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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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### Translation note:

*latihan*: exercise or practice  
*kejiwaan*: spiritual  
*dewan*: council or team

# ABOUT SUBUD

Following the spread of Subud to the West in 1957, Bapak traveled around the world many times, giving talks and explanations about this path.



Bapak, circa 1985  
Photo by Virginia Duveen and  
donated to the WSA Archives

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, was born in Indonesia in 1901 and died in 1987. Bapak (father), as he was affectionately known, spontaneously received his first experience of a spiritual practice (commonly referred to as the *latihan kejiwaan* of Subud) in 1925. Eventually, he understood that the *latihan kejiwaan* was not just meant for himself alone.

Following the spread of Subud to the West in 1957, Bapak traveled around the world many times, giving talks and explanations about this path.

Through this practice, each person may discover his/her own inner nature, potential, talent, and guidance in life, in accordance with his/her unique capacity and commitment.

Subud encourages the expression of an individual's qualities and talents, through the form of cultural expressions, enterprises, education, healthcare, and the support for those in need.

The international Subud organization exists to serve the member countries and to facilitate the development of Subud and its expression in the world. It organizes gatherings, disseminates talks by Bapak and Ibu Siti Rahayu, supports the acquisition of Subud premises, helper visits, publications, web sites, and access to and support for networks of Subud members.

WSA Chair:  
Nahum Harlap

Dear All,  
2023 has been a year that saw a lot of work done.

The year started with the first WSC meeting in person since 2019, and took place in Rungan Sari, allowing your Council to have a close look at the facilities available for the World Congress.

The organization of the World Congress was a major topic for the year; concerns about the likelihood of getting a license to convene it just before the Indonesian elections led to a decision to postpone the World Congress. It took most of the year for the WSA Executive (ISC) to feel comfortable enough in their progress with the authorities to finalize the date.

The World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT) has done a great job of devising a schedule balancing the needs of the participants, and the Council made its decision in mid-October to approve the preliminary schedule and how we would use of both Palangka Raya and Rungan Sari at the World Congress.

Another huge achievement was finalizing the plans for the permanent archives facility in Canberra, Australia, securing financing for the project and the building permits. The facility is being built now, and we hope it is complete before the World Congress.

We have also updated the Bylaws of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF), which, like the archives facility, was a task that required a lot of time to complete.

In that, the curse of COVID became a blessing, giving us the additional time needed to be able to do what otherwise is hard to achieve in four years.

There are still a few minor loose ends that we hope to complete before the World Congress, and we hope to be in a position to pass to our successors a clean table.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the World Congress. To those of you who are unable to get to the World Congress and who, therefore, I shall not be able to thank in person: I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for trusting me with the role of WSA Chair - it has been an unbelievable blessing and an amazing opportunity to grow and develop.

Yours,  
Nahum

# MESSAGE FROM THE WSA CHAIR

# 1 | WSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

## WSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo,  
WSA Executive Chair

Hannah Baerveldt,  
WSA Treasurer

Pudji Wahjuni Purbo,  
WSA Secretary

Elwyn Waugh,  
WSA Accountant

The WSA Executive Committee works closely with and supports the work of the World Subud Council (WSC), which is comprised of the WSA Chair, Zone Representatives (Board of Directors), International Helpers, and the Chairs of MSF, SDIA and SICA.

The Committee is responsible for the administration and day-to-day management of the organization, including finances, and manages and coordinates a range of services for the benefit of members, such as Translations, ICT and the WSA Care Support Program. The Committee also facilitates and oversees various working parties and sub-committees and is responsible for arranging the next World Congress in coordination with the World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT).



WSC meeting, Rungan Sari, Kalimantan, February 2023

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### WSC meeting, Rungan Sari, Kalimantan, February 6-14

The 2023 WSC meeting was the first in-person WSC meeting since the 2019 meeting in Cilandak, Jakarta. In attendance were:

- 15 International Helpers
- Seven (out of eight) Zone Representatives
- Three MSF Trustees
- Three SDIA board Members and the Executive Director
- SICA Chair
- One of the SESI Co-Chairs
- SIHA International Coordinator and one SIHA representative

- One SYAI Representative and four SYAI members
- Five WSA team members
- Observers from Australia, Germany, Indonesia, Spain and New Zealand

Meetings and *kejiwaan* sessions took place at the Muhammad Subuh Center and lasted for nine days.

The meeting agenda and topics discussed were mostly focused on strengthening relationships across the international Subud organization, and involved *kejiwaan* sessions with *latihan*, testing and sharing among the council members.

One key topic that was discussed extensively was the 2024 World Congress including logistics and the content of the congress.

The key outcomes of the WSC meetings and *kejiwaan* sessions were:

- Strengthening the relationship between the international Subud organizations, and between the organization and the members, by enhancing communications, information sharing, working together on projects, and working towards a more harmonious relationship.
- Awareness of the growth of the membership and regeneration of committees in Subud around the world.
- World congress discussions with Subud Rungan Sari, Subud Palangka Raya, and the Wings, and creating a program for 'one congress' (and not competing congresses).

### WSC periodical meetings

Two WSC meetings were held in July and October via Zoom, and attended by the full council including International Helpers, Zone Representatives, international Subud organizations and WSA sub-committee representatives. The sessions were broadcast live via YouTube for members to observe.

The meeting in July was held over two days. The first day was dedicated to reporting by the council members. The second day was focused on World Congress. The International Helpers proposed questions for testing at the start of the meeting about the purpose of World Congress.

The meeting discussed proposals received to date by member countries, and the World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT) provided an update on its activities related to congress facilities and logistics, and the challenges associated with obtaining regional and national permits for a large international gathering during an election year. After discussion and assessment of the conditions and options, the WSC decided that the World Congress will not take place in January 2024. It was agreed to review the situation following advice from the WCOT on the permit situation in October.

In advance of the October WSC meeting, the WCOT prepared a range of scenarios for the congress program and venue, which included different options for the number of days to be spent in Palangka Raya and Rungan Sari. The Zone Representatives consulted with their member countries in advance and presented their feedback at the meeting. Following discussion, consensus was reached by council members for the congress planning to be based on seven days in Palangka Raya, and four days in Rungan Sari. The WCOT confirmed that July 2024 was viable for the World Congress, and that preparations were underway on that basis.

# WSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Continued)

## WSA Board of Directors meetings

The Board of Directors met via Zoom in January, March, September, November and December. Key topics discussed included:

- World Congress – dates, member proposals, program
- MSF - bylaws amendment and trustee selection process
- WSA Archives Canberra project – fundraising and progress
- Financials – approval of 2022 accounts and 2023/24 budget
- Ex-BSB land sale, Wisma Subud Cilandak

## Coordination with MSF

The WSA and MSF formed:

- A joint team for the selection of new MSF Trustees.
- A joint working party to draft the MOU between the two organizations.

## WSA Archives

Following the WSC’s approval of the concept plan for the purpose-built archive facility in Canberra at the WSC meeting in Rungan Sari, the WSA Executive, supported by the WSA Archives sub-committee led fundraising activities for the remaining 30% of the funds required for the project. This was successfully achieved by year end through

donations by individual Subud members as well as Subud groups, national organizations and Zones.

## History of Subud project

Following the passing of Harlinah Longcroft in 2022, a new team was assembled to carry on with the important work started by Halinah in 1983. The new WSA History of Subud team consists of Amalijah Thompson, Ridwan Lowther, Sandra Creemers and Rashidah Pope. They are working on revising, adapting, and publishing Volumes 1, 2 and 3 by July 2024, if not before.

After this aspect of the project is complete, a shorter “Concise History of Subud” covering 1901 – 2024 will be written and available to the public.

## White Book – Guidelines for the Subud Organization

The White Book team have continued to refine the current draft, which was reviewed and commented on by Council members over the course of the year. Bapak’s and Ibu’s quotes were re-checked and the Spanish translation was completed in readiness for further review and comment. The team will prepare the final draft for presentation to Congress in 2024.

## Other activities

The Executive Committee’s activities also included:

- Supporting the preparation of the construction phase contractual agreement between WSA and

Subud Canberra. The agreement was signed by both parties on 6 April 2023.

- Preparation for the sale of the ex-BSB land in Wisma Subud, Cilandak, a property owned by Yayasan Subud and held on behalf of the WSA. Land plots were offered for sale to Subud members in December.
- Coordination of the WSA Care Support Program: the WSC agreed that the emergency funds available through the Program is to be based solely on member donations, with an annual fundraiser undertaken in cooperation with SDIA. In 2023, approximately USD 12,000 was raised. A total of USD 3,373 was spent, covering emergency funds for Zone 6 and Zone 8 Subud members.
- The WSA Executive Chair and WSA Treasurer both attended the Subud Indonesia National Congress in Surabaya in February 2023.
- The WSA Executive Chair attended the Subud USA National Congress in September 2023, and presented an update on World Congress, and participated in the global Subud Archive meeting held at the Amani Center.
- The WSA Executive Committee organized a listening call with Subud Spain, Subud Australia, and Subud Britain, on their World Congress proposals relating to WSA bylaws changes.

## PREPARING FOR WORLD CONGRESS A COLLABORATIVE ENDEAVOR



The WCOT and WSA Executive met frequently with local and regional authorities, local members, and the WSC during 2023 in preparation for the World Congress in Kalimantan

The preparation for the World Congress in Kalimantan has certainly faced unprecedented challenges – first, a global pandemic, and then the complications of organizing an international gathering during an election year.

So, we were delighted to be able to announce in October the congress dates in July 2024.

During the year, we cooperated closely with the local government and local and regional police to complete site risk assessments and surveys as part of the safety and security assessments required for international event permits, and feedback received was positive.

The WSA Executive and WCOT regularly visited Palangka Raya and held sharing sessions with local Subud members in Central Kalimantan. These sessions aim to inclusively involve all aspects and layers of Subud members in Indonesia, ensuring they stay informed about the progress and development of the World Congress organization. Simultaneously, the sessions gathered local feedback to determine what arrangements are ideal and suitable for the event locally.

The WCOT and WSA Executive also worked closely with the WSC to define the best way to host the World Congress in Kalimantan.

After many discussions, meetings, and *kejiwaan* sessions, with the aim of being as inclusive and democratic as possible, we agreed on a combination

of seven days in Palangka Raya the city center and four days in Rungan Sari (our Subud development).

We believe this option balances the hopes, needs, and wishes of members for *kejiwaan* experiences, official delegate working parties, the Wings program, indoor and outdoor activities, all within a framework that is safe, practical and cost efficient.

In the spirit of “One Congress” as the International Helpers have been advising all along, we realize that the most important intention of the congress is to create an inner state and connection between us all, in which we can worship Almighty God, and follow the guidance of the *latihan*, working together in harmony and with respect – regardless of the external circumstances.

