was postponed and will be held in Rungan Sari, Kalimantan in March of 2016.

## Zone 3

### Western Europe

Discussions at the zone meeting in Ireland included funding of delegates, IH and others to official Subud meetings as well as supporting Subud youth and archives. Eight country reports were presented. It is noted that Subud Britain is the biggest Subud country outside of Indonesia with 1,400 members.

## Zone 4

### Central and Eastern Europe

Zones 3 and 4 decided in Hungary that they will hold a European meeting joining zones 3 and 4 in July of 2016. This was a new concept proposed and enthusiastically anticipated by many.

## Zone 5 & 6

### Africa

Based on suggestions at the Council meeting in Chile, the bi-zonal meeting will be held in DR Congo in 2017. In Zone 6, out of the eight groups which make up the zone, only four are regular groups the others have isolated members who do latihan. Over this year the struggle to have the land in Kingantoko recognized as Subud property has continued. Health clinics have been opened due to the joint effort of groups and SDIA.

## Zone 7

### North America

2015 was a very active and productive year. Zone 7 hosted MSFs annual general meeting at the Amani Center near Washington DC. The board members, along with Zone 7 Rep. Fernando Fatah and the WSA Chair (as Ex officio trustee), had a very productive meeting and also visited the growing Subud group in Durham, North Carolina. The international helpers and Zone 7 Rep. also visited groups in México, Cuba and Suriname and participated in several WSA gatherings and meetings in Amanecer, Quito and Chile.

## Zone 8

### (Northern) South America

Elias, Chair of WSA, and Ismanah, Executive Chair of WSA, and Fernando, zone 7 representative, were present at the meeting in Ecuador and were able to work with the zone 8 representative, Paloma Muñoz, on several important topics for the zone. In 2015, Amanecer celebrated its 25th Anniversary bringing many members in the zone together for this landmark event.

## Zone 9

### (Southern) South America

The World Subud Council meeting was hosted by the Santiago de Chile group which brought many positive results to the group including the renovation of their beautiful house and increased harmony and activities between the two groups in Santiago de Chile. Earthquakes did not stop the flow of events and council activities during the meeting.

# International Helpers

## Area 1

### IHs Istigome Jenkins, Lewis Hayward, Nahum Harlap, Matthew Moir, Rashida Cooper and Rosario Moir.

For many of the countries in this area, the visits of the international helpers are vital as they represent the only link with Subud in the world, because of the isolation of distance, language, culture, political, economic and religious restrictions.

Access to Bapak's and Ibu's talks are not always available in the languages of our members. They are completely dependent on the advice of members who do have some understanding of English, Indonesian, Spanish or the other languages into which the talks have been translated. This can be a heavy burden for such members.

The main purpose of each visit we undertake is to help strengthen the understanding of Subud

and the latihan, particularly through our work with helpers, both local and at the regional and national levels.

We also take the opportunity during our visits to encourage members to support the different bodies of the organization, especially MSF, among those countries that have the capacity to provide support. We also have encouraged the members to participate in wing and affiliate activities and projects.

In 2015 we visited Australia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore UAE, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and Indonesia.

## Area 2

### IHs Arifin Konrad, Dahliani Drejza, Olivia Brady, Sahlan Crona, Sanderson Topham, Sjarifah Roberts

During this past year the international helpers of Area 2 attended many congresses, working meetings of the WSA and its affiliates. At each of these meetings some or all of us were present. During the year the Area 2 helpers attended the weekly calls for the WSA team, with most being in our Area, they did special latihan in support the team and its members. They have also been working on the new book of Bapak's Advice and Guidance to helpers.

All six of the Area 2 international helpers attended the meeting in Indonesia where they were able to bond with other international helpers, learn about each other and how they can work together as

a dewan of 18 international helpers around the world. At the WSA archive meeting in Wolfsburg much work was done to begin the process of all archivists working together as a dewan to be able to reach joint decisions among all of them as working members of the WSA Archives. Area 2 international helpers also attended the meeting in Bonn, Germany which saw the confirmation of the site for the world congress 2018 in Freiburg.

### Area 3

IHs - Suzanne Renna, Sarita Rodriguez Martinez, Myriam Ramsey, Hoan Toan Phan, Mahmud Nestman, Sjarifuddin Harris

We concentrated during our travels on work with Regional, National, group and candidate helpers as well as inactive helpers. We tested with committee members and addressed how helpers and committees can work together. We also worked with youth. We also did some supporting latihans for the WSA team members.

In many groups we found common concerns: What to do when latihans become mechanical over time; how to reawaken the process of development; how to care for members; how to perform their duties in a deeper inner way.

