

## **THE FUTURE IS NOW : Let Us Get Into Action**

Delegates at congress need to look into the funding of our Association

Dear brothers and sisters,

today we publish the World Subud Association accounts for the period January to June 2018 (Q 2). When visiting our homepage [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) you will also find the audited accounts of 2017. There we already included World congress advancements.



### **So far we managed to keep our head above water.**

The figures reflect that we are in a World Congress year. Many members followed our call for donations for the assistance fund and sent earmarked donations. Besides the amounts we show here, some more funds came in through the congress account. Due to the earmarked donations and grants the income side looks even better than last year. In total we have USD 267,000 for discretionary spending. But his may not fool us.

The total expenses are USD 222,000 compared to 190,000 last year. This embraces USD 26,000 to bring delegates and individual members to congress and USD 37,000 for Youth travel to congress.

The expenses for international helper's travel are USD 55,000 which is less than in the same period of last year. For media unit we spent about USD 30,000 so far and for supporting services about USD 55,000 which corresponds to the previous year.

### **What is still behind the curtain?**

To fulfil our commitments towards Bapak's talk project and WSA archives contracts, to fulfil the expectations towards Care Support, to pay for airfares and accommodation of international helpers and council members for congress, **we shall need more funds than left by the end of June.**

### **Why ? How can we sustainably fund our future?**

Members countries' contributions for years cover only one third of the minimum expenses of USD 500,000. WSA is depending on grants from Muhammad Subuh Foundation and/or generous donors. And even counting on MSF leaves us with a structural deficit of USD 200,000 out of which one generous entrepreneur covered USD 100,000 per year for several years until 2016. During the last four years we several times had to cut expenses and cancel or postpone planned travels of international helpers or pay ourselves for travels due to a lack of funds.

Looking into history of proposals and recommendations how to solve the financial gap we found a long list of ideas and plans. The question arising is: why haven't we been able to implement them successfully?

For this upcoming congress, I hope for us all to: **First realize the added value of the international cooperation within the Subud community.** Which services can only be provided by the World Subud Association as umbrella organization? Inner guidance may support this process. Then: just do it. The future is now.

With love and respect

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