# 2 | ZONE ACTIVITIES

Subud in the World: total numbers



9,400+  
members



290+  
groups



54  
member  
countries

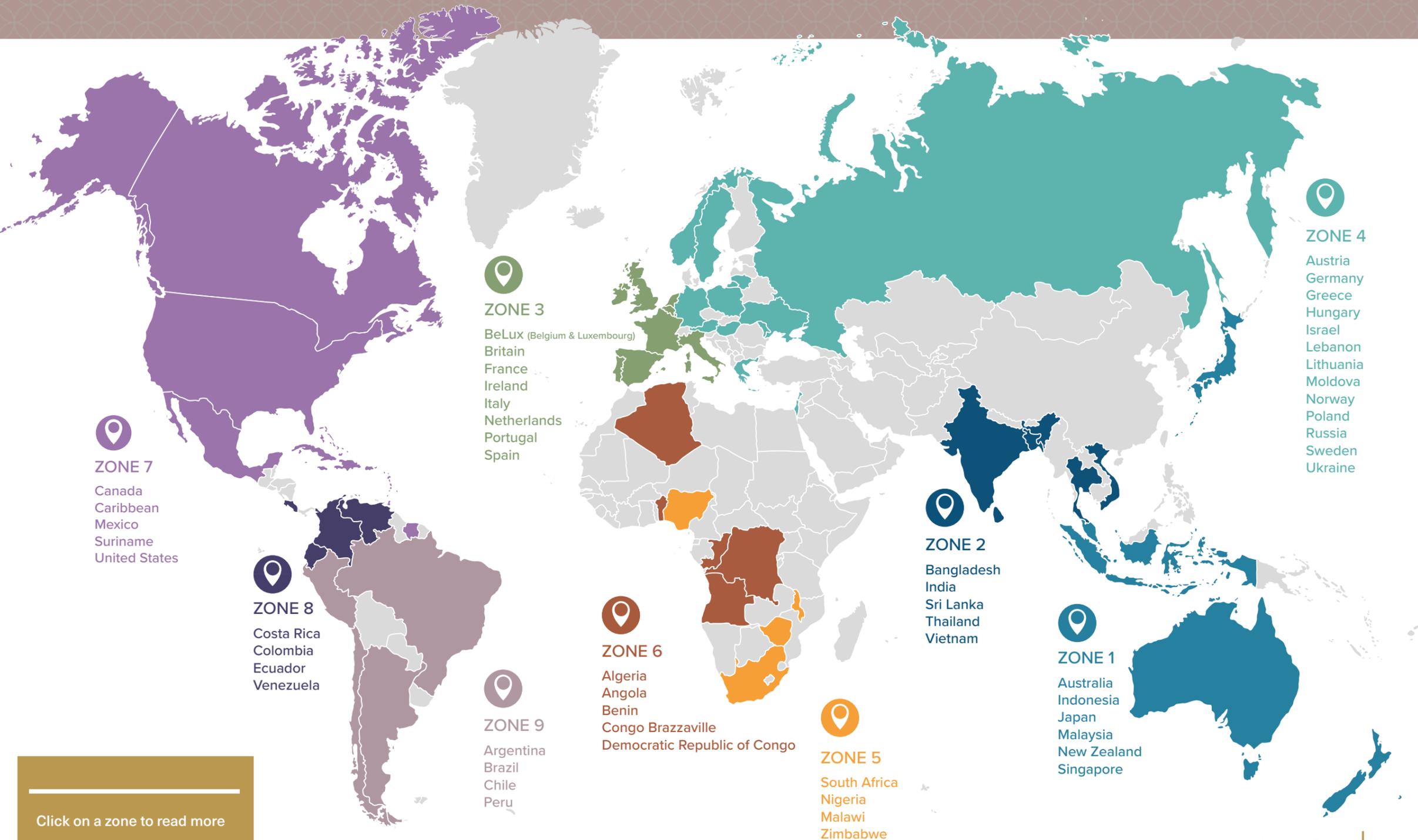
## OVERVIEW

For organizational purposes, the World Subud Association (WSA) is divided into nine zones.

To coordinate the work of the WSA, each zone has a representative who sits on the World Subud Council (WSC) to represent their countries and zone council between world congresses.

Each zone council is made up of four delegates from every member country in the zone - the chairperson, the committee councilor, and a male and female kejiwaan councilor. The zonal representative is chosen by the country delegates.

The work of the zone councils is important because the participation of each country delegate is necessary to ensure the democratic running of the WSA.



Click on a zone to read more



## ZONE 1 & 2

### Asia and Australasia



4,000+ members



11 member countries



84 groups



48 Subud-owned houses



Zone Representative:  
Muchtar Rawlings

#### Membership overview

Zone 1 & 2 is a diverse group of countries spread throughout Asia and Australia / New Zealand.

Australia, Japan, and New Zealand have well established national organizations, with Indonesia having the largest membership and many active youths. Smaller countries such as Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have a dedicated membership. Thailand and Singapore are now very small groups. Despite the best efforts of the WSA and International Helpers, India has now divided into two separate organizations, with neither group representing Subud India.

While there is a great diversity of cultures, membership activity and issues, all countries have a sense of shared identity and awareness as members of Zone 1 & 2.

#### Communication and activities

Subud Australia had its first in-person National Congress since Covid, which was held in Perth in January. There were 160 attendees including International Helpers and other guests. A new National Chair and other office holders were appointed. Indonesia had its National Congress in Surabaya in February, which was well

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attended. Japan also had its first in-person National Congress since Covid in May at Subud Japan's Sakado center, near Tokyo. The members in Vietnam gathered for the Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebration.

The main event for 2023 was the Zone 1 & 2 meeting held at Rungan Sari on 18 February, just after the conclusion of the WSC meeting. While the meeting was small, country delegates from Australia, Indonesia and New Zealand attended in person, and delegates from India and Japan also observed via Zoom. This was the first in-person Zone meeting after Covid, and the main result was simply a chance to reconnect in person. Also in attendance were the Area 1 International Helpers, some WSA team members, and representatives from the Wings and MSF, who all gave presentations.

Aside from these meetings, contact was maintained via emails and WhatsApp. English is generally the

main language of communication and there are members who can translate if necessary.

#### Wings activities, enterprises and centerprises

Subud properties in Australia and New Zealand are rented out to provide income. Within New Zealand a notable example is the Auckland group, and the Christchurch group has increased activity in renting out its *latihan* halls. Christchurch also finalized plans to rebuild a new Subud House, which will better suit the needs of the group including possible rental activity for functions.

The main country donors to the WSA are Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. Within Indonesia, the Sekolah Cita Buana school in Jakarta makes a significant annual enterprise donation. Sri Lanka is generous considering its small size. There is a range of wings activity involving many members in Australia and Indonesia in particular.

## ZONING IN ... INDONESIA



Attendees at congress opening ceremony, Surabaya, February 2023. Photo courtesy of the congress committee

## SUBUD INDONESIA'S 30<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS

Subud Indonesia held its 30th National Congress in Surabaya, February 3-5 2023 after being delayed for two years due the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was attended by almost 600 members, an unexpected number of participants. Besides Indonesian members, also present was the WSA Chair, WSC officers, International Helpers, and Subud members from abroad as observers. Local government and ministry representatives were present for the opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony started with a dance, 'Joged Suroboyo' (Surabaya dance), which reflected the happiness and harmony among Surabaya people although they have different backgrounds. This also represented the Congress theme, 'Build the brotherhood for the development of the nation'.

The event followed with the 76th Subud Indonesia anniversary celebration with a yellow rice mountain - the *tumpang*. It was brought to the ballroom by four young people as is Javanese custom. Ibu Ismana and Ibu Yati represented Bapak's family and cut the *tumpang*.

During the congress, there was a photo exhibition of Bapak Subuh's journey. M. Ridwan was elected as the Subud Indonesian chairman for the fifth consecutive term, and delegates agreed the next Congress location as Semarang, Central Java.

*Based on a report by Subud Indonesia's National Committee*



## ZONE 3

### Western Europe

 1,400 + members

 8 member countries

 50 groups

 22 Subud-owned houses



Zone Representative:  
Hannah de Roo

#### Membership overview

While Britain, Ireland, France, and Italy continued with their standing representatives, BeLux (Belgium and Luxembourg), the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain appointed new national committees this year, with Kejiwaan Councilor's being replaced in several countries as well. In some places this led to new enthusiasm and fresh energy. In other countries it seems hard to fill organizational positions.

The main topics that delegates report on are internal relationships (the importance of *kejiwaan* support), how to keep the members engaged, and ongoing issues with property management. Preparations for World Congress were frequently discussed. The passing of older members is sometimes balanced by new openings, but not as much as we would hope for.

#### Communication and activities

All countries organized successful national congresses/meetings, while Britain also held their most appreciated 'all helpers weekends'.

Subud Britain submitted a bid to host the 17th World Congress in Glasgow, Scotland. A team of 11 members worked on getting the details in place.

Britain and Spain presented several proposals for World Congress resolutions, which were discussed during Zone Council meetings on Zoom, and at the in-person Zone 3 meeting in Perth, Scotland in September.

Zonal communication is through the digital magazine *Projects & Properties*, as well as forwarding relevant news and information by email. Most countries communicate internally through national newsletters, email and / or WhatsApp groups.

Thanks to a healthy financial situation, the Zone was able to substantially donate to the international archives facility project in Canberra (Australia). Delegates and youth were also sponsored to attend the Zone 3 meeting in Scotland.

#### Wings activities, enterprises and centerprises

On the national level wing activities seem very limited, although events like the British congress and the zonal meeting in Perth included wing and project related presentations and discussions.

A few enterprises are financially supporting Subud in various ways.

#### Internal relationships, member engagement, property management, and World Congress preparations were key topics for Zone 3 Council members this year.

Strong Susila Dharma projects like Roda Viva (Portugal) and Enthum House (Britain) continue to develop. The Amaranthe eco-village project (France) is still in progress.

In Britain, the Lewes group purchased the Lewes New School after selling their property. The Hague Subud house in the Netherlands was also sold, and the group is looking for alternatives. Some Subud houses can balance their expenses with generating income through rental activities, but in many cases this is challenging.

## ZONE 4

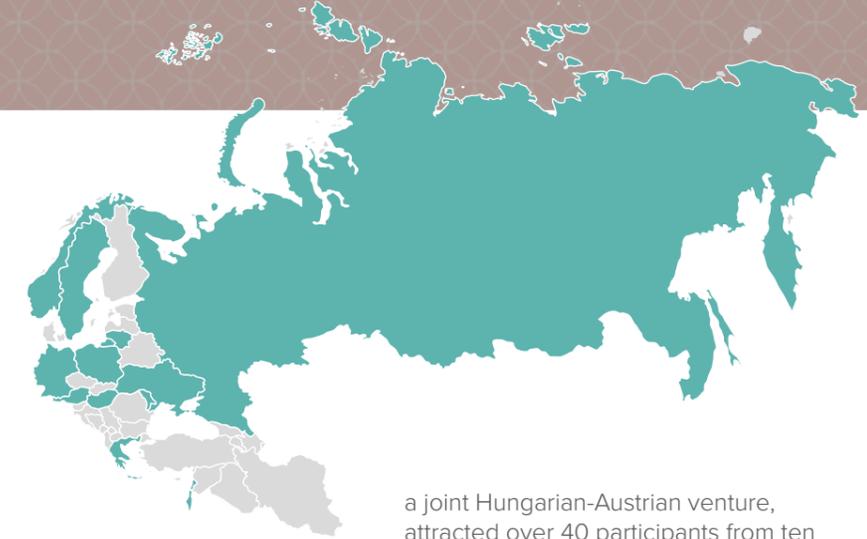
### Central and Eastern Europe

 1,000 + members

 13 member countries

 42 groups

 8 Subud-owned houses



Zone Representative:  
Salama Gielge

#### The wars that are heavily affecting four countries in the Zone were present as an issue at all our meetings and email exchanges.

