Kolewa Foundation

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Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Kolewa Message from our chair Ibu Ana

The year 2025 marks another important milestone in Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia successfully strengthened its role as a trusted humanitarian organization dedicated to commitment to improving access to medical care and specialized education for children in need. As Chairperson, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the achievements presented in this annual review.

Throughout the year, Yayasan Kolewa has continued to operate with professionalism, accountability, and a clear sense of purpose. Our dedicated team, working closely with volunteers, medical professionals, partners, and donors, has demonstrated unwavering commitment in ensuring that our programs are implemented effectively and generate lasting impact for the children and families we serve.

Serving as Chairperson of Yayasan Kolewa is both an honor and a responsibility that I carry with great humility. I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in our leadership and for the dedication of a team that works not for recognition, but for meaningful impact. Together, we have built an organization rooted in collaboration, transparency, and compassion.

As we look beyond 2025, I do so with confidence and optimism. With the continued support of our generous donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the steadfast commitment of our remarkable team, I am confident that Yayasan Kolewa will continue to create sustainable and transformative change in the lives of children and their families.

On behalf of the Board and management, I thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we will continue to strengthen our mission and make a lasting difference for those who need it most.
Respectfully,

Chairperson, Ni Luh Juliani
Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia

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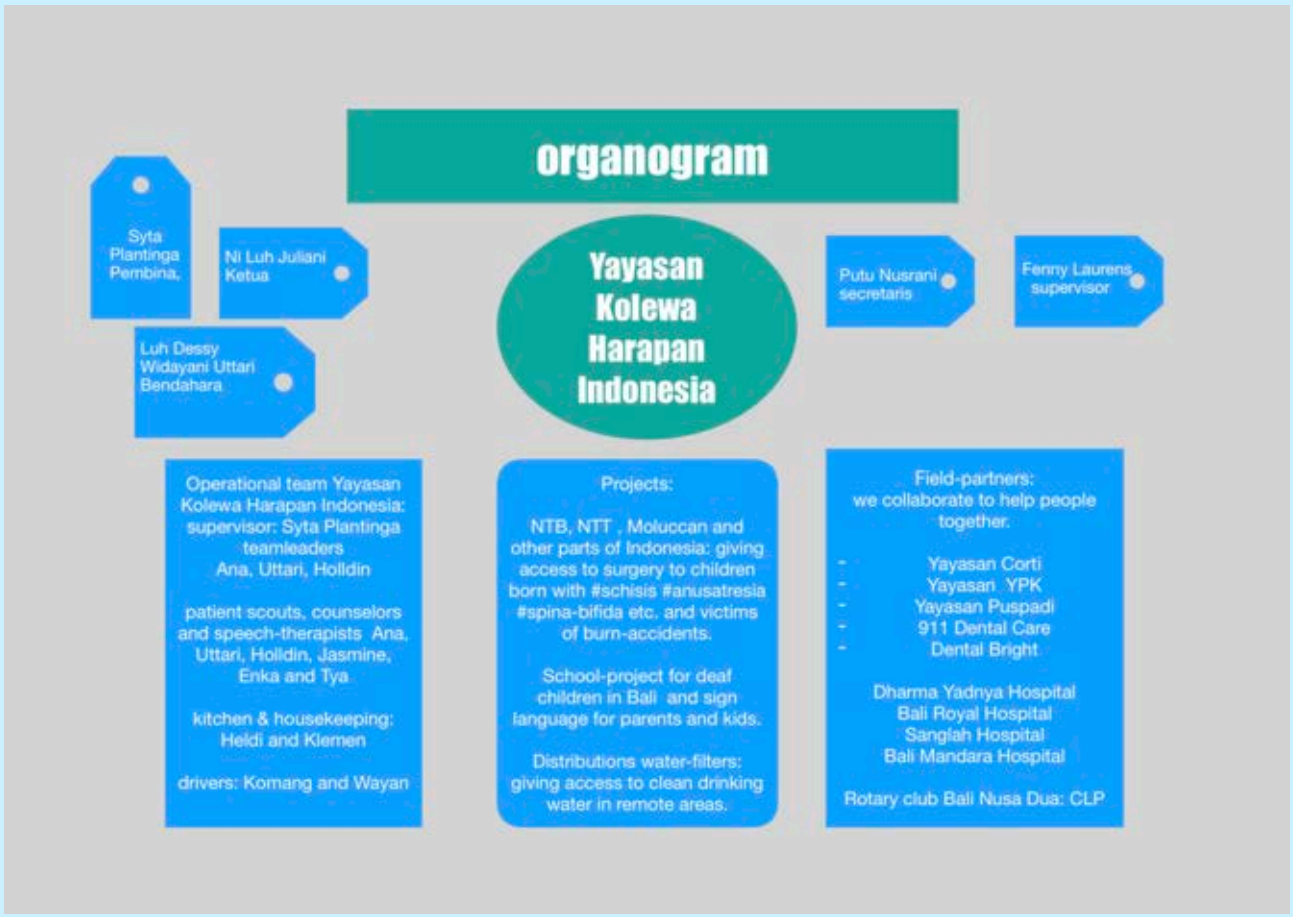
YAYASAN KOLEWA HARAPAN INDONESIA

Kolewa WHO we are and what we do



Syta Plantinga | Ni Luh Juliani | Luh Dessy W. Uttari | Ni Putu Nusrani | Fenny Lourens

The five board members of Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia are jointly responsible for the governance and daily oversight of the organisation, both internally and externally. They are actively involved in management, networking and building collaborations whenever possible, always guided by compassion, commitment and a strong sense of responsibility. As you will see in this Annual Review 2025—richly illustrated with photographs—their motivation and close cooperation are visible throughout the many activities and moments they share with the children, families and partners of Kolewa.

