

CHILD AID PAPUA FOUNDATION PROFILE 2025





“Lighting the path to a brighter future”

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Photo:
Grade 9 students joining ReShark project in
releasing Leopard Shark into the wild.

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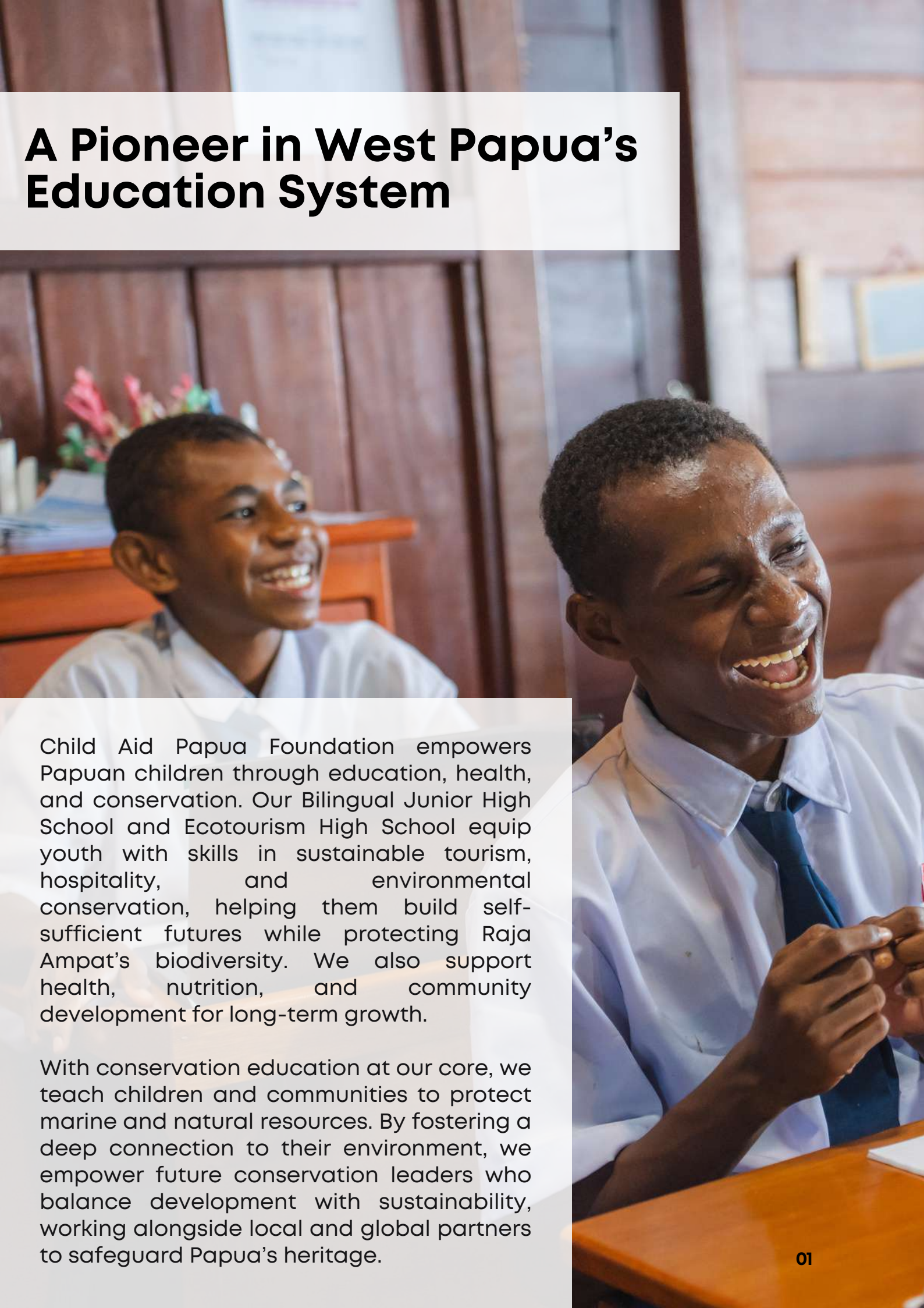
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A Pioneer in West Papua's Education System