#### Membership overview

After a massive decline during Covid, the number of active members (currently 580) is slowly recovering. Openings are generally rare, except in Russia, Hungary and Israel.

Regular group *latihan* is held in ten countries. Germany, Norway (to meet aged members' needs) and Ukraine (because of war situation) additionally offer simultaneous *latihan* and Zoom meetings. Lebanon, Poland, and Sweden rarely have group *latihan*, but keep in touch via Zoom and with regular simultaneous *latihan*.

Local and national *kejiwaan* meetings are held periodically and are experienced as important. Monthly meetings combining *latihan*, socializing, workshops on chosen topics, small social projects, and meetings open to non-members, are well attended.

#### Communication and activities

The Zone Council held eight zoom meetings and discussed international topics (mainly preparation for the World Congress) and shared about group life and each country's situation.

The wars that are heavily affecting four countries in the Zone were present as an issue in all our meetings and email exchanges. Simultaneous distance *latihan* and small meetings with the groups affected were held, supported by the International Helpers and Kejiwaan Councilors.

The Zone 4 meeting was postponed to March 2024 (which was attended by over 110 participants). Three informal meetings 'filled the gap' in 2023. In July, Subud Greece hosted a seaside holiday in Crete, which was enjoyed by 58 participants from 16 countries, and a Subud camp in central Poland was attended by nine participants from three countries. In October, a Zone 4 *kejiwaan* meeting in Budapest, organized as

a joint Hungarian-Austrian venture, attracted over 40 participants from ten countries. Following the participants' wish, it is planned to hold such meetings annually.

#### Wings activities, enterprises and centerprises

Since Covid, the five countries who own Subud houses (Germany, Ukraine, Greece, Hungary and Norway) are struggling to build up sustainable centerprises.

There are several local enterprises in Austria, Germany and Israel that are owned by and employ Subud members. The Zone 3/4-wide enterprise, E-Lango, is slowly growing, and watched with interest and hope.

Susila Dharma is active in Germany and Norway; members in Greece and Israel organize charity projects. SIHA is active in Germany, and also offers international SIHA events on Zoom and in person. A Youth dance weekend was held in Wolfsburg (Germany) and will be repeated in 2024. SICA Zoom meetings are attended by country representatives.

## ZONING IN ... HUNGARY



### KEJIWAAN MEETING IN BUDAPEST

At the 2022 zonal meeting in Assisi, the idea of meeting in Hungary was born; Subud Austria offered Subud Hungary full organizational support. Austria and Hungary are neighbors, but not only that; it is more of a romantic relationship, rather intensified by the fact that we don't always understand what the other side does or means.

The 2023 Zone 4 meeting was postponed, so instead we had an Austro-Hungarian *kejiwaan* meeting in October.

The Budapest group found a nice and inexpensive hotel and Subud Austria managed the booking and payments. Hungary and Austria's *Kejiwaan* Councilors were responsible for the *kejiwaan* aspect.

This friendly and efficient cooperation was continued a few months later in the preparation of the 2024 Zone meeting in Austria.

There were at least 48 participants, and it attracted guests from as far as Germany, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine, Indonesia and even South Africa.

We met for *kejiwaan* and for socializing in the spacious Subud house (with lots of nice Hungarian food provided). The *latihan* together, the "coffee break chats", the meaningful testing and sharing – gave us a feeling of sharing a pilgrimage path together.

Sharif Horthy shared with us insights from his translation work of Bapak's talks, and an appeal from Tuti to all of us to ceaselessly pray for peace in the world.

Budapest gave us a very warm welcome, both socially and weather-wise. Our Hungarian brothers and sisters also gave us a beautiful guided tour.

Hannes Gielge, Subud Austria Chair said, "Although I have known Budapest for 50 years, this visit was a new experience: the atmosphere was light and cheerful, with many young people on the streets, English and French spoken not only by obvious tourists. We got along surprisingly well without knowing Hungarian. Nevertheless: *köszönöm szépen, a viszontlátásra!* (Thank you very much, goodbye!)"

*Based on the reports of Subud Austria Chair, Hannes Gielge, and Zone 4 Representative, Salama Gielge.*

## ZONE 5

### Africa (English-speaking)

 130 members

 4 member countries

 7 groups

 2 Subud-owned houses



Zone Representative:  
Lutfiya Murray

#### Membership overview

Since the last World Congress membership has declined partly due to Covid and members who have passed away. Some members still prefer doing *latihan* remotely due to age and distances between groups.

However, membership is slowly increasing and there are regular group *latihans*. There were many openings in Malawi and there are now a few candidates in Nigeria and South Africa.

#### Communication and activities

Africa has always difficulty with communication due to the costs of internet and other factors.

The *latihans* are good and the members listen to Bapak's Talks and are happy to receive books and recordings of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's Talks. There are simultaneous *latihans* for those members in remote areas. Many remain in touch with the membership via WhatsApp and Zoom.

The planned in-person Zone 5 meeting had to be canceled. Hopefully there will be enough country members to get together at the World Congress.

Membership is slowly increasing and there are regular group *latihans*. There were many openings in Malawi and there are now a few candidates in Nigeria and South Africa.

The International Helpers were hoping to travel to Nigeria, but due to Covid and the insecurity in that country their trip was canceled. However, the International Helpers will travel in April 2024 to visit groups in Malawi and South Africa. The next Zone 5 Representative will be tested in during the International Helpers visit.

We hope a few of the Zone 5 country delegates will be able to obtain visas to attend the Subud World Congress in Kalimantan in July 2024. Some members were refused visas and could not attend the last World Congress in Germany.

#### Wings activities, enterprises and centerprises

Subud South Africa received grants from MSF to help with much needed repairs, and now they have tenants and some income. This in part has lifted some of the financial burden from the membership for the maintenance of their two Subud properties.

Subud South Africa is the only country in the Zone who gives an annual donation to WSA.

While most of the Wings are not formally represented in the Zone, members do participate in enterprise (SESI), charitable (Susila Dharma) and cultural (SICA) activities. For example, some members in Cape Town organized community outreach in South Africa in response to the Covid crisis by cooking soups and food and handing it out in the poorer communities. A number of individual members have their own interests in the arts and music. SIHA is not active in the Zone.

There are a few young members; while they are not active as a Wing, they do communicate with other youth around the world. This has been assisted by Emanuel Mbassi as Zone 5 & 6 Youth Representative.

## ZONE 6

### Africa (French / Portuguese-speaking)

 **116**  
members

 **5**  
member countries

 **9**  
groups

 **2**  
Subud-owned houses



**Zone Representative:**  
Emanuel Mbassi

#### Membership overview

Zone 6 has five countries, but only four maintain active contact. We have lost contact with Algeria.

DR Congo has a large and active membership, including many youths in Kinshasa and Matadi. Angola has history of a large membership, but the lack of a Subud house makes it difficult for the members to meet regularly.

Benin and Congo Brazzaville have been able to maintain close contact with DR Congo and Angola, which makes it possible to understand what is happening in those countries.

Overall, despite the passing away of our Zone Representative Mendes Mente, there is a sense of togetherness amongst the members.

Most countries face difficulties in filling all the organizational positions, and lack a Subud house.

#### Communication and activities

Communication is still challenging in our Zone for many reasons, from financial to social. Although we have been able to maintain communication, there is a lot of work to do.

The highlight of the year was the Zone 6 meeting in September, held in

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the newly refurbished Subud house in Kinshasa. There were 65 attendees, including country delegates from Angola, Benin, Congo Brazzaville, and Congo Kinshasa.

There were 14 resolutions resulting from the last Zone 6 meeting in 2017. These were all discussed, and two working groups were formed to work through *kejiwaan* and committee/project-related resolutions respectively during the meeting. Outcomes included the appointment of a helper to Congo Brazzaville, and the testing and election of Emanuel Mbassi from Angola as the next Zone 6 Representative, who served as the Zone 5 & 6 Youth Representative during this council's term.

#### Wings activities, enterprises and centerprises

DR Congo has a strong and active Susila Dharma organization there is also an SD project in Angola. But overall there is a lack of formal representatives for most of the wings.

Members in DR Congo are actively involved in building centerprises, like the Kinshasa Subud house.

### MENDES LEMBA MENTE

Mendes Lemba Mente passed away suddenly on December 16 2023, in Luanda, Angola. He leaves behind his wife and three daughters.

Mendes served as Zone 6 Representative since the 2018 World Congress in Freiburg, and organized the zonal meeting in September. He was a dedicated and active member over the decades, and we are thankful for his work for Subud and the Zone.



Mendes (right) with Emanuel Mbassi (left) and Lutiyi Murray (Zone 5 Representative) at the WSC meeting in Jakarta, October 2019

## ZONE 7

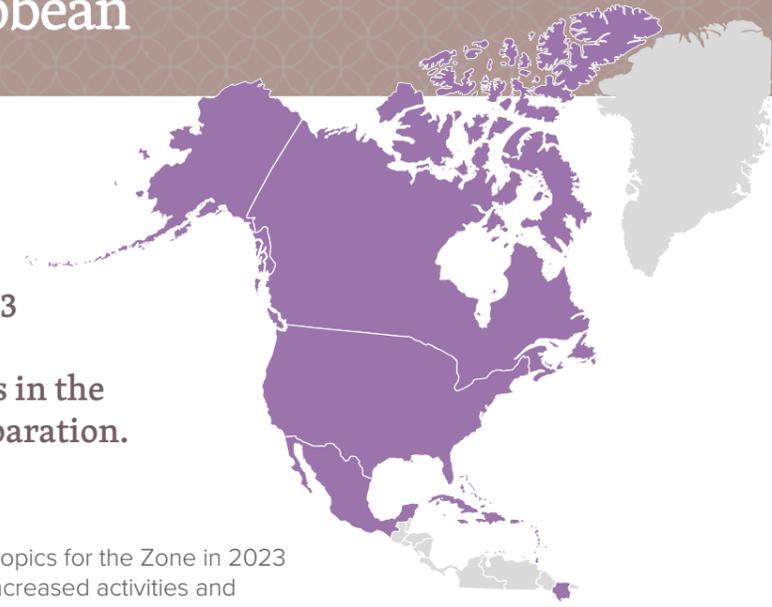
### North & Central America, and the Caribbean

 **2,000**  
members

 **5**  
member countries

 **75**  
groups

 **23**  
Subud-owned houses



**Zone Representative:**  
Uraidah Hassani

**Important topics for the Zone in 2023 included increased activities and connectedness, supporting members in the Caribbean, and World Congress preparation.**

#### Membership overview

The return of in-person gatherings, National Congresses, and International Helper visits across the Zone have been rejuvenating for members and groups.

