

Update on Partners in Aid

Thanks to your generosity and long-standing partnership, the past few months have been filled with meaningful progress across all our projects. All of our projects have been visited by a project coordinator in the past two months, each visit strengthening relationships with our partner organisations and providing powerful insight into how your support continues to change lives.

In India, SEDS continues to lead innovative work in sustainable agriculture and water management. Farmers' groups are expanding their vermiculture practices, tank desilting remains essential in rainfall-dependent areas, and the Child Education Sponsorship Program is providing stability and opportunity for students and their families.

In Kolkata, the ABWU girls' sponsorship program is entering its final phase as the organisation becomes increasingly supported by its local community. The remaining sponsored girls are receiving tailored educational and vocational guidance as they transition to independence.

In the Philippines, Sinangpad has now completed all major Phase III activities despite years of disruption due to COVID-19, natural disasters, and local factors. Their work has reached remote areas through community health development training and has supported the construction of new household toilets to reduce open defecation and improve sanitation.

In Sri Lanka, the Y-Gro dairy livelihoods program is now in its empowerment year. Thirty-one women are actively improving their dairy farming skills, increasing milk production, and building more stable incomes for their households. The upcoming phase will support this progress through essential equipment and the distribution of 19 crossbred cows.

In Fiji, FRIEND has delivered practical community-based nutrition, cooking and backyard gardening training in two villages, helping families strengthen daily food practices and improve food security. Backyard gardens have been established and seeded, laying the foundation for long-term nutrition resilience.

At our recent AGM, we warmly thanked Cecily for her dedicated leadership as Chair as she steps down from the role. Cecily will remain on the board and continue leading our DFAT accreditation process. We are pleased to welcome Silvia Hope as the new Chair—bringing extensive experience, energy, and passion to guide PIA into its next chapter.

We also welcome two new members to our team:

- · James Koulouris, who joins the board
- · Jen Rodriguez, our new volunteer Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Meet Our New Team Members

We had two new team members join us in November this year.

Jennifer Rodriguez



Jen joins PIA as our Marketing and Communications Coordinator. Jen is a multilingual counsellor and marketing strategist with experience across public health, community engagement, and multicultural wellbeing. Having lived and worked internationally in Colombia, France, and Spain, and collaborated closely with CALD communities in Australia, she brings a strong global and culturally sensitive perspective to her work. Jennifer is passionate about DEI, holistic wellbeing, and creating practical, people-focused initiatives that strengthen communities and support meaningful social change.

James Koulouris



James joins PIA as a new board member. James is a senior public sector executive with more than 30 years experience leading reform, governance, infrastructure, and service delivery across Australian and state government agencies. He brings extensive board and advisory experience in health, community, and sporting organisations. James is passionate about practical, sustainable initiatives that improve people's lives, and looks forward to supporting Partners in Aid and its in-country partners to strengthen education, health, environmental sustainability, and income generation.

How You Can Help

We'd love your help in spreading the word about Partners in Aid. If you know someone interested in sponsoring a child, supporting a village initiative, or simply staying informed, please encourage them to join us.

Here's how:

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Membership is just \$25 per year and offers a meaningful way to stay involved. You'll receive project updates, volunteer opportunities, and access to our biannual newsletter. Email us at info@partnersinaid.org.au to join.

• Follow Us on LinkedIn:

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• Make a Donation:

One-off donations can be made online at partnersinaid.org.au (click Donate).

• Spread the Word:

If friends or colleagues would like to receive updates, please send them our mailing list link or invite them to reach out directly.

• Leave a bequest:

Including Partners in Aid in your will is a thoughtful way to support long-term change. Even a small bequest can help us continue our work with communities for years to come.

As a volunteer-run organisation with no paid staff, we're proud to say that more than 85% of the funds donated go directly to the projects we support.

Thank you for your support and for being part of our journey!



INDIA: News from SEDS India on the Child Education Sponsorship program

Project Coordinator: Lyn Pickering

This year marked my 21st self-funded visit to SEDS, and once again, I was moved by the strength, joy, and resilience of the sponsored children. Your support has shaped this program in every way, and the impact is felt deeply throughout the community.

Arriving on Sunday 2/11/25 and quickly settling in, I commenced my program on Monday with a meeting with Rasool, (Accountant at SEDS) and Balaji, (Head teacher) at the SEDS English Medium school. I had advised earlier of the schools I wished to visit. They had also incorporated some tank desilting and sustainable agricultural farms for me to visit in the areas where the schools are located.