Many groups own their own houses which has the positive result of being able to have more group latihans sometimes up to 3 a week. Concerns arising around houses are: traveling distances for members, ownership, upkeep and repair and public use of the premises.

Places we visited in 2015: West Coast helpers meeting in California, Indonesia, both groups in Chile during the Council meeting, Argentina, and Cuba.

## Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF)

MSF ended 2015 with a strong and active Board and many good accomplishments.

In 2015, MSF awarded grants to 12 centers in 9 countries to assist these centers in either new facilities or renovations to current structures. These grants were at a record level of USD 205,883. Also, MSF was able to fund International Helper travel at USD 30,000 and Archives at USD 90,000 with additional support for archive YMS facilities at Cilandak USD 50,000.

Also, MSF worked with Subud Colombia on designing a plan to have new management of the Gran Salon at Amanecer. A contract will be signed with the Fundacion Amanecer in 2016.

MSF received a major bequest in December, 2015 of USD 511,000 from the estate of the late Henry Herold, California, USA. MSF is very grateful for this extraordinary testament which will be added to the General Fund and assist in our ability to make further grants.

A major goal is through its National Liaison to make members aware of placing MSF in their estate planning since MSF is funded primarily by estate funds not by monthly donations. The 13 liaisons in 12 countries have given presentations at many congresses to make members aware of the mission of MSF and how they might support it

## Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA)

SDIA which was founded in 1968 is an affiliate organization of the World Subud Association (WSA) with a mandate to implement the charitable aims of Subud. Susila Dharma (SD) can be translated as "guided from within to take action in the world"

How does SDIA accomplish its work throughout the year? It partners with grassroots efforts, supports development and humanitarian initiatives, empowers individuals and communities to engage in human, social and economic development and raises awareness of global issues and interdependence.

In 2015, SDIA helped to relieve acute hardships in several parts of the world: in Nepal it provided relief after the earthquake there, in Kalimantan, Indonesia during its annual "smoke/haze" season; in the D.R. Congo with new classrooms for the Albadi school and by supporting a transit shelter for at-risk street children; in India by supporting the Anisha organic agriculture project; in Mexico, by continuing its support of the Casa Cuna pre-school in Puebla, an outcome of World Congress and the Human Force Camp held there in 2014. Thanks

to our efforts in 2015, the Mother-Child Hospital Center of Kwilu Ngongo will hopefully be under construction with bricks made using a brick-making machine owned and operated by SD Congo, in 2016.

With a panel of experts on education from various parts of the world along with SD school representatives, SDIA carried out a survey of seven different educational projects on four continents. The aim was to establish a framework for strengthening the educational quality in SD schools, to pilot a capacity building program and to strengthen SD projects working with children and families.

Due to the many donations from members at large, several other projects on child development, community health and well being and sustainable livelihoods were also supported in Asia Pacific, Africa, Europe, and the Americas during 2015. You can visit [Susiladharm.org](http://Susiladharm.org) and read more about SDIA's work in 2015 in their Annual Report.

## Subud International Cultural Association (SICA)

SICA activities during 2015 included the design and establishment of programs to encourage the exploration of creative talent, including 'Keys to Creativity' events in Hungary and Australia, 'Culture Compass' events in Australia (also to be held in UK and Poland in 2016) and SICA Seed Grant funding to support a range of creative projects in particular, the Dance Around the Globe TV/film project created by Guillaume Sanchez and a one-man theatre performance of Richard II staged in Prague by Gregory Gudgeon.

An inaugural SICA Birthday was established on August 15th 2015, to mark an annual day of SICA creative fundraising events, aimed at encouraging creative enterprise and international participation.

Treasurer Sandra Harrington reported USD16,240.72 funds in the bank as of the 8 June SICA Board Meeting.

Poems for Peace initiative continues within the school system in Los Angeles as an ongoing project beyond its inclusion in National Peace Day for which SICA established the annual "Peace Day Austin" event.

Work continued on international projects including: Basara Youth Camp in December 2016 in Central Kalimantan, an initiative launched in 2015, in which SICA will participate as a Wing - and 'Our Subud Story', first established as 'In Memorium', an ongoing international SICA project designed to collect and profile the stories of Subud members past and present, in their respective fields of creative endeavor. The project will be marked by the presentation of an installation and accompanying talks and performances at the 2018 World Congress.

## Subud International Health Association (SIHA)

Following the World Congress a more Area-based organization of SIHA has emerged. A steering committee is envisaged which will have a representative in South-East Asia, Europe and America.

Howard Richman in the USA has kindly helped to reinstate the website which has included the development of a new logo.

It is hoped that the joint Zone meeting in Poland and the Basara Youth Camp in Kalimantan 2016 can be the springboard for further activity.