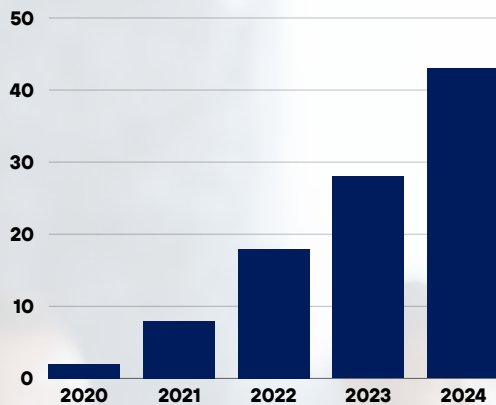
A photograph of two young students in a classroom. The student on the left is a boy with short dark hair, wearing a white shirt, smiling broadly and looking towards the right. The student on the right is a girl with short dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a dark blue tie, also smiling broadly and looking towards the right. They are sitting at a wooden desk. In the background, there are wooden shelves with books and a small plant.

Child Aid Papua Foundation empowers Papuan children through education, health, and conservation. Our Bilingual Junior High School and Ecotourism High School equip youth with skills in sustainable tourism, hospitality, and environmental conservation, helping them build self-sufficient futures while protecting Raja Ampat's biodiversity. We also support health, nutrition, and community development for long-term growth.

With conservation education at our core, we teach children and communities to protect marine and natural resources. By fostering a deep connection to their environment, we empower future conservation leaders who balance development with sustainability, working alongside local and global partners to safeguard Papua's heritage.

INFOGRAPHIC

Number of High School Students Each Year



Graduates

2 from Ecotourism School

6 from Junior High School

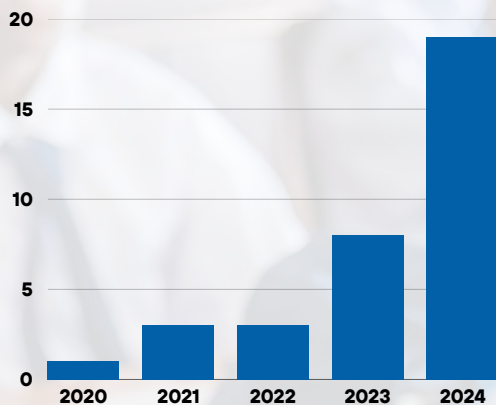


Students

13 Ecotourism School
Grade 10 - 12
Age 16 - 18

30 Junior High School
Grade 7 - 9
Age 13 - 15

Number of Affected Villages Each Year



28

students live in
DORMITORY

The only

1

Partner



in Education of Raja Ampat
UNESCO Global Geopark



Teachers

3 Full-time

4 Part-time

7.560

Lesson hours
delivered per year



100%
Students

gain English and IT skills



5

Local Staff



OUR VISION

"To provide every child in Raja Ampat with access to the quality of education and knowledge required for a lifetime of learning and empowerment, and the ability to contribute to a healthy and safe environment with long term protection of the natural world around them."



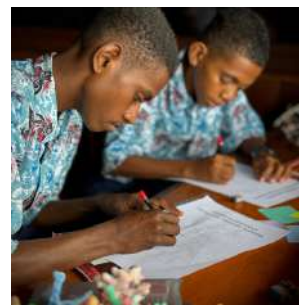
OUR MISSION

- 1 Providing high-quality education to local children and young people in Raja Ampat to create promising prospects.



- 2 Integrate environmental awareness sustainably into the hearts and minds of children and young people through targeted educational measures.

- 3 Develop future leaders and ambassadors for sustainable environmental protection in the region.



- 4 Provide a safe, healthy and comfortable learning environment.

We are aligned with and committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG), focusing on education, environmental conservation, and community well-being to create a sustainable future for Southwest Papua.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS VEREIN CHILD AID PAPUA



Hannes Elmer

PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

- Responsible for overall operations and accounting
- Bachelor's degree in business administration
- Master's degree in management and law



Tamara Kuster

VICE PRESIDENT

- Marketing and public relations
- Bachelor's degree in international economics
- Executive master's degree in business administration with emphasis on management



Walter Müller

BOARD MEMBER

- Irreplaceable help in everything
- Degree in pedagogy
- 42 years of professional experience as a teacher

MANAGEMENT CHILD AID PAPUA



Jonas Müller

FOUNDER & CEO

- Responsible for operations, strategy, infrastructure
- Bachelor's degree in social pedagogy
- Professional bachelor's degree in business administration/economics