CEO Mrs. Manil Joshua, who visited me earlier this year, oversees all of the activities. There is a very good team around her who are able to carry out the work and monitor progress. This was followed by a meeting with Mani who runs all the field programs from tank desilting to sustainable agriculture. I met the four people who were responsible for each of the four areas of developmental work. I remain very impressed by the work of this team. I was joined by Ronnie, a long time friend of SEDS who was visiting for four months from Belgium. He had been responsible for setting up a small English Medium school on the campus many years ago. A number of the sponsored students attend this school.

My granddaughter Kirra travelled from Amsterdam with neighbours and friends, Senna and Sarah. Readers of the PIA newsletters over the past 18 years may remember that Kirra first visited SEDS as a seven year old, again at 12 and at 17 immediately after completing her Year 12 exams. Kirra and her husband Maurice spent three months volunteering at SEDS in late 2018 where they were able to assist with IT programming, admin work and teaching.

From Monday to Friday the first week, the large troop carrier with driver Ramesh, Ronnie, Mani, Rasool, Balaji, Kirra, Senna and Sarah and me visited 13 primary and secondary schools, interspersed with a Farmers meeting, tank desilting sites and farmers who have been diversifying their crops. Many of the farmers have been making their own mulch, constructing concrete pits into which straw and cow manure are added and worms. Some farmers have been able to sell excess mulch which gives them another source of income.

The Farmers group meeting which we attended had 20 members, standard for these groups. Twelve were men and eight were women, a good balance. This group were very co-operative and very productive.

The visits to the schools was a great opportunity to reinforce attendance for the upcoming monthly Saturday meeting at SEDS for all sponsored students, ranging in age from 4 to 16. During October and November meetings, the students prepare a Christmas card for their sponsors, amongst a number of other activities. I was able to sign in all the students which

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gave me a short time with each student. Kirra gave all students a friendship bracelet which she, Sarah and Senna made each nights. Measurements and weigh in are conducted every month.

The game of Kabadi is very popular in India. The students were joined by the SEDS teachers and Senna, which was great fun for the participants and the supporters. Kabadi is a very physical game, a bit like tag. The cultural part of the day saw students dancing in small groups, with music supplied by the Year 10 boys. To involve all students, Kirra taught them the macarana, counting 1 to 10, followed by one of the teachers encouraging us all and teaching us a Indian dance. This cultural activity finished on a very high note after which everyone went to the 'canteen' area for lunch which included chicken and egg curries, dahl, rice and raita.

It is difficult sometimes to put in writing just how valuable this program is for the students and their families. Many parents have access to a Government cards which allows them to buy subsidised rice and oil etc.

"Child education sponsorship supplies the students with two school uniforms per year, shoes, books, bags, school fees and attendance at the monthly activities at the SEDS campus. All the students receive a new set of clothes, which is an acceptable gift."

This very worthwhile program has been in operation since late 1994. Funds for this program are administered by SEDS.

Two inspiring, heartwarming stories:

- **Balaji** was a sponsored student some years ago. He went on to higher studies and is now Head Master of the SEDS English Medium school.
- I met **Ram** at one of the largest secondary schools, also a former sponsored student at the same time as Balaji. Ram was particularly happy to let me know that he learnt so much from being on the program, which is the reason he became an English teacher.

A Health camp will be held next year for one of the monthly activities. I was able to arrange this through some Rotary friends who came to SEDS to visit me. General Practitioners, Eye specialists, a dentist and other specialist doctors will check all the sponsored students.

The second week of my visit I did two field trips with Michael and Anne Marie. Michael is responsible for the tanking desilting project, with Anne Marie.

That Saturday activity with 149 sponsored students and visitors completed a very busy first week of activity and was one of the best I have been privileged to be a part of in my 21 visits.

Thank you for being part of this life-changing journey!

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A volunteer meets with young students dressed in traditional attire during cultural activities at the SEDS campus.



Children participating in a group activity during a monthly development session at the SEDS campus.



Students and families gather on the grounds of a local government school where sponsored children attend classes and receive support.



Students gather with Lyn to sign in for their monthly sponsorship session, where attendance, wellbeing and progress are regularly monitored.

INDIA: SEDS Empowering Communities Through Sustainable Agriculture

Project Coordinator: Michael Oates / Anne-Marie Maltby

We are writing this update from the SEDS campus in India, where we recently spent three intensive days onsite alongside long-standing project coordinator Lyn Pickering.

Each visit to SEDS represents a reminder of the extraordinary progress achieved over the past four decades, and the deep trust they have built within the communities they serve.