## Subud Youth Activities International (SYAI)

During the year all Youth representatives were able to travel to at least one major gathering in their respective zones. This included the Indonesian Congress where they met with Indonesian youth in local groups. A key initiative that came from these meetings was to work together to provide an International Youth Gathering in 2016 in Kalimantan to be called Basara.

A representative Konrad Munoz, also attended the Zone 8 representative meeting in Quito. He brought many Columbian youth with him as a result of a private donation to assist with that. It was well attended by many South American youth who were very involved during the whole meeting.

At the Zone 3 and 4 meetings the representative were able to build upon their relationships with the youth and the committees that began in the previous term. Another one of our representative attended the US Congress.

We were able to fund 3 SYAI representative to attend the WSC meeting in Santiago, Chile. This was a very important meeting for us as we were able to meet face to face instead of by Skype. Youth representatives were able to present to the WSC which furthered their connection and sense of place on the Council. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet and share with the many South American youth present.

We administered the SYAI Fellowship Fund which grants seed money to young entrepreneurs. This year's grants went to Leonore Tija, Elena Shaygan, Tauhid Effendy, and Guillaume Sanchez. You may read more about their projects in the WSA eMagazine Connect, April/May 2-16 issue.

## WSA Archives

As the WSA Archives are distributed in five continents it was necessary to find ways to collaborate on a regular basis. We formed three working groups in 2015 to focus on developing to focus developing an operational charter which needs to be included in the bylaws. We worked on definitions and policies and we hope we will be able to present a first approach of the Operational Charter at the WSC Council meeting.

An archives manual which describes the common way of working as archivists. One of the main topics in 2015 has been work on the numbering system of documents which was completed and will be tested in 2016.

A funding mechanism which requires us to first develop a stable consistent way of working.

The second part is to know how 'the money is circulating' within the WSA Archives and what kind of documents we need to have to follow the flow and at the same time to follow the rules of auditing. Some forms and templates have been developed. These are to be tested in 2016.

Work was also done to find ways of developing a database looking at a public database such as Amazon for non-sensitive documents and developing ways to approach the more secure data base (work to be done in 2016-17).

The work with Memnon audio archiving services on the digitization of Bapak's talks has continued throughout this year and its completion is projected for 2016.

## Subud Publications International (SPI)

2015 was another active year for SPI, with sales of Bapak's Talks Volumes 1 to 28 and the Video edition amounting to 541 copies – USD 9,875 (60% of our total sales turnover). Sales of Bapak's Recorded Talks in MP3 and video DVD formats and video DVDs of Ibu's talks amounted to USD 1,520 (9% of our total turnover).

### Bapak's Talks volumes project

Two English language edition of Bapak's Talks were published during 2015:

Volume 27 was published in February & Volume 28 was published in August. In addition, the quality control and editing work of the translations for Volume 29 was commenced for publication of this edition early-2016. Many of the talks for these editions have never been translated and published before.

Complimentary copies of each new edition are sent to the International Helpers. SPI is happy to support the IH's regarding preparation of the new edition of the Helpers' guide.

### Russian editions

The Russian language translation team also made good progress during 2015:

Volumes 23 and 24 were published in February. Volume 25 was published in August. Translations in progress for Volume 26 & 27.

### Spanish editions

SPI completed the pre-press preparation for the Spanish language edition of Volume 24. Publication of this edition was in December – and distributed to Spanish speaking countries.

## Translations

The team continues to work to develop their ability to translate the talks by Bapak and Ibu Siti Rahayu to ensure all members receive the most accurate translations. In 2015, we held a translation meeting in Hungary during the Zone 4 meeting in Budapest.

During the meeting, translators shared their experiences and had the opportunity to have a Q&A session with the English translators - Sharif and Tuti Horthy (present) and Raymond and Muti Lee (via Skype from Indonesia)

Translations are done and distributed so members can have an inner benefit when reading them in a state of quietness.

It was emphasized that talks given by Bapak and Ibu Rahayu are clarifications that benefit Subud members doing the latihan and should, therefore, not be distributed to non Subud members and/or put online. The talks are copyrighted by the WSA.

### Some of the highlights include:

Bapak spoke to our inner, although we may not understand his words with our mind or consider them obsolete. Bapak spoke a familiar language, using simple terms. In the future English may not be the language of reference for translation, keep studying Indonesian.

## WSA Care Support Program

Care support (CS) was started to respond to members' requests for financial help in hard times, including medical costs and enrolling in educational programs, from primary school to secondary, university or vocational training; and also to encourage the creation of national emergency funds.

### In 2015 we were able to allocate the following:

- 10 Education grants for a total USD6,546 from primary education to PhD and vocational training
- 7 Emergency grants were allocated for USD5,870, 1 for hardship and 6 for the costs of medical care.

