

International Helper Report/Area 2 to WSC June 2012

A focus of our visits to countries within the Zones has been for each individual member to feel confident in being able to receive their latihan in surrender to God. It is an observation that in quite a few countries the membership has declined but within the country we have also noticed that a core of Subud members have become strong. As a consequence of this each country can solve its own problems much better. On the other hand, individuals may be alone but they do the latihan diligently for years and then are also willing to travel great distances to help and do latihan with others. This is so great to see. It is the power of God which changes people, not us.

It is also great to see members who now are putting the latihan into action in their lives through culture and enterprise. For too long we have been hesitant to begin enterprises as history has it we have made mistakes. Now, that is the past, finished, it is time if people have ideas to try again. Some people are doing this and this is what the world can see and understand of Subud. (The 'Roda Viva' school in Portugal, various projects in Lewes - GB)

We still wish it to be remembered that testing has always been that WSC meetings should stand alone from other meetings, this was modified in 2012 so we happily run before the gathering.

When we have global matters to decide we would like to find a way through testing, where the International Helpers can function in the right manner to support the initial decision making process.

In response to the debate about what the role of the international helpers is: we understand our roles to support rather than lead activities, projects or ideas. To encourage members to trust their own receiving rather than being dependent on us or others.

The achievements on the kedjiwaan side are difficult to measure. They are very much on the 'intangible assets' side. Even so, in every visit of each group, there has always been a moment, when something has moved – or just shifted – on individual as well as on group levels. Sometimes, these moments have been observed by many and commented on, or it was just the IHs who felt this happen. How lasting these changes are, is a different chapter.

Countries visited 2011 / 12 were Greece, Germany, Denmark, South Africa, Nigeria, Finland, Lithuania, Croatia, France, Portugal, Lebanon, Hungary, Turkey, Serbia, Norway, Italy. We also attended zone4 and zone3 meetings. Reports are available on the zone's section of subud.org