Subud USA, for example, held a successful, well-attended national congress in September, and National Helpers hosted a national helper gathering. Subud Canada and Subud Mexico also held national congresses. Subud Caribbean are planning their next national congress for early 2024.

There were also some openings, including 15 new openings in the Caribbean. However, over the past couple of years, more than 10 members have emigrated from the Caribbean including five members of the National Committee.

#### Communication and activities

Zone council meetings were held quarterly and continue to combine Zoom and WhatsApp so that Subud Caribbean members can participate.

Important topics for the Zone in 2023 included increased activities and connectedness, supporting members in the Caribbean, and World Congress preparation. The hope was to hold an in-person Zone 7 meeting in 2023, but the council opted to save funds to send most of its delegates to the World Congress (which was initially expected for January 2024).

Member countries in the zone work together during council meetings, and notably Subud USA and Subud Canada have collaborated on a joint World Congress proposal to host the 17th World Congress. A video and written documentation of this project will be presented at the World Congress in July 2024.

#### Wing activities, enterprises and centerprises

There are established Susila Dharma (SD) and SICA national organizations in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Subud Caribbean has representatives for all the wings (SD, SICA, SESI, SIYA) but unfortunately Subud Suriname does not have any

wing representatives at this time. Only Subud USA has a long-term SESI presence, but the Zone is actively encouraging enterprising activities in all member countries.

There are 14 Subud properties in the USA, almost all of which generate revenue. Still, donations are necessary to meet the budget. More than 40% of the Subud USA budget supports pledges to Zone 7 and WSA, and the revenue from centerprises helps this happen. One property is scheduled to be sold due to lack of membership.

In Canada, Subud Toronto, Subud Quebec and Subud Vancouver are involved with the centerprise of their Subud premises. Subud Vancouver is quite successful and now provides financial support for many Subud gatherings and international projects. Subud Ottawa currently has their Subud house on sale due to decline in membership and support.

## ZONING IN ... USA



Some candid moments captured by Michael Troxwell, who filmed the Congress

Read the full congress review in digital magazine format [HERE](#)

## SUBUD USA'S NATIONAL CONGRESS

Our National Congress felt like a family reunion where about 200 people gathered in person for the first time since the pandemic.

Held in Washington, DC from September 7-11, it was also a business congress where new officers were elected by delegates from across the country.

Finally, we had a chance to tour the Subud WSA archives housed in the Amani Center and experience the new combined campus of the Amani Center and new Twin Oaks property.

The setting for the congress was the Crowne Plaza Hotel, a former Marriott hotel. The property is located in College Park, not far from the University of Maryland campus and 3 ½ miles from the Amani Center.

The Crowne Plaza provided all the spaces we needed—grand ballrooms for the three *latihans* a day, break out rooms for testing, and a dining room that served great food. You could see clusters of Subud members in every corner of the hotel, deep in conversation...

... Some members from the MidWest and even farther regions combined a “great American road trip” with traveling to D.C. Some enjoyed tourist time in the Capital and quaint towns. Not since the 2014 Sofitel Congress in Redwood City were so many members in the mood to attend a national gathering.

We hosted international visitors. These included Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo, WSA Executive and Nahum Harlap, the WSA Chair, plus Hannah de Roo, Zone 3 Representative. Matthew Moir of the

WSA Archives came to confer with the Subud USA Archive team. Rashidah Pope from Canberra, Australia attended so she could use our Archives to complete writing Volume 3 of *The History of Subud*. She is finishing Harlinah Longcroft's lifetime project after Harlinah's passing...

... With meticulous attention to detail by the Congress team (especially Philip Lindstrom and Alexandra ter Horst, our Operations Manager), everything that needed to happen unfolded seemingly effortlessly.

The National Helpers supported the entire event with marathon testing for officers and many roles as well as offering personal testing.

*Extracts from a blog by Lianne Card, outgoing Subud USA national secretary. Read the full blog on the Subud California website [here](#).*

## ZONE 8

### South America (north)

 **611**  
members

 **4**  
member countries

 **15**  
groups

 **10**  
Subud-owned houses



Zone Representative:  
Helen Muñoz

#### Membership overview

This was a year of reunions. There was a certain expansion of the *latihan* in some of our countries, and a decrease in others.

Important in-person gatherings were held across the Zone, and moments of joyful and harmony were experienced. The support of international and national helpers was vital.

#### Communication and activities

The Zone 8 meeting was held in July in Amanecer, and was the first in-person zonal meeting since the pandemic. The motto for this meeting was “Your presence Unites us”. There were 193 attendees from Zone 8 and other Zones (7,9,3). It was a harmonious meeting filled with a blessed atmosphere of peace and joy.

In Colombia, the national *kejiwaan* meeting of helpers was attended by more than 100 helpers from Colombia and other countries, and was supported by four Area 3 International Helpers. A Colombian helper donated 100 copies of ‘*Advice & Guidance for Bapak's Helpers*’.

A Colombo-Venezuelan binational gathering was held in Cúcuta. There was *latihan*, helper appointments, an opening, reports, and loving integration.

This was a year of reunions, and important in-person gatherings were held across the Zone. The support of international and national helpers was vital.

Subud Venezuela held its national congress in El Tigre. A new national committee was appointed, which has since updated its constitution. With the national helper *dewan*, the new committee also organized the “First national hug of Subud Venezuela” meeting, with the objective of promoting harmony between the groups.

Subud Ecuador held *kejiwaan* meetings and workshops with all the members of Quito and Tumbaco, which have been fundamental to sustaining the *latihan* and active presence of the members.

Zonal and international information updates were shared by email and WhatsApp. The Zone 8 Council met monthly and discussed the World Congress proposals, and disseminated information about the World Congress organization throughout the Zone. Subud Venezuela created the bimonthly digital magazine ‘In Contact’, which is published in Spanish and English.

#### Wing activities, enterprises and Centerprises

There are various business and social projects in the Zone, such as

the *Corporación Empresarios en Acción CEA Internacional*, *Solidhart* contribution and credit cooperative; and a fair for artisan entrepreneurs organized by *Fundación Amanecer*.

SICA Latin America hosted face-to-face and virtual events, and participated in SICA Explore and the virtual program, ‘Sacred Footprints’. Costa Rica provided aid to two Subud brothers with financial needs. The ‘Solidarity Zone’ program also provided funds via the Zone to assist members.

Subud Youth Ecuador and Colombia provide permanent support as English-Spanish interpreters at WSA, WSC and other board meetings.

In 2023 Zone 8 donated USD 2,600 to the general fund, USD 554 to the Archives, and USD 300 to the WSA Endowment fund. During this term (2018-2023) a total of USD 17,783 has been contributed.

# ZONE 9

## South America (south)

222 members

10 groups

4 member countries

6 Subud-owned houses

# 3 | INTERNATIONAL HELPERS

**Zone Representative:**  
Ana Sofia Mazzini

### Membership overview

Zone 9 is made up of four countries that remain active and are part of the WSA - Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru. Additionally, there are active members in Paraguay and in Uruguay; they are growing and hope to soon establish themselves and be part of the WSA.

The countries of Zone 9 have helpers who are very committed to keeping the *latihan* alive in their groups. In Chile and Argentina national helpers visit the different groups to strengthen and support the members.

In general, the groups remain stable in terms of member numbers with occasional openings. Challenges include attracting young people to be more active in Subud and attracting new members.

### Communication and activities

The Zone 9 council meets via Zoom approximately every three months to share relevant information from the WSA and the countries, and maintain harmonious communication. Additionally, information is sent to the Zone council via email and WhatsApp to be shared with all members in the countries.

The countries of Zone 9 have helpers who are very committed to keeping the *latihan* alive in their groups.

The most important thing during 2023 was to share and discuss the progress of the World Congress and the proposals from the member countries.

A key event for the Zone was our first in-person meeting after the pandemic at the end of April 2023. With great joy we saw each other again. We shared the situation of the countries, activities of the wings, news about the world congress and a presentation of the MSF. The Area 3 International Helpers attended, who supported the *latihan* and testing, and worked with the helpers in the area. We elected our next Zone 9 Representative, Lamberto Arévalo, whose term will start at the 2024 World Congress.

Chile and Argentina had national congresses and helpers visited different groups to strengthen the *latihan* and the development of Subud in each place. They do an excellent job as helpers.

### Wing activities, enterprises and Centerprises

The wings of SICA and Susila Dharma are active on a personal level in every Subud member in the area. At the group level these wings are not



organized into long-term projects, however they are activated in response to specific needs to support members or their community.

As for SESI, Peru and Brazil have developed Airbnb projects in their Subud Houses. The income is used for the maintenance of the houses and helps support delegates to attend local, national or international meetings.

To maintain the Subud house in Mina Clavero, Subud Argentina rents out a bungalow long term. The Buenos Aires house is supported by membership contributions, but this is not enough.

The Subud houses in Chile are supported by membership contributions, which is sufficient. It is not possible to rent space due to tax issues.

## OVERVIEW

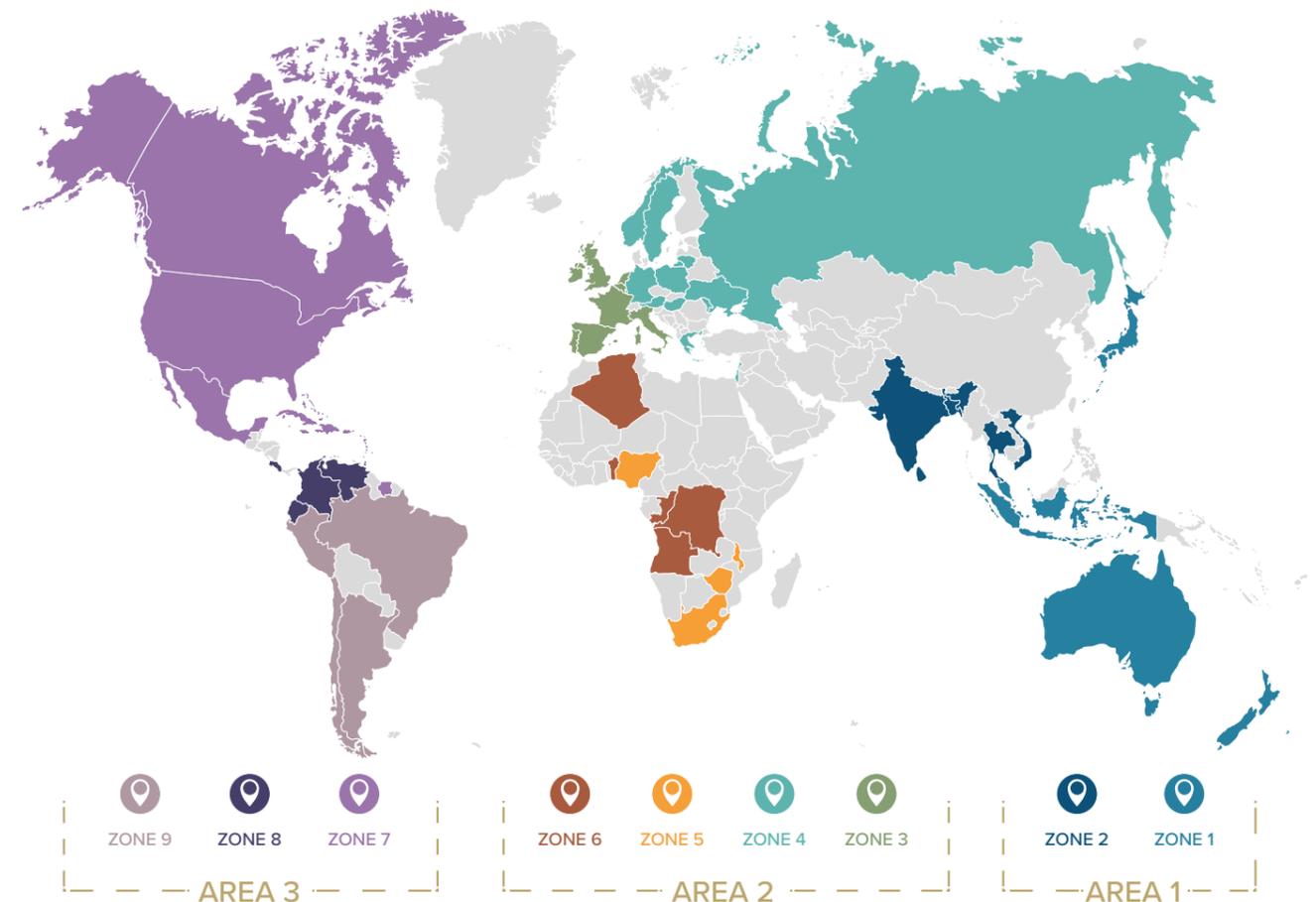
The main aims of the Subud organization are to facilitate the practice of the *latihan* and help members to understand its benefits and how to apply it in their everyday lives.