We received a visitation from the Ministry of Social (Kemensos) as part of the accreditation assessment process.

The daily management-team at the office of Yayasan Kolewa

Project interviews and data entry as part of program implementation.

Guidance for uploading required documents

Document upload and questionnaire completion.

Yayasan Kolewa was awarded the *"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"* Certificate from Dinas Social Kota Denpasar of appreciation for contribution to social welfare.

Introductory meeting with the Acting Management of Dharma Yadnya Hospital during the transition from a private to a governmental hospital.

Handout of surgical equipment and CPAP from the Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua to Dharma Yadnya Hospital.

Presenting our water filter program at the Westerlaken Alliance Foundation.

The 2024 Annual Review was officially submitted and received by the Head of the Dinas Social Kota Denpasar.

Kolewa collaboration & partnership

In 2025, our **CLP project** in Denpasar was made possible through strong and committed local collaboration. Together with three hospitals in Denpasar, Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua, two dental clinics, and Asmah Vifa Vida Travel Agency, we were able to guide children and their families through complex medical and logistical journeys with care and continuity.The hospitals provided essential medical expertise, diagnostics, and surgical care, while the dental clinics played a crucial role in follow-up treatments and oral health support. Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua once again proved to be a deeply involved partner, not only through financial support but also through personal engagement, events, and advocacy for our children. Vifa Travel Agency supported our work behind the scenes by assisting with travel arrangements, helping families reach Denpasar safely and on time—often a decisive factor for successful treatment.

Treatment for children with severe burns or anorectal malformations (anus atresia) was in safe and experienced hands with the dedicated medical specialists at Ngoerah Hospital, who provided high-quality care and guidance throughout the treatment process. For aftercare, such as physiotherapy, mobility support, and the provision of special orthopedic shoes, we continued our valued partnerships with Puspadi and YPK.

Last but not least, in 2025 we once again greatly valued our partnerships focused on deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Together with Lumina Hearing Center and the Susrusha Special Education School, we continued to work on early diagnosis, hearing support, and access to appropriate education. Through this collaboration, children were given the opportunity to communicate, learn, and participate more fully in society—an essential step toward a more inclusive future.

Our team

Three ladies wearing red Kolewa t-shirts Ana, Holldyn, and Uttari.
The three man wearing blue t-shirt Wayan, Klemen and Komang.
Heldi and her cooking: prepared with heart, served with love for the Kolewa family.
Three ladies in blue Kolewa t-shirts Ersa , Enka, Jasmine
After seven years of dedicated service as a staff member of the Kolewa Foundation, Ersa has decided to return to Kupang to be reunited with her family and has therefore resigned from her position. In this situation, we recruited Tya as a new staff member in August; a fresh graduate with a Bachelor of Public Health background to fill the role of Patient Counselor.

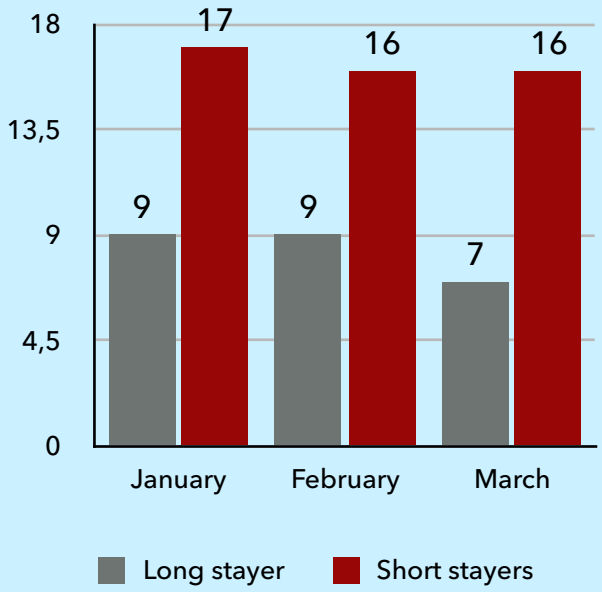
Kolewa Rumah Bicara, activity-center and shelterhome

At Rumah Bicara, our shelter home, we host children who require medical treatment in Denpasar and their parents or guardians who accompany them. Many of these families come from remote or underserved regions of Indonesia, where access to specialised health care is limited or unavailable.

During their stay, Rumah Bicara offers a safe and welcoming place where families can rest, recover and prepare for hospital appointments. The shelter provides not only accommodation, but also daily meals, guidance and emotional support. By staying together, children and their caregivers are able to face medical treatments in a familiar and supportive environment.

Rumah Bicara is more than a place to stay. It is a temporary home where families find care, understanding and reassurance during a challenging period in their lives.