Maya Puspa Dewi

INDONESIAN DIRECTOR

- Responsible for all legal affairs in Indonesia
- Headmaster of Ecotourism School
- Bachelor's degree in international relations

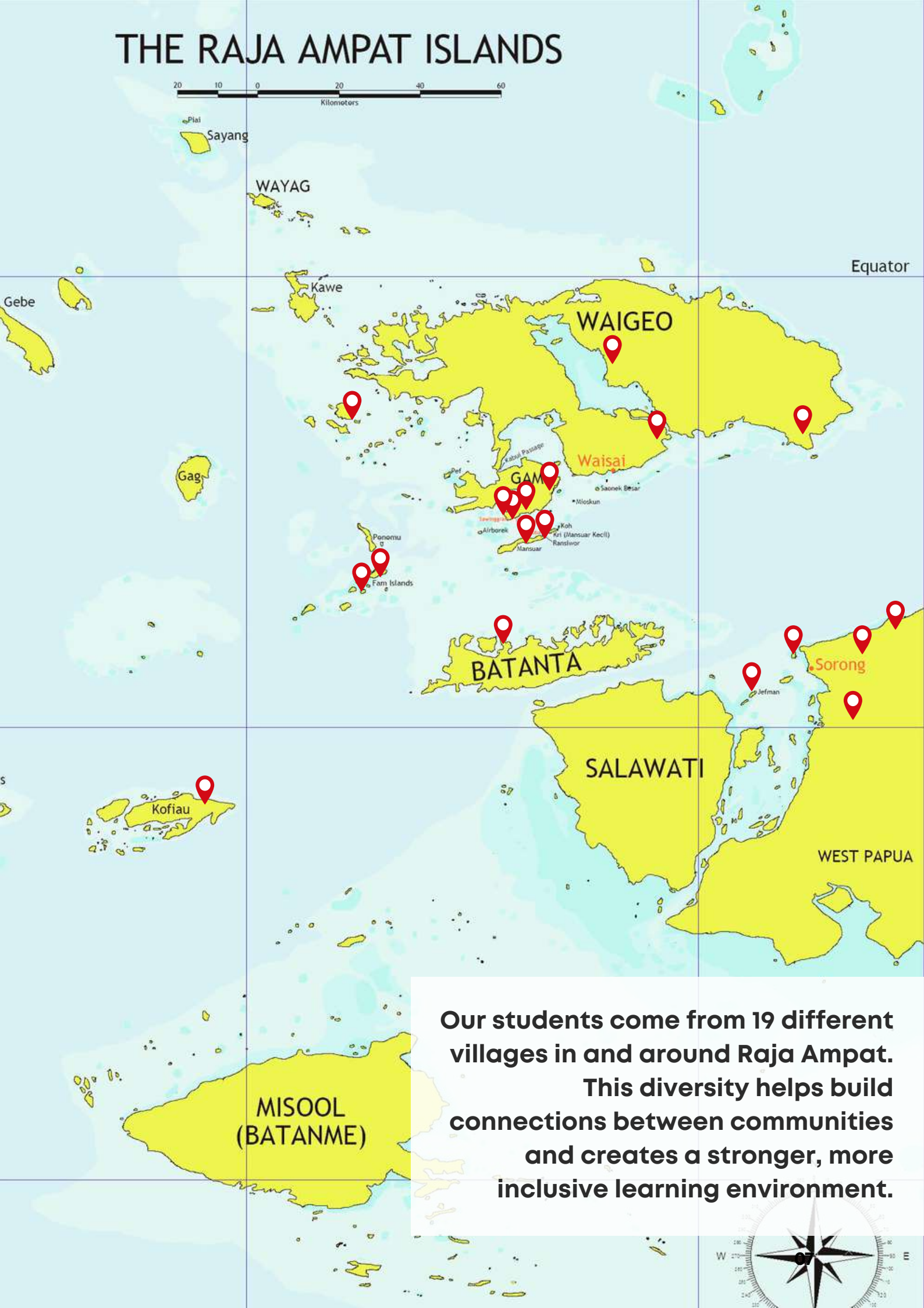


Indra Andriadi

HEADMASTER

- Managing the Junior High School and dormitory
- Bachelor's degree in pedagogy

THE RAJA AMPAT ISLANDS



Our students come from 19 different villages in and around Raja Ampat. This diversity helps build connections between communities and creates a stronger, more inclusive learning environment.