One of the most significant developments in the region has been the construction of a state-built reservoir, which has transformed agricultural practice. Many local tanks are now replenished through new channels, reducing reliance on rainfall and enabling farmers to irrigate their fields more consistently. This increased water security is contributing to revitalised aquifers and more productive farmland.

Even so, tank desilting remains essential—especially in areas beyond reach of the new reservoir. Awareness of the benefits has grown rapidly, and local farmers are increasingly motivated to undertake desilting themselves. During our visits to three farmers' groups, we heard enthusiastic testimonies about improved crop yields and soil health resulting from the use of tank silt.

One memorable highlight involved a farmer who began with a small SEDS-supported vermiculture box and has since built a large concrete vermiculture trough. Producing around one 50kg bag of vermicompost every four days, he uses what he needs for his farm and sells the remainder—generating between R2,000 and R4,000 per month. His thriving organic home garden, nourished almost entirely by vermicompost and vermijuice,

stands as a testament to the long-term value of this work.

The demand for vermiculture is growing so quickly that one group has decided to form a second farmers' group to accommodate new members. SEDS research has shown that Indian red worms and cow manure create the most successful composting conditions, an approach that is both practical and sustainable, since every member keeps at least one cow.

Another notable moment occurred during our meeting with a farmers' group seeking advice on insect and fungal damage affecting their pigeon pea crops. SEDS demonstrated an effective, low-cost alternative to chemical sprays using diluted papaya leaf extract—a natural remedy that protects crops without exposing farmers to toxic chemicals or added labour costs.

We also spent time with a newly formed women's farmers' group, established just two months ago. Although the group is new, the members are highly motivated to adopt organic farming practices, fully aware of the health and environmental benefits. Most own one cow and are eager to begin vermiculture.

Across the region, SEDS's lasting impact is visible everywhere: from shady schoolyards planted decades ago, to extensive reforestation work, fruit trees in communities, and roadside plantings. Many of these earlier initiatives are now maintained by local and state governments—an enduring sign of sustainable, community-driven development.

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Growing Strength Together: Stories from the Fields of Andhra Pradesh

An emotional and empowering story inspired by our recent visit to SEDS:

When we walk through the villages of Andhra Pradesh with the SEDS team, it is impossible not to feel the quiet strength of the people who tend this land. Every farm, every tank, and every compost bed holds a story of resilience, ingenuity, and the determination to build something better for the next generation.

Over the past year, we've seen farmers face shifting climate conditions, unpredictable rainfall, and rising costs. But we have also witnessed something far more powerful: communities who refuse to give up.



Farmers preparing a natural organic spray from papaya leaves — a safe, affordable alternative to chemical pesticides.

Later that day, farmers led us into their pigeon pea fields to show the spray in action. Carefully, they worked row by row, applying the organic mix to protect their crops from fungal and insect damage.

What struck us most was their confidence: "This works," they said simply, and the health of their crops proved it.

A Safe Alternative, Mixed by Hand

One morning, a group of farmers invited us into their fields to demonstrate a natural, low-cost solution to insect and fungal damage. With nothing more than papaya leaves, a cloth, and a bucket, they prepared their own organic spray; an alternative to expensive chemical pesticides.

As the rich green liquid flowed through the cloth, the farmers told us proudly:

"This protects our crops, our soil, and our health."



Applying the natural spray in the fields to protect crops from pests and disease.

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Photo: A farmer proudly showing his vermicompost bed—transforming waste into rich organic fertiliser.

Innovation From the Soil Up

In another village, we met a farmer who began with a small SEDS-supported vermiculture box and now manages a full concrete vermicompost bed. Thousands of worms transform cow manure into nutrient-rich compost that feeds his fields and provides extra income. He lifted a handful of the dark compost with a smile:

"This is our black gold... it feeds my crops, and my family."



Women farmers meeting with the SEDS team — building knowledge, confidence, and community leadership.

One of the most moving parts of our visit was meeting a new women farmers' group. Only two months old, this group is already building confidence, knowledge, and leadership. Many of the women have never been part of a farmers' group before, yet they eagerly shared ideas and hopes for their families.

One woman told us:

"When we learn together, we grow together."

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Farmers showcasing healthy crops grown with organic methods

supported by SEDS.

Tanks and reservoirs are lifelines here. Even a small pool of water in a freshly desilted tank represents new possibilities: more reliable irrigation, better crop yields, and a more secure future.

Water, soil and community — renewed and strengthened through local leadership.