Numbers of patients and guardians hosted in Rumah Bicara and Kolewa Gang period January - March 2025:



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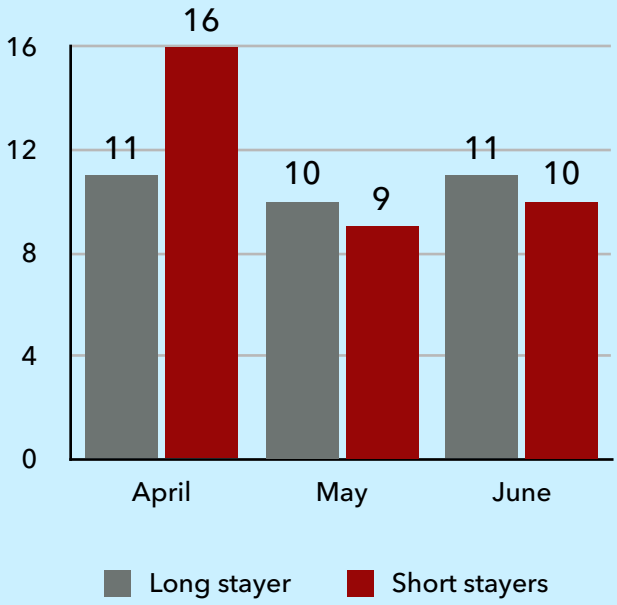

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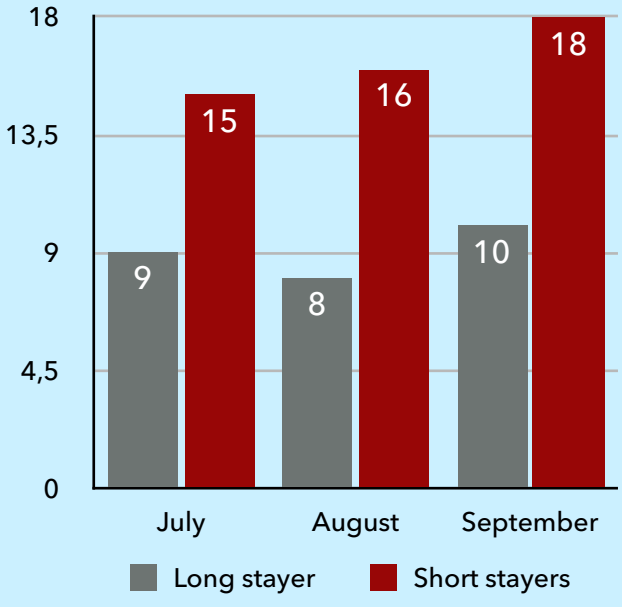

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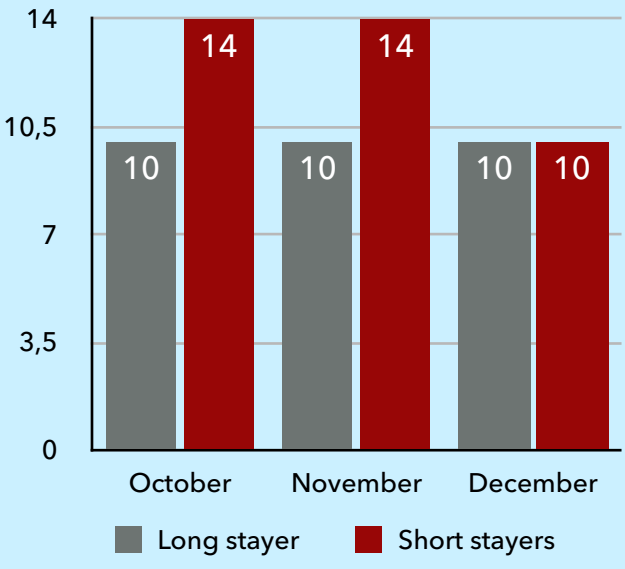
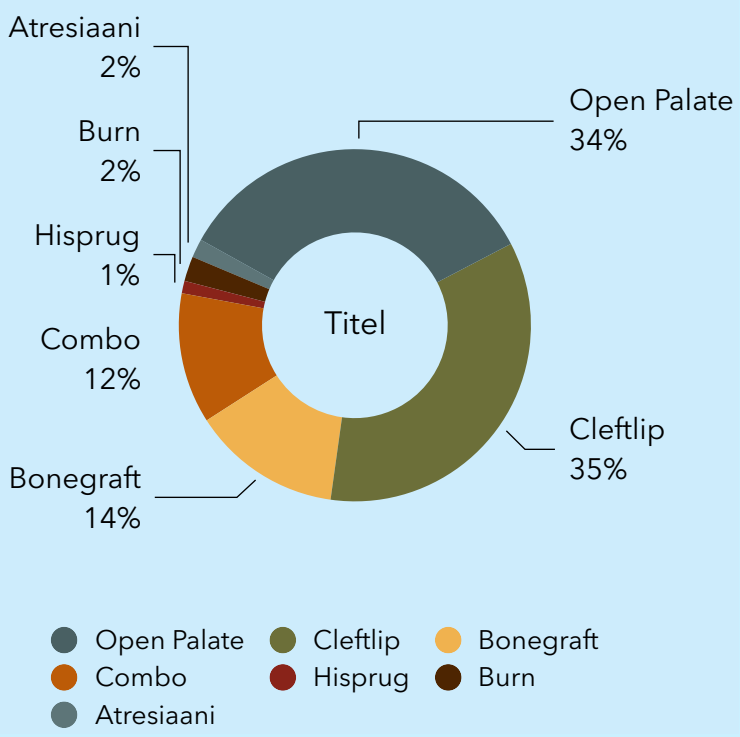