- A USD3,000 grant to assist the Caribbean pensioners (average pension USD10/month) is managed by SD Canada on behalf of WSA CS: USD500 paid at the end 2015 then USD500 at the beginning of 2016.

- Budget was USD16,000; over which bank fees of USD467 and distribution costs of USD250. We recommend that CS be acknowledged as a priority of the international organization and that the budget for the project be increased. Countries also need to be encouraged to create their own emergency funds.

## Humanitarian Work

Many of our very dedicated Subud brothers and sisters around the world have contributed to helping those most in need.

The Lewes group in the UK became very active in helping to support the refugees in Calais, France. They raised funds, gathered clothes, tents and other items, volunteered in the refugee camp, and became trained to welcome, house and work with the refugees in Lewes. The money they raised helped to support unaccompanied children.

Björn Vaughn from Borneo Productions International worked to raise awareness of the devastating fires and the toxic haze that affected parts of Indonesia, including Borneo. For his work on the documentary; "Heart of the Haze"; for Channel News Asia he received an award.

The reports helped to raise several thousand dollars which helped to relieve some of the most devastating effects of the smoke for many villagers in the area.

Hamilton Pevac was living in the Nepal area when a massive earthquake struck in 2015. Immediately, Hamilton went into action and started doing what he could to help the people. He became a traveling photo journalist writing many articles to raise awareness of the situation in Nepal and much needed funds to contribute to the relief projects in the area. His latest efforts have been in helping to rebuild houses in a village in the area of Banpale. Because it is small, just 90 people, this village was not part of the regular NGOs outreach system.

# Overview of WSA income and expenses in 2015

## Where did we get the money from?

In 2015 the member countries contributions via zones totaled USD 154,000 (+ USD 20,000 restricted contributions). WSA is very grateful that USD 100,00 came in from an enterprise in Australia for the fifth time. We received grants of USD 120,000 approximately from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) and the Guerrand Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP). Another grant of approximately USD 70,000 came in from Usaha Mulia and as it was given specifically for Subud houses, it was forwarded to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation in early 2016. Individual donations amounted to USD 48,000.

## What did we spend the money on?

In 2015 approximately USD 290,000 went towards carrying out Bapak's mission - through Kejiwaan work, Media unit programs and human activities.

International helpers were very diligent in their first full year. Besides their attendance in national congresses and zonal meetings they had their first meeting as a dewan in Indonesia in February 2015. Expenditure on international helpers work in 2015 was approximately USD 130,000 which is higher than in 2014, the World Congress year.

In the second area, which includes translation and publication of Bapak's talks and the WSA Archives, we spent about USD 100,000, which is more than in the previous year. The first meeting of the archivists and the WSA executive team, supported by international helpers, was a milestone for working together as a dewan. In the "spirit of Wolfsburg" we continue working on the resolutions of the congress in Puebla, Mexico.

The expenses for human activities were about USD 57,000 which is higher than in the previous year. Besides the Care Support Program and Youth, the main expenses in this field were to support Subud Congo to pay court and legal fees for their property in Kingantoko.

More money was spent in 2015 than in the previous year on supporting services i.e. for the first council meeting and travels of chairs, zone representatives and executive team.

The total expenses in 2015 were approximately USD 481,000. The full report may be seen on subud.org

## Outlook for 2016

In 2016 we are strengthening our efforts to increase the income of the World Subud Association with a fundraising initiative called "Funding the Future of Subud".

## 2015 World Subud Association Financial Activity in US Dollars

	2015	2014
<b>Income</b>		
WSA Member countries	174,284	161,162
Grants	194,689	34,507
Enterprises	100,000	100,000
Individual Members	48,405	184,955
Other Income	3	3
World Congress income	0	500,515
Total Income (including Restricted Funds)	517,381	981,142
<b>Expenses</b>		
International Helper travel	130,396	77,929
Media Unit (Bapak's Talks, Archives, Translations and History of Subud)	100,780	78,101
Care Support, Zone Support, Websites & Communications (in 2014 Delegates to Congress)	30,994	48,005
Youth, Culture, Social Welfare and Enterprise Services	25,783	119,601
Supporting Services	193,812	132,710
World Congress costs	0	561,060
Currency loss	3,147	6,100
Total expenses	484,912	1,023,506

## WSA Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014 in US Dollars

Total Assets	32,469	-42,364
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Liabilities	156,965	214,626
Unrestricted funds	115,265	25,135
Restricted funds	155,582	155,582
Designated World Congress fund	427,812	395,343

Notes: Extracts from audited accounts

\* Includes Expenses for WSA Chair, Deputy, World Subud Council, WSA Executive, Remunerations and Pensions



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