TESTIMONIALS



“Having traveled extensively and documented numerous aid projects worldwide, the experiences I encountered at Child Aid Papua Foundation were truly exceptional and unlike anything I have witnessed anywhere – I am deeply impressed.”

Simon Lister

Professional Photographer and Filmmaker



“Child Aid Papua School is a pioneer in Raja Ampat, not only in education, but also in preserving our environment. With its unique approach combining bilingual learning, local wisdom, and practical skills, it stands as a role model for schools across our region. We are proud to have a school like this leading the way for a brighter future for our children.”

Orideko Burdam

Major of Raja Ampat Region



“I had the honor of visiting the Child Aid Papua high school in 2024 and filming for a day with the children in year 9. I was struck by the joy and engagement the children had with learning and the knowledge and connection they all shared with the natural world. The school is extraordinary and I think the children attending this school are incredibly lucky to have this facility and support.”

Rosie Gloyns

BBC Blue Planet 3 Director



BACKGROUND

What People See in Raja Ampat

STUNNING ISLANDS

WORLD-CLASS DIVING

RICH MARINE BIODIVERSITY

“THE LAST PARADISE”

What People Don't See

EDUCATION BARRIERS

LIMITED HEALTHCARE

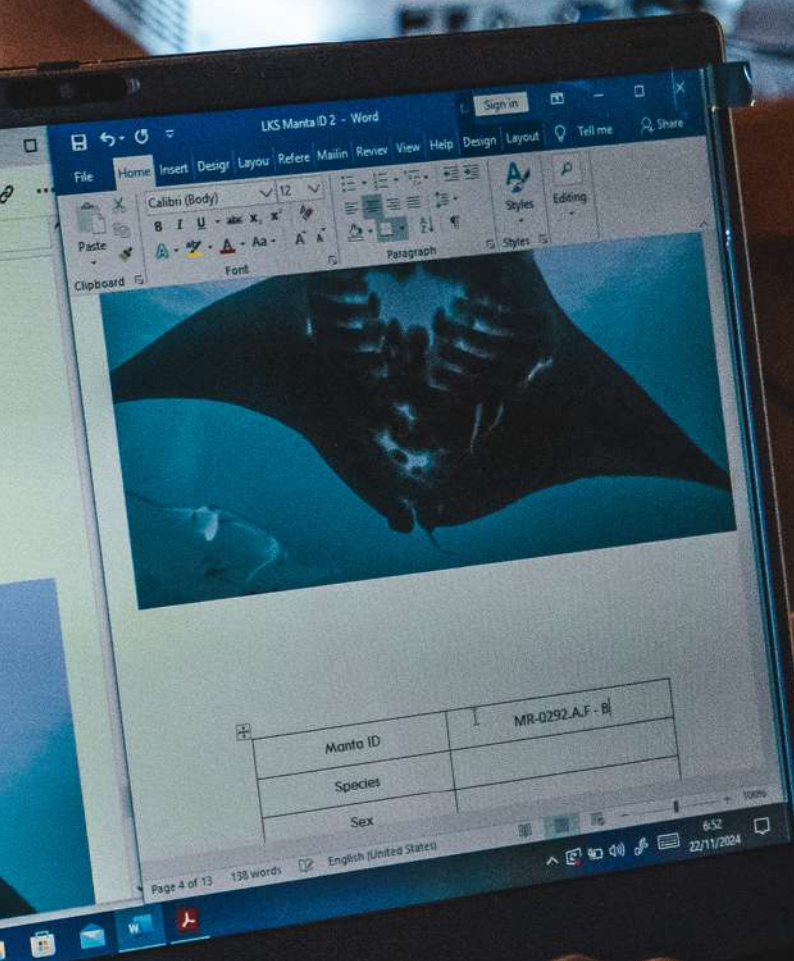
LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES

BIODIVERSITY THREATS

FOREIGN-OWNED BUSINESSES

UNSUSTAINABLE TOURISM

NON-LOCAL TOURISM WORKFORCE



OUR PROGRAMS



EDUCATION



CONSERVATION



HEALTHCARE

EDUCATION



01 Bilingual Junior High School

Delivers a dual-language curriculum designed to build academic proficiency, fostering cognitive development and preparing students for higher education.



02 Ecotourism Vocational School

Delivers quality education and practical skills, opening paths to university or jobs in tourism, conservation, and local businesses.