Percentage Patients 2025

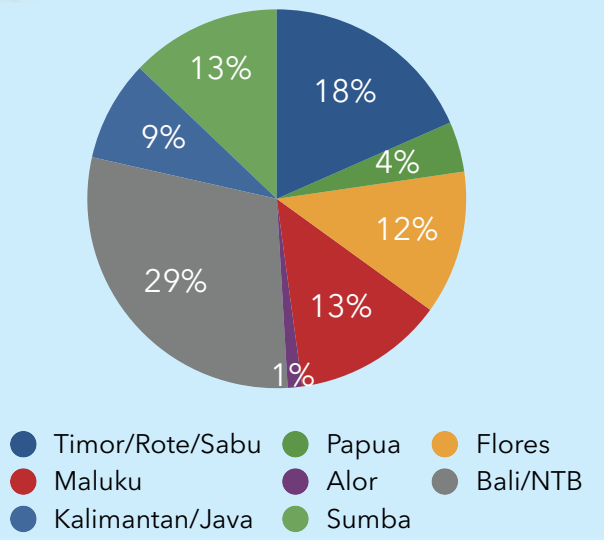


Throughout 2025, we successfully supported a total of 167 short stayers patients requiring surgical treatment, including cases of cleft lip, open palate, bone graft, and combined procedures. Among these, cleft lip surgeries accounted for the highest number of operations.

The majority of these patients were new cases, while the remaining patients required follow-up or additional surgeries, either as part of our previously provided free surgery programs or, in a smaller number of cases, patients who had previously received treatment through other organizations and later placed their trust in Kolewa to continue their medical care journey.

For long stayer patients, we generally provided accommodation and support for 4 to 7 months. However, in certain cases, patients were hosted for more than one year, depending on the severity of their condition and the presence of additional medical complications.

We have expanded our reach to support a greater number of children and adults in accessing free surgical treatment. Outreach efforts carried out by our staff and local scouts have yielded positive results, enabling us to cover a wider geographic area. Based on our summary, the percentage distribution of patients across each region can be seen in the following presentation.



Daily activities

Every day at Rumah Bicara begins quietly, with the sounds of morning routines and shared anticipation. For the children staying at the house—together with their parents or guardians—this is a place of safety and care during an often intense medical journey.

Meals are an important part of each day. Our kitchen team prepares healthy, nutritious food tailored to the needs of recovering children, helping them regain strength before and after hospital visits. For many families, this regular access to balanced meals offers both physical nourishment and peace of mind.

Personal care and attention are woven naturally into daily life at Rumah Bicara. Staff and volunteers support families with practical matters, accompany them to hospital appointments and ensure that children feel seen and comforted. Small routines—help with bathing, dressing or simply sitting together—make a big difference when medical treatments are demanding.

Equally important are moments of relaxation and play. Through drawing, games, music and simple creative activities, children are given space to be children again. These moments help ease stress, distract from hospital experiences and bring laughter back into the day. For parents and guardians, it offers a brief moment of rest and connection with others who understand their journey.

Going to the park or the beach is not part of the daily routine, but whenever circumstances allow, we try to create opportunities to be outdoors. Simple picnics outside are organised as often as possible, offering fresh air, movement and a change of scenery. On special occasions —such as Independence Day, Easter and other meaningful moments—these outings become celebrations, creating joyful memories that stand in contrast to the challenges of medical treatment.

At Rumah Bicara, healing is not only about medical care. It is about warmth, structure and human connection—creating an environment where children and their families can recover with dignity, hope and confidence as they move step by step toward a healthier future.

Kolewa outbuilding & central kitchen

In addition to our headquarters, Kolewa operates a second location next to our main building, where patients and their parents or guardians are accommodated. This outbuilding offers a safe and welcoming space where families can come together, enjoy nutritious meals and find rest after hospital visits. Thanks to the dedication of our housekeeping team and the care of our chef in the central kitchen, this location has grown into a warm and supportive environment. For many families, it truly becomes a temporary second home—one where they feel part of the Kolewa family during a challenging period in their lives.

cooking-class

At our central kitchen, we love to offer our Kolewa friends a truly hands-on experience of Indonesian culture – through food. Cooking together is one of the most joyful ways to connect, and in 2025 many visitors gladly stepped into our kitchen to discover the flavors of Indonesia from the inside out.

Together with our freelance chef, Emi, our guests began their culinary journey at the local market. Surrounded by colors, scents, and lively bargaining, they learned how to choose fresh ingredients and discovered the stories behind traditional spices and dishes. Back at the kitchen, sleeves were rolled up and laughter filled the room as everyone cooked side by side, guided by Emi's expertise and passion.

After a few inspiring hours, the group gathered around the table to enjoy a delicious lunch together with the Kolewa team – a moment of sharing, connection, and pride in what had been created. The recipes and photos were later sent by email, but the memories of that day will last far longer. For many, it was an experience that will never be forgotten.

Kolewa visitors & support

Growing Support and Recognition in Bali

In 2025, we felt deeply proud and grateful for the growing attention and support Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia received from within Bali itself. Companies, churches and community groups reached out to us in increasing numbers, offering their time, resources and encouragement. Their involvement showed us that our work is not only seen, but truly valued.