Across the region, farmers proudly showed us the fruits of their labour — vibrant bananas, leafy greens, and other thriving produce. Behind every harvest is a story of persistence, partnership, and belief in sustainable farming.

These are not just agricultural successes.

They are stories of dignity, selfreliance, and hope.



A recently desilted tank — restoring water access and reviving agricultural land.

A Future Rooted in Community

What moved us most during this visit was not just the technical innovation, but the human spirit behind it. Farmers supporting each other. Women stepping into leadership. Villages embracing sustainable, organic practices that protect their land for generations to come. This is what your support makes possible.

Communities growing stronger — together.

THE PHILIPPINES: Sinangpad Healthy Village Project

Project Coordinator: Dr. Cecily Neil

As this report is being written, several members of the Sinangpad Association, who also serve within the Provincial Health Office, are supporting clean-up efforts following a recent super-typhoon in Kalinga. Over 2,000 people were evacuated, critical infrastructure was damaged, and several lives were lost. Although the province was spared the worst, the event reflects the ongoing challenges that communities face in disaster-prone regions.

Natural disasters are only one of many obstacles the Sinangpad Healthy Village Project (SHVP) has navigated during Phase III (2020–2025). COVID-19 severely restricted travel and village access, requiring many Sinangpad members (who are health professionals) to redirect their time to testing, vaccination, and community health responses. Additional disruptions included tribal land disputes, boundary conflicts between villages, and election-related activities that temporarily halted community participation.

Despite these obstacles, Sinangpad has shown remarkable commitment in completing Phase III. Over the past year, six remote villages received participatory Community Health Development training. These sessions helped communities identify sanitation priorities, develop action plans, and prepare proposals for small infrastructure grants. All six communities prioritised eliminating open defecation, identifying the lack of sanitary household toilets as a major barrier.

"By July 2025, five grants had been approved, and 36 new toilets were completed across two communities, with construction ongoing in the remaining villages."

Sinangpad members have also worked closely with local governments to promote long-term sanitation strategies, including:

- · integrating household toilet requirements into local building codes
- ensuring enforcement of septic tank maintenance
- · establishing community-wide standards for sustaining zero open defecation

Their newly developed Sustaining Zero Open Defecation Strategy has already been adopted by six barangays and the Municipality of Pasil, with further rollout planned for 2026. In addition, Sinangpad has remained active in municipal and provincial health board meetings—advocating for the integration of SHVP principles into government programs. Some local government units have now begun embedding healthy village approaches into their regular planning.

All initiatives outlined in the Phase III proposal have been completed thanks to the exceptional efforts of Sinangpad members. Partners in Aid deeply values this long-standing partnership and looks forward to reviewing their proposal for Phase IV of the project.

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The forested valleys of Kalinga, Northern Philippines—home to many of the villages participating in the Healthy Village Project.

Photo: Kalinga Province, Philippines

Community members and local leaders meet in a barangay in Kalinga Province to discuss progress on their Healthy Village action plan.



Photo: Barangay in Kalinga Province, Philippines



Photo: Kalinga Province, Philippines

A view of the mountain ranges and cascading waterfalls in Kalinga Province, where several Sinangpad Healthy Village communities are located.

INDIA: ABWU SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Project Coordinator: Anne-Marie Maltby

Because of your long-term support, the ABWU sponsorship program has become one of our greatest success stories — a clear pathway from external support to local sustainability.

As expected, the number of sponsored girls is gradually decreasing: from $41 \rightarrow 36 \rightarrow \text{now } 27$, including five nursing students.

This is a milestone worth celebrating!

It means ABWU is receiving greater support from its local community, reducing reliance on external funding and moving confidently into a new chapter of independence.

Your contributions over the years provided food, clothing, safe accommodation, and education to some of Kolkata's most vulnerable girls. Today, the community you strengthened is taking on a larger role — a testament to how long-term development should work.

Thank you for helping these girls grow, study, and step into adulthood with confidence and dignity.

FIJI: Enabling Healthy Villages Through Backyard Gardening & Healthy Cooking

Project Coordinator: Silvia Hope

Our newest project in Fiji is already creating meaningful, practical change for families in Bila Settlement and Koroqaqa Village. This initiative was launched in response to a growing challenge across Fiji — the shift away from home-grown, nutritious foods toward heavily processed diets, contributing to high rates of anaemia and non-communicable diseases, particularly diabetes.

Over August and September, our partner FRIEND Fiji led hands-on workshops that combined healthy cooking, organic gardening, and immediate action families could take at home. The response from both communities was enthusiastic, hopeful, and deeply engaged.