03 Boarding House

Provides a safe, nurturing learning environment for students from remote villages to access quality education, with support in health and nutrition to help them grow and learn better.



04 English Course

We make English fun and practical, giving youth the language tools to connect with others, explore new ideas, and building confidence through public speaking.



05 IT & Digital Literacy

Students learn essential computer and digital literacy skills to navigate the modern world and access new learning tools.



06 Entrepreneurship Program

Encourages youth to develop practical business skills and create sustainable livelihoods



07 English Training for Raja Ampat Guides

Provides quality English training to help local youth become confident guides and succeed in the growing tourism industry. A collaboration project with Tourism Department.



08 Art and Culture Preservation

Through workshops and performances, we help preserve and promote Papua's rich traditional arts, cultural heritage, and the tribe language.

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“In my village, we don’t have many chances to go to school. But here, I learn many things — English, computers, how to take care of nature. I never thought I could do all this. Child Aid Papua helps me believe in myself and gives me hope for my future.”

-Nicodemus Mambrasar, Grade 9

A photograph of several students in a classroom, wearing white shirts and dark ties. They are seated at desks, some looking at laptops. A large blue semi-circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

Child Aid Papua's Bilingual Junior High School provides quality, inclusive education for students from remote communities, equipping them with the language, knowledge, and life skills needed to pursue further education and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

BILINGUAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. Engaging Classrooms

Interactive, student-centered lessons that build confidence in both English and Indonesian using real-world topics and local context.

2. Global Perspectives

Exposure to international cultures through project-based learning, and digital exchanges that broaden students' worldviews.

3. Diverse Extracurriculars

Hands-on experiences in arts, environmental projects, traditional music, storytelling, and basic technology to foster creativity and critical thinking.

4. Supportive Environment

Dedicated counselors and mentors who guide students through academic and personal challenges.

Daily Highlights

Morning Start the day with engaging classes led by dedicated educators using interactive and bilingual approaches.

Midday Enjoy healthy, locally-sourced meals at the school cafeteria, designed to support student focus and well-being.

Afternoon Participate in club activities, sports, creative arts, or community-based projects.

Evening Join guided study sessions, complete assignments, and build independent learning habits.



Raja Ampat is one of the world's top marine tourism destinations, and our Ecotourism School helps young people become part of that future. We give students from remote villages the chance to learn real-world skills in hospitality, English, and conservation—all rooted in local culture and environment.

ECOTOURISM VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

1. Tourism-Focused Learning

Students learn through topics they'll actually use like guiding and marine life. They master practical English directly applicable to Raja Ampat's tourism industry.

2. Student-Led Entrepreneurship

Youth learn hands-on by running their own businesses, like Paradise Juice, and designing island and snorkeling trips.

3. Global Connections, Local Impact

Students build international networks through digital exchanges, becoming confident ambassadors for Raja Ampat.

4. Personalized Support

Our dedicated teachers ensure students grow not just academically, but also personally and socially.

Future Option for Graduates

- » Hospitality
- » Marine Science
- » Entrepreneurship
- » Dive Industry
- » Guide
- » University



CONSERVATION

01

Environmental Education

Through project-based learning, they explore real environmental issues in their own communities. From marine biodiversity to climate change, every lesson is hands-on and connected to the world around them, making it meaningful and empowering. In our environmental education class, students studied the importance of manta rays in Raja Ampat's ecosystem and created awareness campaigns to educate communities.

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Ocean Warrior: Waste Management Project