We were especially touched that several schools found their way to Kolewa. By visiting our foundation, teachers and students learned that life can be very different when a child is born with a deformity or medical condition. These encounters created moments of understanding, empathy and awareness—planting seeds of compassion in the next generation.

Throughout the year, visitors brought joy into our shelter home. They came with entertainment, warm attention, presents for the children, groceries for the kitchen and envelopes containing donations. Each visit, whether big or small, made a meaningful difference and strengthened the sense of community around Kolewa.

Looking back on 2025, we clearly noticed that the Kolewa Foundation is becoming more widely known, respected and loved. This growing recognition in Bali gives us confidence and energy to continue our mission—together, supported by a community that truly cares.

Visit from our neighborhood governmental office BPKAD Kota Denpasar.

Visitors share joy by celebrating birthdays with Kolewa kids–creating smiles, laughter, and beautiful memories.

Students from Santosa Intercultural School shared fun activities with Kolewa kids and deaf kids. Visitors from Choir Unceasing Cantica Bandung brought food packages and purchasing merchandise.

Kolewa scouting and outreach in Indonesia

Visit and pickup of Ana Maria, a baby with a cleft lip, in Timor.

Kolewa actively scouts for children in need of medical care across a wide range of Indonesian islands. As shown on the map, our outreach focuses strongly on eastern Indonesia, where access to healthcare is limited and distances are great.

In 2025, most patients came from Bali and Nusa Tenggara Barat (NTB), followed by Timor, Rote and Sabu, Sumba, Flores, and Maluku. We also reached children from Papua, Kalimantan/Java, and Alor.

Through close collaboration with village leaders, and former patient families, we are able to identify children who would otherwise remain unseen

Our local scouts are valued members of the Kolewa team and play a crucial role in reaching children and families in remote areas. They visit families in their villages, assess medical needs, and help parents navigate complex paperwork and referrals. With patience and care, they guide families step by step through the process – from the first contact to arranging travel. In many cases, they accompany children and their guardians all the way to the airport, and sometimes even personally escort them to our shelterhome in Bali.

Scout	Area
Itha	Tambolaka
Vincent (Ama)	Waingapu
Ismail, Fakar, and Nazuha	Sumbawa
Christian, Ian Paul and Bintang	Maluku

Scout	Area
Ingky	Timor
Handoyo and Moy	Rote
En	Alor
Erik	Flores
Pdt. Yusak	Kalimantan

food-support

Alongside medical care, social support has always been an essential part of Kolewa's work. In 2025, we continued to stand beside the most vulnerable families in and around Denpasar, as well as former patients living on other Indonesian islands, where poverty often remains a daily reality.

In Denpasar, we focused on people living and working at the very margins of society. For those who earn their living by collecting recyclable waste, we provided a weekly free meal throughout the year. These moments were about more than food alone—they offered dignity, connection, and a brief pause from a harsh daily routine.

Our support also reached families with newborn babies born with a cleft lip or palate. Before surgery can safely take place in Denpasar, these babies must reach a minimum healthy weight—something that is far from guaranteed in families struggling with food insecurity. By providing nutritious baby formula and supplements, we helped ensure that these infants could grow strong enough for their first, life-changing operation.

In addition, we regularly delivered food packs to families living in extreme poverty, including former Kolewa patients on remote islands who continue to need support long after their medical treatment has ended. Each package contained basic food items that help families get through difficult weeks and ease the constant worry about their next meal.

Through these social activities, Kolewa aims to look beyond medical treatment alone. By supporting nutrition, basic needs, and daily survival, we help create the conditions in which healing, recovery, and hope can truly take root.

food-support

Nasi, vegetable, egg, chicken and tempe.

waterfilters

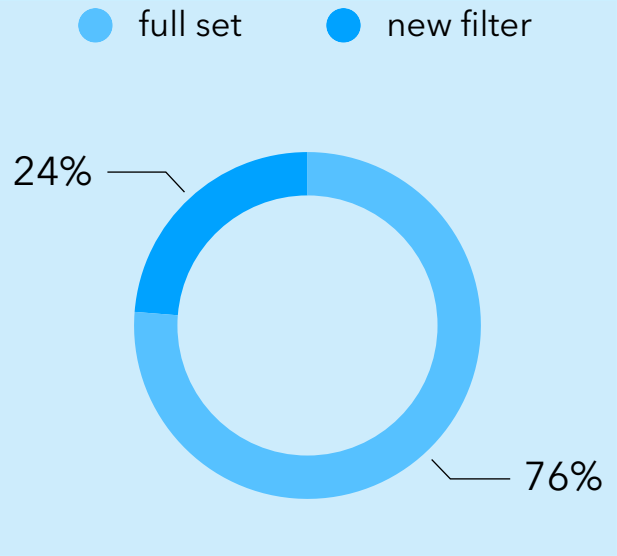
Clean Water Changes Everything

Access to clean drinking water is still far from guaranteed for many families in Indonesia. In rural and coastal areas, people often rely on river water, rainwater or shallow wells that are unsafe to drink. Bottled water is too expensive for daily use, and boiling water requires gas or firewood—resources that cost money and are not always available.