To further these aims, 18 helpers with an international function are selected by testing for a term that lasts between world congresses.

The International Helpers work in three geographic areas and serve the members across the zones as shown in the map below.

### Helpers in the Zones

- Local helpers serve the members of their Subud group and support the group committee.
- Regional helpers are appointed in countries where multiple groups are organized into regions and serve all the members in the region and support the regional council.
- National helpers, including kejiwaan councilors, serve all members and support the national council. Kejiwaan councilors also support the zone council.



# INTERNATIONAL HELPER DEWAN MEETING PORTUGAL, OCTOBER 2023



The *dewan* of International Helpers (IH18) met in Porto during the first two weeks of October, in preparation for the upcoming Subud World Congress and to discuss the state of Subud in all Areas.

In order to talk about the *kejiwaan* programme for world congress, the Internal Helper *dewan* held meetings via Zoom with helpers and Kejiwaan Councilors from around the world.

Preparation for the World Congress also included meetings and *kejiwaan* work with WCOT members Rusdi Bustillo and Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo, who came over from Indonesia.

WSA Chair Nahum Harlap joined the International Helpers for planning and testing prior to the WSC meeting that was held on October 14. At that meeting various scenarios for world congress were discussed, as well as some of the side topics.



Four questions were proposed by the International Helper *dewan* for all council members to test at the start of this meeting:

1. What is the purpose of this World Congress in Kalimantan for the growth and development of Subud in the world?
2. How would God have me face the challenges of this congress?
3. What is the inner feeling of 'One Congress'?
4. Feel from within the compromise needed for the WSC to reach a harmonious agreement about the Subud World Congress venues and program

## AREA 1

### Asia and Australasia



#### INTERNATIONAL HELPERS:

- Hermina Flynn
- Rohmana Friend
- Husein Rawlings
- Isti da Silva
- Sudarmadji Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo
- Suryadi Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo

#### Helpers in the Zones

	 ZONE 1	 ZONE 2
LOCAL	466	19
REGIONAL	47	-
NATIONAL	27	6
TOTAL	540	25

#### International travel

On January 2 Hermina, Rohmana, Sudarmadji and Suryadi joined the large happy gathering at the Australian National Congress in Perth. Suryadi traveled a few days later, as liaison, to the MSF meeting in Los Angeles.

Our IH18 *dewan* met in Jakarta on January 26 for a week of preparation for the WSC meeting and World Congress. We then attended Indonesia's National Congress in Surabaya. Semarang was tested as the next annual congress location, which is auspicious as it will also be the 100th anniversary of Bapak receiving the *latihan* there.

The WSC meeting took place in Rungan Sari (February 6 - 13) with full business and *kejiwaan* programs. The Area 1 *dewan* then attended the Zone 1 & 2 meeting. Attendance was light, but many international guests contributed via presentations on MSF, SESI, SIHA and the White Book.

Malaysia invited us to their *kejiwaan* gathering on April 30. Hermina and Suryadi attended. Everyone benefited from the *latihans*, testing, Bapak's Talks, World Congress information and general sharing.

In June, Hermina, Rohmana, Suryadi and Sudarmadji traveled extensively in Java, visiting larger groups to maximize attendance. Jakarta numbers were lower than usual. In Bandung, Semarang, Solo, Mojokerto, Rungan Sari and Palangka Raya we were warmly welcomed, with maximum attendance. *Latihans* were deep, and testing was well received. We visited Bapak's grave at Sukamulya, birthplace at Kedung Jati and celebrated Bapak's birthday in Wisma Subud.

The next trip was to Sri Lanka and India at the end of August. Isti, Hermina, Suryadi and Sudarmadji spent several days at the group in Colombo, then accompanied members to their holiday resort. We then went to India – Bangalore and

Chennai – to meet and *latihan* with members and encourage a spirit of unity amongst the two groups.

We joined our full IH18 *dewan* for the meeting in Porto in October.

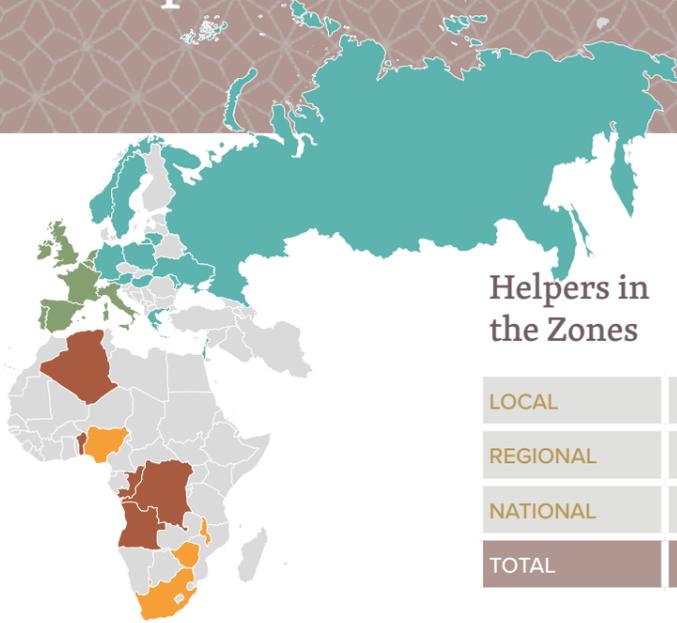
#### Supporting the *kejiwaan*

Our liaison work continued for Ibu's office, WSA, MSF, SICA, SYAI, WCOT and the White book. We also joined other online meetings and *kejiwaan* gatherings when international time constraints allowed. This included several worldwide helper gatherings, SYAI, Area 1 Kejiwaan Councilors, Kejiwaan Councilors worldwide, WCOT, MSF, White book and Archives *kejiwaan*.

During our travels we have noted a deepening of the *latihan* and a need for and enjoyment of being together. We wish to thank everyone who has hosted and cared for us, and especially Almighty God and Bapak for this grace of the *latihan*.

# AREA 2

## Europe and Africa



### INTERNATIONAL HELPERS:

- Alan Boyd
- Harina Easty
- Kamilia Konrad
- Valentin Pizzi
- Howard Ray
- Mariam Tikale

### Helpers in the Zones

	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6
LOCAL	382	261	13	22
REGIONAL	13	-	-	-
NATIONAL	43	26	5	6
TOTAL	438	287	18	28

### International travel

In January, Kamilia and Alan traveled to Jakarta to the IH18 meeting. The IH18 organized two world-wide online helper meetings, which felt very connecting. We then went to the Indonesian National Congress, and then to Rungan Sari for the WSC meeting.

In April, Harina, Kamilia, Mariam, Alan, and Howard visited Subud Norway's Oslo Group in their beautiful Subud house and experienced strong *latihans* and testing.

Kamilia, Mariam, Alan, Howard, and Valentin traveled through Germany (May 26 - June 2), visiting the Munich, Wolfsburg, Hamburg, Königswinter, and Frankfurt groups. We also visited Ramzi Winkler, one of Germany's oldest members.

In June, we also visited Subud Spain's groups in Alicante, Alpujarra, and Madrid. A highlight was the *selamatan* on Bapak's birthday in Alicante.

In July we went to the Netherlands, visiting The Hague, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam groups. We also visited Michael Rogge, one of the longest standing Subud members, who shared some experiences with Bapak.

Alan, Howard, and Valentin also attended Subud Britain's National Congress in July, meeting with the National Helpers and spending time with members, including youth from Europe and further afield.

Kamilia and Valentin traveled to Africa in September, visiting Angola's Luanda group and the Congo DRC Kinshasa group. The Zone 6 meeting was held in their Subud House, where the new Zone Representative was tested and elected. The strong *latihans* were very connecting.

In some groups, regular attendance at group *latihan* had still not fully recovered after Covid, and our visits coincided with their first opportunity for a *kejiwaan* and social gathering. We witnessed a still strong core of

dedicated members everywhere. On all our visits we were welcomed and hosted so warmly and kindly, for which we are very thankful!

Kamilia, Alan, Howard, and Valentin joined the Zone 3 meeting in Perth, Scotland at the end of September. The organization and sharing were impressive, with equal voice given to all. Our whole Area 2 *dewan* joined the IH18 meeting in Portugal in October.

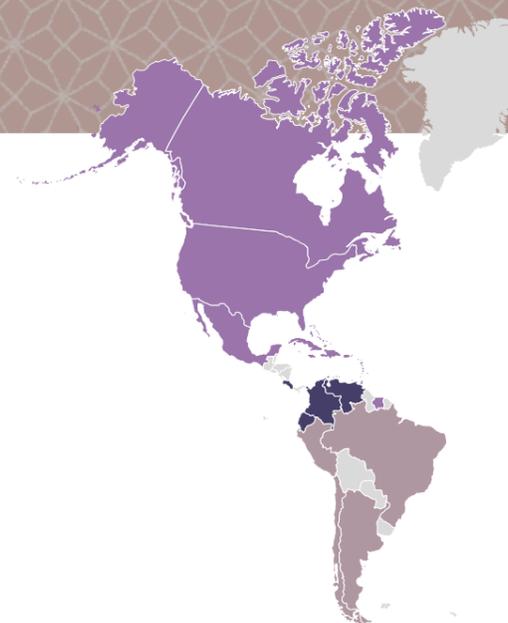
### Supporting the kejiwaan

We took part in Zoom meetings with WSA, Wings, MSF, Youth, Zone 3 and Zone 4, and as liaisons for SICA, SIHA, Archives, Mental Illness & Crisis Group, and Care Support. We also helped answer members' questions and letters as part of the IH18.