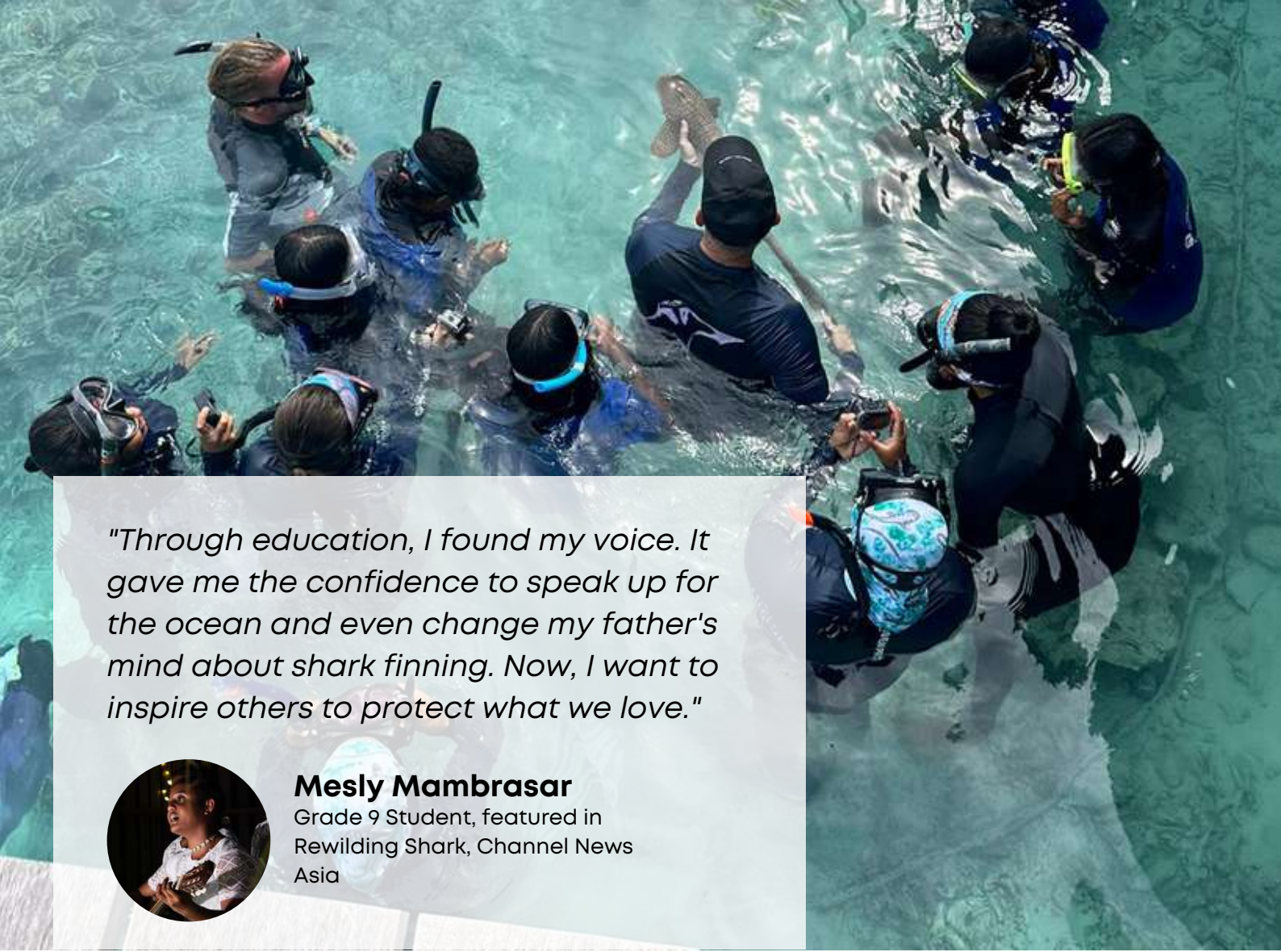
This is our student-led waste management initiative. In coastal villages like Sawinggrai and Kapisawar, where ocean plastic is a daily challenge, our Ocean Warriors take action. They organize clean-ups, sort and manage waste, and find creative solutions to reduce pollution, proving that young people can lead the way in protecting their environment.

03

Conservation Acts

Outside the classroom, our students take real steps to protect their environment. They help plant corals, talk to others about saving endangered animals, stop habits like littering or eating turtles, and encourage their families to care more for nature too. Slowly but surely, their actions are making a real difference for conservation in Raja Ampat.





"Through education, I found my voice. It gave me the confidence to speak up for the ocean and even change my father's mind about shark finning. Now, I want to inspire others to protect what we love."



Mesly Mambrasar

Grade 9 Student, featured in
Rewilding Shark, Channel News
Asia

SUCCESS STORY

At Child Aid Papua, we see how environmental education can truly change lives. Mesly Mambrasar, one of our students, used to watch her father catch sharks. After learning about ocean conservation at school, she talked to him—and he stopped shark finning. Stories like hers aren't rare. Many of our students have started saying no to eating turtle, picking up trash instead of throwing it, and teaching their families to care for the sea. In a place as special as Raja Ampat, these small changes mean everything. When kids understand why nature matters, they help others see it too. Mesly shares her powerful story in the documentary Rewilding Sharks – Part Two from Channel News Asia. Thanks to our strong commitment to environmental education, our school is now recognized internationally and has been invited to take part in the STAR Project by ReShark, helping to reintroduce endangered leopard sharks back into Raja Ampat's ocean.