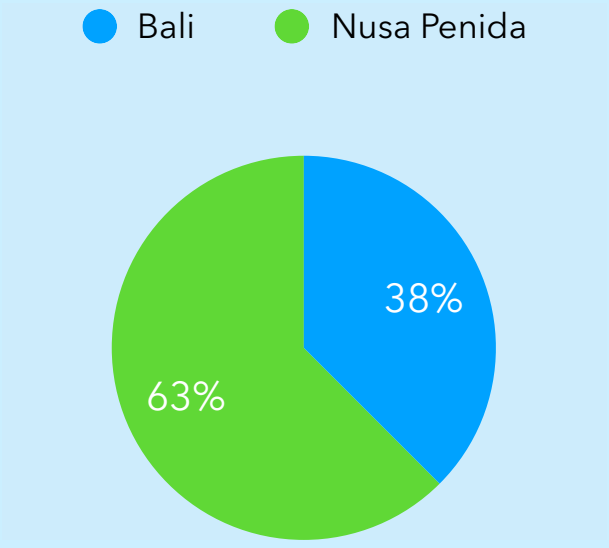
This is why Kolewa distributes water filter sets. A simple filter can make a huge difference: families gain immediate access to safe drinking water without having to boil it. This not only improves health, especially for children, but also saves money. Families no longer need to buy gas or collect firewood, reducing both household expenses and environmental pressure.

Our way of working is personal and community-based. We distribute water filters during home visits, where families receive clear instructions on use and maintenance. In addition, we organize group distributions in local banjar (village meeting places), where several households come together at the same time. These moments are also used to share knowledge about hygiene and safe water practices.The selection of families is done carefully and always in close collaboration with local partners. Our local scouts, village heads and community leaders help identify households most in need. We also receive valuable information from former Kolewa patients and their families, who know exactly where support is urgently required.

In 2025, we distributed 61water filter sets and replaced 19 worn-out filters at family homes that had received their first filter about two years earlier. These activities took place in Bali and Nusa Penida. By renewing existing filters, we ensure that families continue to have long-term access to clean and safe drinking water.



Some of our sponsors from abroad choose to join us during their holiday in Bali to help distribute water filter sets in person. Together with the Kolewa team, they hand over the filters directly to families at home or in the village. These moments are always special – filled with compassion, gratitude and shared happiness – and make the impact of clean drinking water tangible for everyone involved.



Offering a helping hand to the BLOODBANK

A reliable blood supply is vital for healthcare in Bali, yet shortages occur frequently. Hospitals depend on donated blood for emergency surgeries, childbirth complications, accident victims and children undergoing intensive medical treatments. When stocks run low, this puts enormous pressure on patients and hospitals alike. For this reason, encouraging regular blood donation is essential.

In 2025, Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia actively supported blood drives in various areas of Denpasar, helping the local blood bank reach more donors and raise awareness about the importance of giving blood consistently. During these on-location blood donation events, Kolewa provided healthy meals for donors. This support proved valuable in several ways. Donating blood can cause temporary side effects such as dizziness or fatigue; a nutritious meal helps replenish energy levels, stabilize blood sugar and supports a quicker recovery. Just as importantly, offering food is a tangible way to show appreciation for donors' time and generosity, creating a warm, positive and caring atmosphere around the donation process. By supporting these blood drives, Kolewa not only helped the blood bank logistically, but also contributed to a culture of solidarity and care. Together, we encourage more people to donate blood regularly—because every donation can save lives, often when it matters most.

Kolewa We give silence a voice

In 2025, Kolewa opened again their doors for a group of 75 deaf and hard-of-hearing children on Bali—children who too often grew up in isolation, with limited opportunities to communicate, make friends or fully participate in society. By joining our program, these children were able to step out of their small, quiet worlds and discover the power of connection through sign language.

Communication lies at the heart of inclusion. All members of the Kolewa team are officially trained in sign language and are fully capable of "speaking with their hands." This shared language created a safe and welcoming environment in which children could express themselves freely, be understood, and truly belong. For many, it was the first time they could communicate effortlessly with adults and peers outside their own family.

Every weekend, our focus was on this group of children in Denpasar and Karangasem. Through group activities, play, learning moments and shared experiences, friendships are still growing. Laughter replaced silence, and confidence visibly increased as children realised they were no longer alone.

In addition to the weekend program, 21 of these children participated during the week in Kolewa's school project, where they received structured education in an environment fully adapted to their needs. Here, sign language is not an exception, but the norm—giving children the tools they need to learn, develop and look toward the future with confidence.

By offering access to communication, education and friendship, Kolewa helps deaf and hard-of-hearing children break free from isolation. Together, we are building a community in which silence no longer limits opportunity—and every child is seen, heard and valued.

Hearingtest, hearing-aid & maintenance

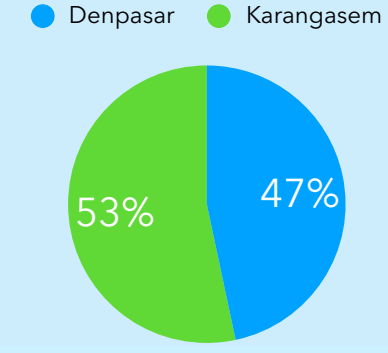
Collaboration with Lumina Hearing Centre: A key partner in our work for deaf and hard-of-hearing children in 2025

In close collaboration with their professional team, children referred by Kolewa receive thorough hearing tests to assess their level of hearing loss. For those who can benefit, hearing aids are carefully selected and individually adjusted to each child's needs. This precise fitting is essential to ensure the best possible outcome and to support the child's ability to communicate, learn, and connect with others. Through this partnership, we are able to give children not only access to technology, but also to new opportunities and a stronger voice in daily life. Thanks to Kolewa friends from the Netherlands, we received many high-quality hearing devices—especially suitable for children—which greatly support this program and help us keep costs manageable. Through this combined effort, we are able to offer effective and sustainable hearing support to more children.