Throughout the year we continued with Area 2 Zoom meetings including *kejiwaan* with Subud Russia, Lebanon and Nigeria, and Germany's National Helpers. There are regular simultaneous *latihans* in our area and we supported some isolated members.

# AREA 3

## The Americas



### INTERNATIONAL HELPERS:

- Kohar Parra Bustillo
- Joan Fromme
- Benedict Herrman
- Illène Pevec
- Halinah Rizzo-Busack
- Humphrey Williams

### Helpers in the Zones

	ZONE 7	ZONE 8	ZONE 9
LOCAL	338	120	66
REGIONAL	51	9	-
NATIONAL	30	10	11
TOTAL	419	139	77

### International travel

Our *dewan* joined the International Helpers in Jakarta, the Indonesian national congress in Surabaya, and the WSC meeting in Kalimantan, from January 26-February 13.

In April, Kohar and Illène visited Bogotá's three groups. There was a three-day gathering at the Teusaquillo house. The Colombians experienced inner and group rebirth doing *latihan* together after the isolated Covid years. We then flew to Bucaramanga and had two days of *latihan* and testing with the group.

We continued south to a Zone 9 meeting in Chile for three days with members and helpers from Chile, Argentina and Peru. Testing for the next Zone 9 Representative revealed an enthusiastic Lamberto Arevalo, an Argentinian living in Chile.

Humphrey attended the USA helpers' gathering in Durham, North Carolina and supported the USA *dewan* there.

In May, Humphrey, Benedict, Joan and Illène visited the Montreal and Toronto annual gathering at Camp Kawartha in Ontario. In June, Joan attended the Western Canada gathering in Crescent Beach, BC.

During July and August Halinah, Joan, Illène and Kohar went to the Zone 8 meeting in Amanecer, Colombia. We visited groups in Cali, Popayan, Medellin, Cartagena, Barranquilla and attended the Venezuelan and Colombian binational gathering in Cúcuta, Colombia.

Joan, Illène and Kohar continued to Mexico to visit Puebla, Tlaxcala and Mexico City groups. We did weekly simultaneous *latihan* with all Mexican helpers until November.

In September Halinah, Illène, Kohar, and Humphrey attended the USA National Congress. We witnessed the testing of the new national committee and conducted member testing sessions. We also attended the USA/WSA Archives meetings at the Amani Center.

In October, Joan, Halinah, Illène, Benedict and Kohar attended the IH18 gathering in Porto.

In November, the Mexican *dewan* organized a *kejiwaan* gathering. Our entire *dewan* went to Puebla to test with all members and helpers. Deep worship resulted in harmony, and a new national *dewan* was tested in.

Kohar flew to Costa Rica in December to provide the men with *kejiwaan* support and drove to Panama where he accompanied an opening.

### Supporting the kejiwaan

Our *dewan* met with all Kejiwaan Councilors in Area 3 on Zoom for *latihan*, testing and World Congress preparation.

Halinah is the liaison to MSF and Mental Illness Crisis Resource Group, Joan to SIHA, Illène and Benedict to SDIA, Kohar to Youth and Humphrey to Archives. We all do *latihan* monthly with these wings and support their meetings with whatever they need.

# 4 | MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION (MSF)

“MSF is a vehicle for holding and maintaining Subud assets and for receiving donations and bequests from members and enterprises for Subud’s long-term stability and security. MSF focuses on supporting Subud groups around the world to own *latihan* premises, so that members can worship God freely. In addition, MSF supports international helpers’ travel to groups, to ensure that groups follow the *latihan* in the right way. And, if it has the means, it supports the Wings.”

*Ibu Siti Rahayu letter March 21, 2013 addressed to the MSF Trustees, and members of WSA*



MSF supported one of the WSA’s most important projects - the construction of a purpose-built archive facility in Canberra, Australia.

**MSF Chair:**  
Mauricio Castillo

## Mission

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF), named in honor of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community with dedication to the worldwide growth and long-term development of Subud.

## Values

As trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, we are guided in our work by the following values:

### Integrity

We are committed to making decisions and carrying out actions, with personal honesty and best practice, combined with inner guidance and common sense.

### Transparency

We base our relationship with donors, recipients and the community on openness, sincerity and trust.

### Diversity

We value the diversity of each human being and culture and recognize the uniqueness of the human spirit.

## Sustainability

We believe in effecting actions that last and have positive outcomes, recognizing that how tasks are done is as important as what is done.

## Grants

In 2023, MSF proudly continued its commitment to supporting the Worldwide Subud Community and the World Subud Association (WSA) through grants.

Find out more about MSF and its work at:

[www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org)

The Foundation awarded a total of USD 325,248 in 2023:

- USD 40,349 to four Subud houses:
  - Lewes, United Kingdom
  - Brisbane, Australia
  - Lisbon, Portugal
  - Armenia, Colombia.
- USD 5,459 to two Social Projects: Fundación Amanecer, Colombia and SunCatcher Players project, Rungan Sari, Indonesia
- USD 68,972 to four WSA programs that encompass International Helpers’ travel, distribution of Bapak’s and Ibu’s talks, operation and maintenance of WSA Archives, and The History of Subud project.
- The Foundation supported the new WSA Archives facility in Canberra

## WSA Archives facility in Canberra

One of the most important projects of the WSA this term was the construction of the new WSA Archives facility in Canberra, Australia. MSF granted USD 210,468 to the project, which aims to continue safeguarding and digitalizing Bapak’s and Ibu Rahayu’s talks in a new building equipped with high quality archival conditions.

In further support to the Canberra project, MSF has also agreed to underwrite up to a maximum of USD 95,090 in case full funding cannot be secured for the total project costs, estimated at USD 452,000.00.

MSF makes a special recognition in memory of Harlinah Longcroft, whose bequest earmarked for the new WSA Archives facilities in Canberra contributed to financing 30% of the total costs of the project.

*The MSF Board of Trustees expresses its deepest gratitude to the Foundation’s donors. The donations and bequests have a significant impact on MSF’s ability to support the worldwide Subud community.*

## MSF portfolio gain of 11.41%

After the drop experienced in 2022 as a consequence of the global economic crisis, the Foundation’s portfolio recovered 11.41%.

This result has been possible thanks to the work of the Investment Committee and its professional portfolio manager, Helene Jelman. With her expertise, the team adapted to and navigated the economic crisis with a strategic approach to portfolio recovery.

## Ensuring a smooth transition to the new board of Trustees

To ensure a seamless transition after World Congress, the current team will collaborate closely with the new trustees, facilitating knowledge transfer, strategic alignment, and a smooth handover of responsibilities.

MSF thanks the five trustees who have dedicated almost six years to serving the Foundation, and a special acknowledgment to Lucian Parshall, who has graciously agreed to continue supporting the new Board as a consultant whenever required.

MSF will welcome Subud members attending the World Congress at the Foundation’s open meetings and workshops.

Read the MSF audited accounts [here](#)

# 5 | WINGS, AFFILIATES & SERVICES

## SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SDIA)

“So, if you have truly been able to receive from within your own individuality, you will be able to feel what the duties are of human beings living in this world: these are, as Bapak said just now, helping those who are weak, giving to those who do not have enough, and bringing harmony to those who are not in harmony.”

Talk No. 26 from 'Bapak's Talks' Volume 8 (63 SAO 3) VT

Through the programs of the Wings, Affiliates and Services, the international organization facilitates and supports members' initiatives and projects:

**Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA)**

**Subud International Cultural Association (SICA)**

**Subud Enterprise Services International (SESI)**

**Subud International Health Association (SIHA)**

**Subud Youth Activities International (SYAI)**

**WSA Archives**

**Subud Publications International (SPI)**

**Translations**



Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA), and Subud International Cultural Association (SICA), are Affiliates, and are legally registered and financially independent organizations.

Subud International Health Association (SIHA) is an association of Subud professionals.

Subud Publications International (SPI) is an independently registered organization providing publication services to the WSA and its members.

Subud Enterprise Services International (SESI) and Subud Youth Activities International (SYAI) are subcommittees of the WSA Executive Committee.

The WSA Executive Committee is also responsible for and coordinate other services and programs, including WSA Archives, Translations and Care Support.

SDIA works globally for just and sustainable development and contributes to Subud's aims by supporting members' work and initiatives.

**SDIA Chair:**  
Vincent Mount

### Aims and objectives

As an affiliate of the WSA, SDIA works to help realize the WSA's aims, in particular:

- Encouraging peace, harmony and understanding between peoples regardless of their ethnic origin or religion
- Creating educational and other facilities for the development of the full potential of human beings
- Relieving poverty and deprivation
- Encouraging the development of a healthy and harmonious inner and outer environment for the well-being of humankind.

SDIA acts as a secretariat and service center for 56 Susila Dharma (SD) member projects and national committees around the world.

SDIA supports Subud members to put their experience of the *latihan* into practice - and to develop their social and humanitarian initiatives and serve their communities - guided from within to take action in the world.

SDIA works globally for just and sustainable development through empowering Subud members to engage in positive human, social, environmental and economic change and building a global network to achieve grassroots, participatory initiatives.

### Activities and achievements

#### New project members

2023 was an exciting year for SDIA and the SD network. We were pleased to welcome the following new project members:

- **Right Use of Power Institute, USA** - to support professionals who want to be more conscious of the role of power in their social and therapeutic work.
- **Changemakers-Kids, Colombia** - working to promote access of vulnerable women to knowledge and jobs related to computing in Colombian communities.
- **Blue Spirit, Britain** - working to promote mental health and well-being through sailing.
- **Milla 91, Spain / Sierra Leone:** providing healthcare and improving education for families and children in the community of Mile 91 in Sierra Leone.



To learn more visit:  
[www.susiladharma.org](http://www.susiladharma.org)

Each project shows the diversity within Susila Dharma. What steers us is the *latihan* and the expression of it in the world to make a positive difference.

#### Fundraising and project support

We continue to support inspirational development projects from around the world, with the emphasis on living in harmony with the natural environment, organic agriculture, health, social welfare and access to quality education.

SDIA was able to raise USD 284,359 for projects and services, and average significantly more funds by coordinating the efforts of the SD network. SDIA reinstated the SD Grants matrix providing information to all SD nationals on active project requests and what they needed to be fulfilled.

# SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SDIA)

(Continued)

SDIA supports Subud members who feel guided from within to take action in the world through social and humanitarian projects.

## Communicating, learning, and sharing our experiences

Sharing the experiences of SD practitioners is important for learning and exchange within the SD Network and with the wider Subud community. In 2023 SDIA organized:

- Three SD Passport Sessions – virtual visits and exchanges with practitioners.
- Four Inner Leap Training Sessions – for SD Network members including use of social media, development of SDIA's Environmental policy, and two *kejiwaan* sessions with the International Helpers.
- Four eNews magazines, as well as the Subud Emergency Fund appeal for the Ukraine.

## Collaborations

The SDIA team is grateful to the International Helpers, particularly our liaisons Benedict Hermann and Illène Pevec, with whom we collaborate on a regular basis.