HEALTHCARE



Healthcare Assist

We help students access medical services like dental care, eye check-ups, and surgeries, which are often hard to reach in remote areas. We also support them with transportation and guidance throughout the medical process.



Annual Check-up

Every year, students receive a basic medical check-up at school to monitor their growth and overall health. This includes vaccinations and STD testing to ensure long-term wellbeing.



First-Aid Training

Students learn basic first-aid skills so they can respond to injuries or emergencies in their communities. This training is also valuable for those preparing to work in tourism and hospitality.



Health Education

We provide lessons on hygiene, nutrition, body changes, and mental health to help students understand and care for their growing bodies.

Key Performance Indicator

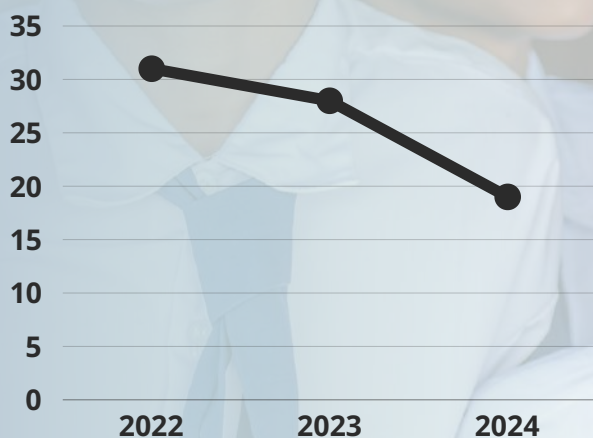
Cost per Student per Year

3.340 CHF

Cost per Student per Lesson

19 CHF

Cost per Lesson (in CHF)