Speechtherapy & signlanguage class

To support learning beyond the classroom, our deaf and hard-of-hearing children receive special booklets to practice sign language at home. These booklets help them repeat and remember the signs they learned during our classes on Saturdays and Sundays, strengthening their communication skills and confidence step by step.

35 kids from Denpasar
40 kids from Karangasem



Kolewa Schoolproject

Of the total group of deaf and hard-of-hearing children we support, 21 children attended special education school in Denpasar on a daily basis. For the children living in Karangasem, Kolewa arranges daily transportation with our school bus, driven by Komang. This ensures that distance is never a barrier to education and that every child can reach school safely and consistently.

Neni

Perdiawan

Kurniawan

At the beginning of 2025, we welcomed one new child, Gede Surya, into our School Project Program. During the same period, Kurniawan, Neni, and Perdiawan made the difficult decision to stop their education in order to seek employment and support their daily living needs.

To ensure the continuity and impact of the program, we were grateful to include three additional children: Gita, Dwika, and Keysha. Gede Surya, Gita, and Dwika are currently enrolled at Sushrusa School and actively participate in weekend sign language and speech therapy sessions at Rumah Bicara. Due to financial constraints, their families are unable to fully cover the required school fees, making Kolewa's support essential.

Keysha, the youngest and most recent addition to the program, has just begun her educational journey and shows strong motivation and enthusiasm to participate in both speech therapy and sign language sessions.

Gede Surya

Dwika

Gita

Keysha

Kolewa Familygathering

Preparations in advance at our Kolewa office.

In November 2025, the Kolewa team traveled to Kupang, Timor, for our annual Family Gathering. This special weekend event is organized to reconnect with former patients from Timor and the surrounding islands, to check on their wellbeing, and to bring children and parents together once again. It is also an important moment to share information on medical follow-up, nutrition, hygiene, and available support.

A total of 38 former patients attended the gathering, accompanied by their parents or guardians. The event was made even more meaningful by the presence of a delegation from Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua, Dutch board member Koos van Alphen, and plastic surgeon Dr. Yulan. During the weekend, Dr. Yulan carefully examined all children to assess their progress and determine whether additional treatment or follow-up care in Bali would be needed.

The Family Gathering remains a powerful moment of connection, reassurance, and trust – strengthening the bond between families, medical professionals, partners, and the Kolewa team, and reminding everyone that care does not end after surgery.

Welcoming all guests and participants with a warm and joyful Traditional Timor dance, an expression of local culture, respect, and heartfelt hospitality.

The ceremonial draping of the traditional NTT shawl.

Chair of Kolewa, Ibu Ana, officially opening the Family Gathering.

Presentation from BPJS Kesehatan Kupang sharing important information and insights on healthcare services for families.

Each child received a certificate of attendance, and some continued their journey with Kolewa to Bali for further surgery.

Dr. Yulan, plastic surgeon in Bali at Dharma Yadnya Hospital.

Time to go home again.

Kolewa was seen in 2025!

Being visible and transparent has always been an essential part of our work. In 2025, sharing our daily activities online proved more important than ever. Through social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, friends, donors, and supporters were able to follow our journey almost in real time – from hospital visits and outreach trips to moments of recovery, play, and celebration at Rumah Bicara.

By showing our work openly, we not only keep our community informed, but we also build trust and connection. Families and supporters from all over the world can see how their contributions directly impact the lives of children and their caregivers.

Our online presence also helps people who travel to Bali with the intention of visiting or supporting a charitable organization. Many of them find Kolewa through our website, which serves as a clear and welcoming gateway to who we are and what we do. In addition, our fundraising campaigns are brought to life through short videos and stories shared on YouTube, allowing us to visually illustrate our mission, our progress, and the people behind the work.

Through these channels, we turn distance into closeness and involvement into shared responsibility – making our community larger, stronger, and more connected every day.

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Website & social media

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Facebook in English

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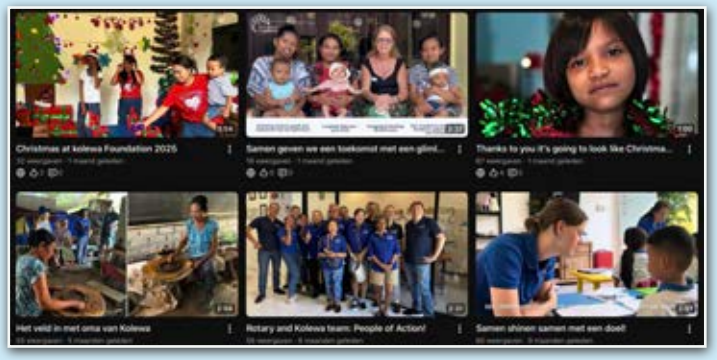