Several of the SDIA team attended the WSC meeting in Kalimantan in February to foster closer relations with the Zone Representatives and WSA Executive team. Being together with our fellow Wing representatives was a

wonderful opportunity to start working on joint plans for the forthcoming World Congress in 2024.

In May we collaborated with the WSA Executive team on a joint fundraiser for WSA's Care Support fund, which raised approximately USD 12,000.

SD representatives attended the Zone 3, 6 and 8 meetings during 2023 and presented on some of the developments in the SD world.

**Environmental Strategy:** We've been progressing our Environmental Sustainability Strategy with the help of Indra Halviala and Illène Pevec. Our aim is to reduce our climate impact and protect the natural environment as much as possible, in the varied ways that we each operate.

**Subud Education Association (SEA):** We continued to provide an institutional home for, and closely collaborate with, the SEA team, a sub-committee of SDIA. They have run several successful online seminars throughout the year and held an AGM. Their focus is on sharing and supporting educational best practice, and encouraging Subud members in their educational endeavors in the world. They have administered emergency grants to several members in need with their education.

## Human Force - Youth Engagement:

A youth volunteering camp was organized at Amaranthe in South West France, where several Subud members are building an eco-village. The camp was attended by 15 young people, which included building workshops and a hiking trip.

## Challenges

The needs of SD projects are great and the engagement of Subud members in the social fields is strong, but we can't reach our potential unless donors stand with us. We are grateful to all the Subud members who are there to support this important aspect of Subud's presence in the world, and invite more to join us! Supporting SD is not just about giving money, but also giving of oneself and one's talents, time and connections.

World Congress preparations have taken a great deal of time and the need for coordination is very demanding. One of our primary aims is to coordinate visits to the SD project members based in Kalimantan, so that congress participants can witness first-hand the amazing projects that Subud members have started, understand the issues involved, and perhaps feel moved to start something of their own.

# SUBUD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (SICA)

SICA's purpose is to encourage and support the development of programs, projects, and events that allow people to connect with and express their true inner talents in the world.

SICA Chair:  
Rusydah Ziesel

## Aims and objectives

We believe in the discovery and development of individual talent and potential in a respectful and supporting environment. SICA provides information, training, networking, and support services as well as opportunities to engage and collaborate with cultural initiatives and events around the world.

We continue to seek to bring awareness of the purpose of SICA – it is not only for artists; we are a cultural organization, and for us that means we are firstly an educational organization.

We are working together with Helpers on all levels to support members to become aware of their culture and gifts to the world.

We organize cultural events like Poems for Peace and musical concerts to fund raise and help strengthen the SICA organization.

We continue to strengthen SICA's relationship with Youth. We are

building an academy platform on our website, with the aim of helping youth in recognizing their talents and bringing them into the world.

## Activities and achievements

We held SICA Country meetings with *latihan* every two months to exchange about projects. In our role as a 'network of networks' we assist countries where required, and have built a service platform on our website with a resource list for countries and members: [subud-sica.org/services/](http://subud-sica.org/services/)

SICA Latin America continued with its program of virtual culture events, including workshops and activities, with themes such as faith and action, and contributed to the Zone 8 meeting with videos and performances.

SICA Europe was registered in Austria.

Our new SICA Explore project was launched, where Subud members share their projects and experiences via Zoom. This initiative is being led by Andrew Hall and Susheel Balasubramaniam.

The participatory youth conference initiative, Culture Bar Camp, was held in Spring and Autumn, in which participants determined the content and program.



Find out more about SICA at [www.subud-sica.org](http://www.subud-sica.org)

The SICA Gallery is attracting more and more artists to showcase their work: [subud-sica.org/gallery/](http://subud-sica.org/gallery/)

## Challenges

Finances continue to be a challenge. WSA Treasurer, Hannah Baerveldt, supported the SICA Board with ideas and an action list that was very helpful.

The Subud Village has been discontinued. To date it had been financed by SICA board member, Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg, however we have been unable to secure alternative financing.

## Collaboration

We have worked closely with the other Wing chairs to prepare for the 2024 World Congress and have regular Zoom meetings.

# SUBUD ENTERPRISE SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (SESI)

# SUBUD INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (SIHA)

During 2023, SESI has been actively working with the Wings to develop our joint Wings World Congress programs.

SIHA continues to strengthen its organization and develop closer links with the international organization, and provides a range of services to Subud members.

SESI Co-Chairs:  
Hammond Peek and Gaye Thavisin

Find out more about SESI at:  
[subudenterprise.com](http://subudenterprise.com)

SIHA International Coordinator:  
Albatina Phillimore

Find out more about SIHA at:  
[www.subudhealth.org](http://www.subudhealth.org)

## Aims and objectives

SESI's aim is to improve the financial strength of our Subud organization by inspiring and facilitating the development of both small and larger-scale collaborative Subud enterprises.

Our objectives are to:

- Inspire and help develop larger-scale enterprises
- Support new and existing enterprises
- Promote centerprises and enterprises worldwide via our e-newsletter and the SESI website
- Continue developing an enterprise expert panel
- Build the SES national representative network
- Encourage Subud enterprises to donate to WSA and SESI

## Activities and achievements

We published our e-newsletter issues 14 and 15, which are circulated to 2500+ readers. These feature new and established enterprises of Subud members to celebrate innovation and

our entrepreneurial spirit, and call for financial support of WSA and promote World Congress. View these and past issues at [subudenterprise.com](http://subudenterprise.com).

SESI supported SICA and SIHA to develop a combined database of Subud Talent, experts, advisors, professionals, and businesses.

Work continues on planning and building our SESI Panel of Advisors. We continue canvassing for more to join.

SESI encourages national SES representatives, who are a vital part of our worldwide 'communication' web.

Usaha Mulia BV (re-activated by our previous SESI Chair) was de-activated because it proved 'not fit for purpose' and too expensive to maintain.

## Challenges

In 2023, the WSA budgeted USD 1,300 for SESI (from Restricted Funds), which just covered our SESI e-newsletter and website costs. Thus the SESI Co-Chairs were unable to travel during 2023.

In person meetings are essential in building a strong, productive international Enterprise body and far more effective than relying on Zoom and WhatsApp calls, which remained the main ways of connecting in 2023.

## Collaboration

SESI continued actively working with the Wings to develop our World Congress programs. The uncertainty of the Congress dates made this a stop-start process however the Wings maintained communications throughout 2023. Our collaboration led to a joint proposal for a Congress Wings Hub, which includes:

- *Latihan* at the center
- Integration of Wings activities (with no individual Wings 'silo' approach, as happened previously)
- Working together to create the Hub

SESI volunteered to raise money to prepare the space for Wings Congress activities, and to improve the *latihan* facilities as a legacy for the local Rungan Sari group.

## Aims and objectives

SIHA is committed to providing health-related services, fostering community support, and promoting well-being among Subud members and others on a world-wide basis. Our aims include:

- Establishing SIHA as a charitable trust in Britain to enhance accountability, facilitate fundraising, and to undertake projects.
- Strengthening collaboration with the WSC, other Wings and WCOT, and to establish closer links and a symbiotic relationship with the Mental Health and Crisis group.
- Expanding and supporting the SIHA network of national and zone representatives and encouraging broader outreach and support within the Subud community.
- Offering various online services to Subud members.
- Promoting the SIHA website and establishing a regular newsletter.
- Creating a directory (through SESI) and support groups for Subud health professionals and members, and promoting fundraising efforts.

## Activities and achievements

SIHA collaborated closely with other Wings in Kalimantan in February, where daily breakfast meetings fostered open and honest sharing, mutual appreciation, and vision development, which resulted in a theme-based World Congress program. Albatina gave a presentation to the WSC.

Throughout 2023, SIHA organized a diverse program of online activities for its members. This included monthly international *latihans* with a topical presentation/sharing, such as Tellington Touch technique and Conflict Management. Listening with Love, the Ramadan support group and Carers support group continued throughout the year. The SIHA WhatsApp group remained active, facilitating the exchange of ideas, advice, and support among members.

SIHA held regular steering group and website development meetings. The steering group, consisting of eight active members, remained stable.

SIHA continued to maintain a paid secretary, enabling the establishment

of an email database to aid communication with members.

## Challenges

SIHA encountered challenges regarding its validity within the organization. The Agreement with the WSC, signed in 2010, which established SIHA as a recognized entity, was shared. Through effective communication and caring, SIHA was able to overcome this persistent difficulty and continue its growth and contributions.

## Collaboration

SIHA actively participated in Wings collaboration. Regular meetings further extended the development of 'oneness' among the Wings.

SIHA engaged in collaborative efforts at the Zone 3 meeting. During this meeting, there was a strong sense of working together and solidarity.

We are grateful to the International Helper liaisons, Joan and Alan, who have been exceptionally supportive, both practically and spiritually.

# SUBUD YOUTH ACTIVITIES INTERNATIONAL (SYAI)

SYAI's aims include celebrating and supporting our young members in fully participating in the *latihan* and all activities that enrich our spiritual side, including becoming helpers.

## Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of SYAI are to:

- Serve as a bridge reaching out to our young members, valuing the need for teenagers and young adults to be together in a positive environment.
- Affirm the importance of fun, spirited interactions and gatherings, through which we spread our love for each other and for Subud.
- Celebrate and support our young members in fully participating in the *latihan* and all activities that enrich our spiritual side, including becoming helpers.
- Become a platform through which Subud youths can grow, connect, and provide a positive impact to the overall Subud organization the world.

## Activities

The activities of SYAI include camps, gatherings, fund-raising parties, writing newsletters, sports, music, mentoring and work skills development.

Through the activities of committee members, the 'Itinérance connection program' has evolved as a

spontaneous and organic means of achieving the SYAI objectives. Susheel Bala and Robina Beltran participated in the Human Force Camp in France; Thijs Hugenholtz attended the British national congress; Alexandra Daly, Miranda Wild, Sebastian Wild and Isidro Jimenez attended the Subud Spain national congress and Zone 3 meeting in Scotland; and Felix Prieto attended the USA & Colombian national gatherings. These travels have resulted in new connections being created with younger and older members, some of whom are now actively involved in SYAI.

The SYAI committee communicate and meet regularly. This started as monthly meetings, which has now become weekly meetings, with a particular focus on supporting fundraising activities and organizing youth support for the upcoming World Congress.

## Challenges

Some of the original team members appointed at the last world congress either suffered burnout due to the extended length of this council's term, or lost interest, which caused some inactivity and reluctance to continue in the committee. This was compensated

## SYAI SUBCOMMITTEE:

SYAI Coordinator:  
Juan-Felix Prieto

Zone 1: Alexandra Daly,  
Mashudi Sumohadiwijojo

Zone 2: Susheel  
Balasubramaniam

Zone 3 & 4: Mahrus Harnadi,  
Thijs Hugenholtz

Zone 5 & 6: Emanuel Mbassi

Zone 7: Grace Ziemann,  
Valentia Pollard, Robina  
Beltran, Adena Von Hahn

Zone 8 & 9: Sebastian Wild,  
Miranda Wild, Isidro Jimenez

by the participation of new willing, able, and available members who have been outstanding and a great support.