Total Lessons

7.560

Full-time Equivalent Teacher

4.2

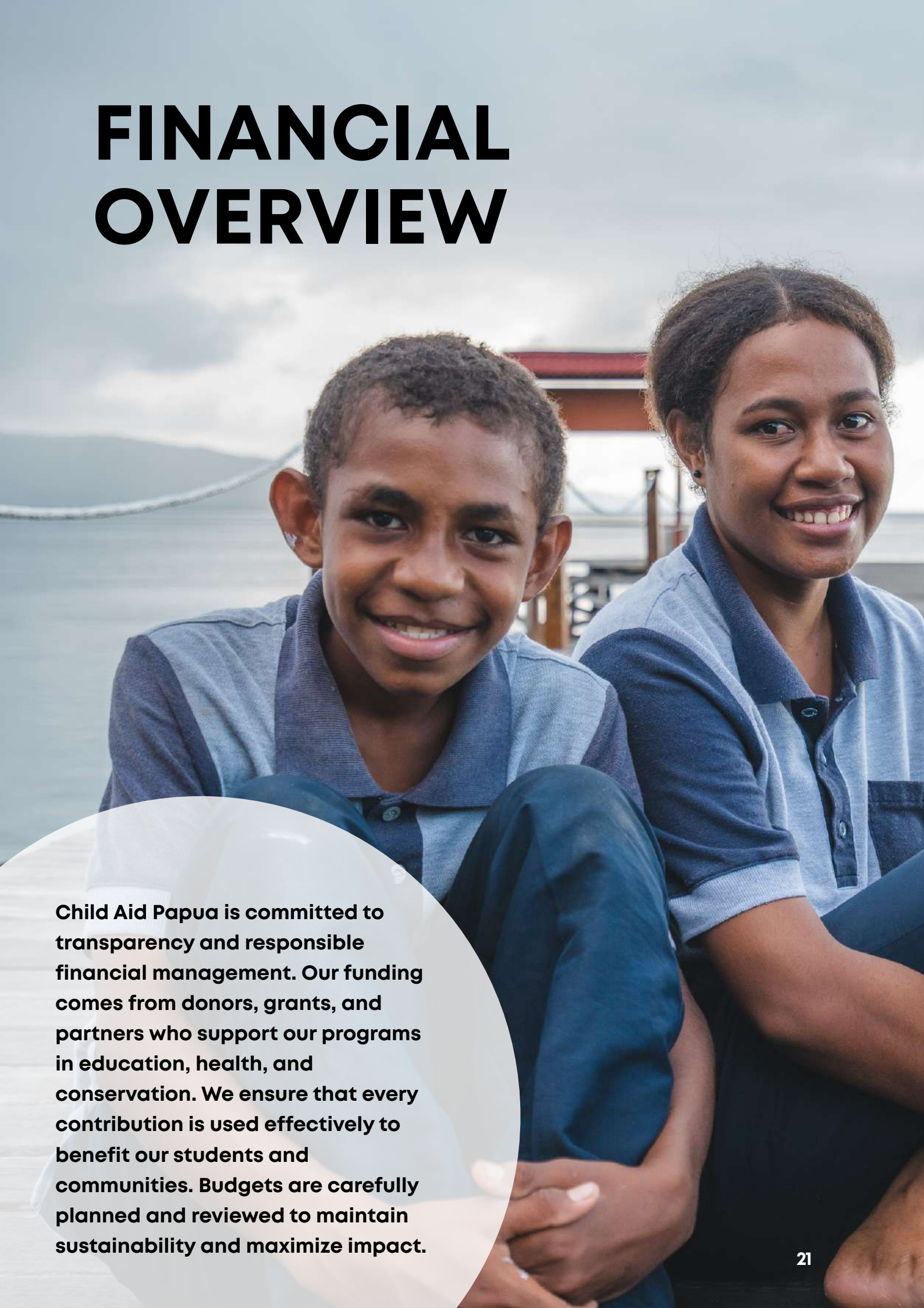
High School Classes

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Students

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Child Aid Papua is committed to transparency and responsible financial management. Our funding comes from donors, grants, and partners who support our programs in education, health, and conservation. We ensure that every contribution is used effectively to benefit our students and communities. Budgets are carefully planned and reviewed to maintain sustainability and maximize impact.

INCOME

INCOME	2023	2024	2025
Members	CHF 42.177	CHF 40.074	CHF 40.000
Donations	CHF 154.245	CHF 162.103	CHF 50.000
Event and Sales	CHF 15.418	CHF 1.434	CHF 2.000
Fund Withdrawal	CHF -	CHF 60.000	CHF 150.000
Total Income CHF	CHF 211.840	CHF 263.611	CHF 242.000
Income Euro Account	CHF 51.277	CHF 175.638	CHF 15.000
Income USD Account	CHF -	CHF 44.451	CHF -
Total Income Switzerland	CHF 263.117	CHF 483.700	CHF 257.000
Donations from Indonesia	CHF 15.599	CHF 62.300	CHF 20.000
Total	CHF 278.716	CHF 546.000	CHF 277.000
Surplus	CHF 34.588	CHF 38.161	CHF - 94.846

EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2023	2024	2025
Human Resources	CHF 42.348	CHF 43.663	CHF 54.596
Operational Costs	CHF 52.158	CHF 54.708	CHF 59.666
Logistic & Maintenance	CHF 16.517	CHF 20.466	CHF 17.845
IT Expenses	CHF 1.165	CHF 1.147	CHF 1.163
Internship	CHF 1.150	CHF 990	CHF 1.744
Direct School Expenses	CHF 113.339	CHF 120.975	CHF 135.014
Healthcare	CHF 9.980	CHF 9.457	CHF 11.072
Projects	CHF 10.978	CHF 8.178	CHF 4.272
Permits	CHF 1.003	CHF 2.005	CHF 2.325
Miscellaneous	CHF 745	CHF 1.053	CHF 1.163
Expenditure in Switzerland	CHF 4.681	CHF 1.940	CHF 3.000
Indirect School Expenses	CHF 27.388	CHF 22.633	CHF 21.832
Total School Expenses	CHF 140.727	CHF 143.608	CHF 156.846
Investment	CHF 43.401	CHF 28.575	CHF 15.000
Blue Ocean School		CHF 185.656	CHF 200.000
Capital Fund Allocation	CHF 11.000	CHF 150.000	-
Total	CHF 244.128	CHF 507.839	CHF 371.846



Child Aid Papua is creating real, lasting change in one of the most remote and beautiful parts of the world. By supporting our work, you help children gain access to education, healthcare, and opportunities that were once out of reach. Your support empowers entire communities to grow stronger, healthier, and more sustainable.

Your support lights the path to a brighter future.

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