YouTube Chanel : Kolewa Foundation

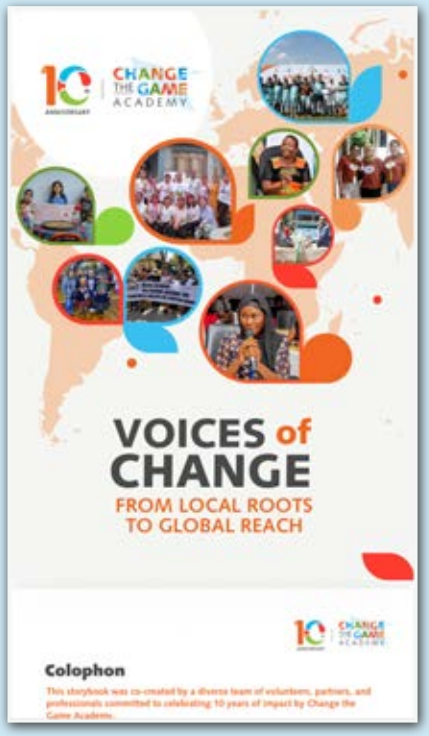
We are very proud that in 2025, **4859** Kolewa friends followed our updates and news through Facebook. This growing community allowed supporters to stay closely connected with our daily work and progress.

Our online presence not only keeps existing supporters informed, but also inspires new connections. Foreign visitors were encouraged to visit us during their holiday in Bali, Balinese communities found their way to support or visit our foundation, and many people explored our website to learn more about our ongoing projects. The continued growth of our followers shows how social media helps bring people closer to Kolewa and strengthens the network around our mission.

Publicity

Being noticed by the press is another valuable way to reach a wider audience. In 2025, we actively sought media attention to further amplify our message and share the impact of our work. This resulted in a special highlight: Kolewa was featured on the front page of the Gamechangers booklet published by the Change the Game Academy.

This recognition not only increased our visibility, but also affirmed the importance of our approach – placing children, families, and communities at the heart of everything we do. Media exposure like this helps us inspire others, strengthen our network, and continue building sustainable support for our mission.



Kolewa local fundraising

Selling merchandise at Sakala Beach Club

Bali Team Building donated bicycles to support deaf children.

Acro Yoga Festival in Ubud, hosted by our former volunteer Laura and her fiancé, in support of a child with cleft lip.

Selling ACK coupons at the Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua lunch meeting.

Bali Dental 911 participated through purchase of 51 coupons.

Selling merchandise at the Twilight Market at Mercure Hotel Kuta.

Fried chicken for deaf kids from a generous sponsor.

Kolewa closing the year in a special way

The final weeks of the year are always special at Kolewa, and 2025 was no exception. December brought moments of joy, gratitude and togetherness that perfectly reflected the spirit of our work.

Our deaf and hard-of-hearing children were invited by Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua to take part in a large and festive Christmas celebration. For many of them, it was an unforgettable experience: being seen, included and celebrated, surrounded by music, laughter and friendship in a setting where communication in sign language came naturally with the help of our team.

A very important milestone followed shortly after. In 2025, Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia received official recognition from the Indonesian Ministry of Social Affairs (Kementerian Sosial RI) as a Lembaga Kesejahteraan Sosial (LKS). This recognition confirms that our organisation demonstrably meets the legal standards as set out in Permensos No. 17/2012. It is a meaningful acknowledgement of the professionalism, transparency and care with which our team carries out its work every single day.

At Rumah Bicara, we closed the year with a warm and joyful Christmas celebration. Patients, parents, deaf children and team members came together to share food, stories and laughter. For a moment, medical appointments and worries faded into the background, making space for connection and comfort.

Thanks to a generous donation from our Dutch Kolewa friends Jan & Yvonne Soplanit, the team enjoyed a relaxed pizza evening on the very last day of the year – a simple but heartfelt way to end 2025 together.

As a final gesture of appreciation, the board expressed its gratitude to all staff members by awarding a year-end bonus, acknowledging their dedication, hard work and compassion throughout the year. These moments remind us that Kolewa is more than an organisation. It is a community – one that celebrates milestones, cares deeply for one another and closes each year with gratitude and hope for what lies ahead.

Kolewa warm greetings from our founder Syta Plantinga

As I look back on 2025, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude. It has been a beautiful and meaningful year, made possible by the unwavering support of funds, donors and partners. Together, we were able to support many children in Indonesia on their journey toward better health and a brighter future. Each child we reached stands for hope, new possibilities and a smile that truly makes a lasting difference.

I feel immense pride when I think of our team in Indonesia. Their compassion, professionalism and perseverance are the foundation of everything we do. Day after day, they care for children and families with dedication and heart. I am equally thankful for the volunteers and ambassadors in the Netherlands, who continue to stand beside us with enthusiasm and commitment, helping to carry the story and mission of Kolewa far beyond our borders.

This work would not be possible without support on many levels. On a personal note, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my husband Peter, whose support means more to me than words can say. He generously shares not only his time and energy with Kolewa, but also shares me—understanding the commitment this work requires. His patience, encouragement and unwavering belief in this mission give me the space and strength to continue.

With confidence and hope, I look ahead to 2026. Together—with our teams in Indonesia and the Netherlands, our partners, donors and supporters—I believe we will continue to grow, to learn and to support even more children and families. Step by step, hand in hand, we will keep building a future with a smile.

Syta Plantinga,

founder of Yayasan Kolewa Harapan Indonesia

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We Are looking forward to welcome you soon

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