The cooking workshops were a highlight. Participants learned to prepare simple, healthy meals using fresh ingredients—from fruit juices and smoothies to hearty soups and salads. A favourite was turning leftover root vegetables into tasty roti fillings, helping families reduce waste while adding variety to their meals.



Community members participate in a healthy cooking workshop

Many families shared that they've already begun incorporating these new recipes into their daily routines, showing just how quickly knowledge can translate into healthier habits.

In November, our project coordinator, Silvia visited Fiji for a monitoring trip. This strengthened our partnership with FRIEND Fiji and gave us a firsthand look at how the project is unfolding in both communities.

What We Saw on the Ground:

In Koroqaqa Village, nearly every home now has a backyard garden in its infancy. Families have adapted creatively — using tyres as pots, coconut husks to protect seedlings, and trellises for climbing plants. Because the village is located on a hill, gardens benefit from good drainage and minimal flood risk.

Some gardens already include up to 11 different fruit and vegetable varieties, and the village headman has been a passionate advocate. He uses fish manure to accelerate plant growth, and the community proudly showed us his nearly ready-to-harvest eggplants.



Eggplant grown by the village hheadman in a short amount of time

Our project coordinator Silvia joined the village headman and his family for freshly harvested coconuts, a warm symbol of the community spirit surrounding this project. FRIEND Fiji's Project Manager, Mela, accompanied the visit strengthening local ownership and continuity. Their appreciation for this project was clear and heartfelt.



harvested coconut with the village headman, his wife and child with FRIEND Fiji Project manager Mela.



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Bila Settlement: Growing Through Challenges

Bila faces more environmental challenges. Some homes do not have private yard space, so families maintain gardens scattered throughout the settlement — and yet several gardens were actively being tended during the visit.

We met:

- A family building a fence to protect their garden from cows and chickens
- A woman proudly sharing that she now cooks regular meals using her home-grown produce
- Children excitedly guiding us through the settlement to show their favourite gardening spots



A woman from Bila Settlement attending to her garden



A newly established backyard garden in Bila Settlement

Flooding during heavy rain makes gardening more difficult here, and some plots need more protection from animals. Nevertheless, families remain highly motivated. Simple materials such as basic chicken wire for fencing will go a long way toward supporting crop survival.

Planting for the Future

Newly established garden beds and seedlings protected with coconut husks how the project's momentum. Families are developing new skills, shifting toward organic methods, and gaining confidence in growing and preparing their own food.

Women have played a leading role in both cooking sessions and gardening efforts, while men have contributed through land preparation and heavier tasks.

Households are now benefitting from:

- Better access to fresh produce
- Reduced reliance on processed foods
- Lower grocery costs
- Pride in nurturing their own gardens
- New opportunities for small-scale income from surplus crops

A Strong Start With Promising Results

Overall, the project is progressing beautifully. Families are embracing healthier cooking, growing diverse crops, and becoming more aware of the environmental benefits of organic gardening. FRIEND Fiji continues to visit regularly, working closely with village leaders to maintain engagement and identify any challenges early.



New Seedlings being protected by coconut husk in the Bila Settlement

Looking Ahead

Our first project with FRIEND Fiji concludes in March 2026, and we are delighted to see such strong early outcomes. We are already exploring opportunities to continue this partnership and expand into additional Fijian communities.

If you would like to help us support the next phase of this work, please consider donating and specifying "Fiji" in your reference, or contribute via our GiveNow page.

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HOW TO GIVE

HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

As a volunteer-run organisation with no paid staff, Partners in Aid is committed to ensuring that your generosity has the greatest possible impact. Low overheads mean that nearly every dollar you give goes directly to our partner organisations and the communities they support. There are several meaningful ways you can help continue this life-changing work:

- Leaving a bequest
- Direct bank transfer
- Online giving via MyCause or GiveNow

Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens long-term community development, education, health, and resilience across India, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. Thank you for considering how you can partner with us.

BEQUESTS

A gift in your will is a powerful legacy that extends your compassion well into the future. Whether you choose a cash amount, a percentage of your estate, or a residual gift, your bequest will support the ongoing growth and sustainability of our programs for many years to come. There are no fees, and we welcome all bequests with deep gratitude.

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A NOTE ABOUT OUR IMAGES

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Wherever possible, the photos in this newsletter have been taken at our project sites by our volunteers, board members, and partners during self-funded field visits. Because we work closely with children and vulnerable communities, we take great care to respect privacy and dignity at all times. When appropriate, some images are sourced from free photo-sharing sites to protect identity or enhance clarity..

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