## Collaboration

Intergenerational exchanges and support have included:

- The Zone 3, Zone 4, Zone 7 and Zone 8 Representatives, and the members of those zones
- Involvement in and collaboration with Susila Dharma and SICA activities

Many youths have taken on responsibilities and leadership roles within those organizations and zones.

## WSA ARCHIVES SUBCOMMITTEE:

Matthew Moir  
(Chair, New Zealand)  
Asmaniah Fraval (Australia)  
Ashadi Waclik (Indonesia)  
Matthew Clark (USA)  
Garrett Thomson (USA)

## WSA ARCHIVES CENTERS - ARCHIVISTS & MANAGERS:

Solihin Garrard (Britain)  
Daniela Moneta (WSA/USA)  
Ichiro Nakamura (Japan)  
Farlan Williams (Indonesia)

## WSA DIGITAL ARCHIVES TEAM:

Sharif Marcks (Colombia)  
Camilo Alvarez (Colombia)  
Bryanna Galeano (Spain)  
Pudji Wahjuni Purbo  
(Indonesia)  
Murianti Lynn (New Zealand)

## INTERNATIONAL HELPER LIAISONS:

Kamilia Konrad (Austria)  
Humphrey Williams (USA)

# WSA ARCHIVES

WSA Archives hold large, rich, and precious collections of the works of Bapak and Ibu Siti Rahayu, and of the history and spread of Subud and its organizational development.

## Objectives

WSA Archives is a service of and reports to the WSA executive committee.

The mission of the WSA Archives is to collect, manage, and preserve for posterity:

- The work of Bapak Muhammad Subud Sumohadiwidojojo, the founder of Subud, in its original form together with the evidential and contextual basis for that work.
- The work of Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo in its original form together with the evidential and contextual basis for that work.
- Those records giving evidence to the historical development of Subud and as normally archived by an organization of global significance.

## Organization

The WSA has five international Archive Centers:

**Cilandak, Indonesia:** This center, located in Wisma Subud, is administered and funded by Yayasan Muhammad Subuh (YMS). The primary collections are the talks, letters, and writings of Bapak and of Ibu Siti Rahayu.

**Canberra, Australia:** WSA Archives Canberra is the only center entirely funded and directly administered by the WSA. It is designated as the primary location for all international collections focused on the history, development, organization, activities, and spread of Subud. It also houses the original and unedited raw audio tapes of Bapak's talks from the WSA Tape Preservation Unit and the derivative digital files.

**USA and Britain:** These centers hold the national archives of their countries along with important international records.

**Japan,** along with each of the other WSA Archive Centers, holds a set of the early back-up archival materials distributed in 1979 and the microfilm distributed in 1993, and the LTO's of Bapak's talks.

# WSA ARCHIVES

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A concept plan for a purpose-built climate-controlled facility for WSA Archives Canberra in Australia was approved by the WSC in February. Fundraising took place throughout 2023. We are deeply grateful for the generous and widespread financial support for this long-awaited and milestone project.

## Activities and Achievements

### Canberra purpose-built facility

A concept plan for a purpose-built climate-controlled facility for WSA Archives Canberra was approved by the World Subud Council in February 2023. This was for a working space/ office and three insulated 40 ft container repositories enclosed within a shed, located on the grounds of Subud Canberra.

Detailed plans were submitted to the ACT/Canberra planning authority in May and Development and Building approvals were granted in December. Construction will begin in January 2024 and is projected to be completed by late May or June. The cost of the project will be US\$455,672.

Fundraising was conducted throughout 2023, and the project was fully funded by year end. A generous bequest of USD 141,416 from Harlinah Longcroft provided a strong foundation for this effort. WSA provided a further USD 79,626, an amount equivalent to the Lavinia Sinclair bequest.

Generous grants and donations have been made by MSF, Subud Australia, Subud Sri Lanka, Zone 3 and Zone 8. In addition, members have donated a total of US\$121,251 through the Friends of the Archives. We are deeply grateful for the generous and widespread financial support for this long-awaited and milestone project.

### WSA Living Archives project

The WSA Living Archives project to digitize assets of archival value and to store and provide managed access to these on the Preservica preservation platform has continued. We now have a digital archives team of six to manage the various elements involved in this venture.

Ultimately, we envisage digitizing significant records from each of the major international archive centers, the national collections of member countries, and the archival and operating records of the WSA and its entities and affiliates.

### Amani Center

There has been continuing active and ongoing work to organize and digitize the national and international archival collections of Subud USA since these were moved to a climate controlled archival facility in the Amani Center, Subud Washington DC.

### WSA Archives Strategy

A productive WSA Archives Strategy meeting was conducted at the Amani Center in September 2023, hosted by the Subud USA Archives Council. This was a hybrid meeting that involved members of the WSA Archives Subcommittee, the Subud USA Archives Council, the digital archives team, and International Helpers.

## SPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Reinier Sillem (Chair)  
Robin Drewett  
Valerie Drewett  
George Helmer  
Mustafa van Hien  
Stewart Horthy

Executive:  
Leonard Hurd

Editor:  
Sandra McElroy Creemers

PUBLICATIONS TEAM:  
Comprises Indonesian transcribers, translators, proofreaders and production

## Aims and objectives

Subud Publications International (SPI) continues to transcribe and translate Bapak's talks from the existing audio recordings in order to provide future generations with Bapak's guidance and explanations. The recordings are being transcribed and translated from Indonesian into English and other languages.



Bapak's Talks editions are available at: [www.subudbooks.com](http://www.subudbooks.com)

# SUBUD PUBLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL (SPI)

Subud Publications International (SPI) is an independent charity, registered in the UK, and run by Subud members.

## Activities and achievements

In 2023 SPI published Volume 41. The translations for Volume 42 were also completed for publication in 2024. This edition covers the last part of Bapak's Longest world journey in 1972.

Volumen 31 – Spanish edition, was completed for publication in 2024.

The existing translation of Susila Budhi Dharma was reviewed and revised for a pocket version.

## Challenges

One of our challenges is to prepare ourselves for the future and to find skilled and dedicated members, preferably in the UK, who could participate in taking over tasks such as managing our stock, our bookshop at congresses, and sales and shipment of books.

Another challenge is to locate missing audio recordings from the year 1975 in The Hague and Eindhoven, Netherlands, which are required for the revision of Volume 1. This includes talks of Bapak in the very beginning stage of Subud in the West. The recordings are believed to be in Indonesia. The Tape Preservation Unit helped in tracing the possible location of these recordings through extensive research.

## Collaboration

SPI works closely together with the Tape Preservation Unit (TPU). The TPU plays an essential role in providing SPI with detailed information and research about talks and recordings by Bapak.

SPI collaborates with the WSA Translation team and supports the translation of talks in other languages.

# TRANSLATIONS

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To deeply understand the work of translations, all of us who work on it – WSA Archives, transcribers, translators, proofreaders, publishers, SPI, Subud Library, and national committees - recognize that: *Bapak’s and Ibu’s words contain guidance and wise counsel for those of us practicing the latihan kejiwaan of Subud and deserve all the respect and care we can give so that, neither now nor in the future, the message be misrepresented.*

## TRANSLATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE:

WSA Coordinator of Bapak’s and Ibu’s talks in all languages:  
Elisa Sánchez-Caballero

We work with the translators of the different languages, proofreaders, editors, SPI team, Archives, Subud Library, Ibu’s Office.

### Aims and objectives

We aim to make Bapak’s Talks and Ibu’s Talks available to Subud members in many different languages.

Our objective is to make sure that the translations are accurate. We follow a procedure to assure the reader that the source of the translated talks is authentic, traceable, and in accordance with what their authors said and wrote.

### Activities and achievements

In 2023 we subtitled three video talks in Indonesian, French, Spanish and English: 68 TJK 6, 70 WOB 3 and 83 LON 14.

The *Advice and Guidance for Bapak’s Helpers* was printed in Indonesian.

### Source classification and authentication

The WSA is responsible for demonstrating the authenticity of Bapak’s words.

Together with the Archives, Ibu’s Office and SPI we produced a document, *Identify the Types of Sources of Bapak’s Words*, to assist in differentiating what “Bapak says” from what “Someone says that Bapak says”.

We have:

- **Direct sources:** “Bapak says...” in recordings, writings (Susila Budhi Dharma, Autobiography, Letters, writings in *Pewartas*), and transcriptions in Indonesian / English of lost recordings.
- **Indirect sources:** “Someone says that Bapak says...”, such as in notes of a non-recorded or lost talk, or an account of a talk (written within a short period of the given talk), or memoirs (i.e. books or articles written by Subud Members).

Prior to this classification of sources there was confusion as to whether Bapak’s words from indirect sources were authorized by the WSA. The WSA can demonstrate the authenticity of Bapak’s words for the direct sources, and the authenticity of the documentation for the indirect sources.

### Challenges

We are continuously aiming to improve the quality of the translations. We are always reminding everyone to quote Bapak’s words as explained in the *Guide to Referencing Quotes from Bapak’s Talks and Ibu’s Talks*, and to always mention the source reference so readers know where a quote or excerpt has come from, and thus be confident of its integrity.

### Collaboration

We continue with translators’ workshops via Zoom, in which translators of all languages meet to share and discuss the challenges they face in translating Bapak’s talks.

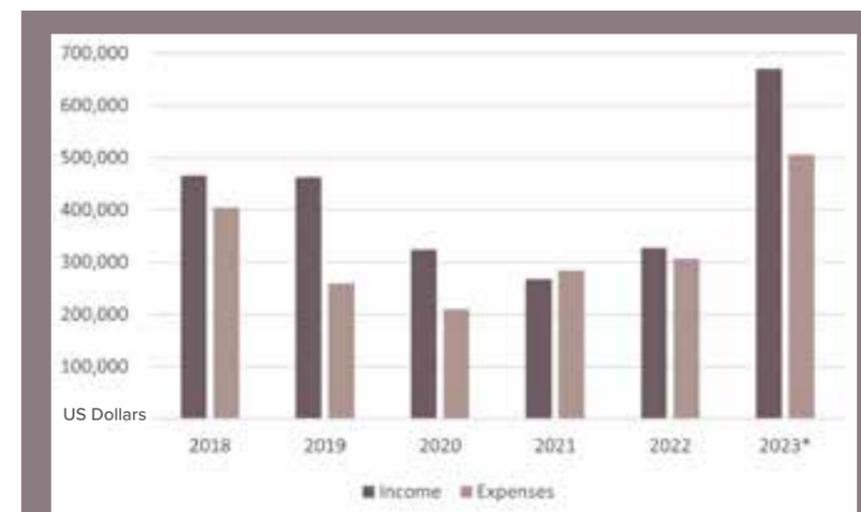
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WSA Treasurer:  
Hannah Baerveldt

### 2023 Financial Review

If one views only our Cash Position at the end of 2023, WSA looks quite well off with assets totaling USD 1,045,009. However, looks can be deceiving! More than half are “designated funds”, meaning they can only be used for very specific purposes.

For example, USD 145,596 is reserved for World Congress preparations – and once expended, needs to be replenished with income from the World Congress so that the next administration will have it available for their congress set-up. The balance of designated funds amounting to USD 337,830 mainly constitute the funds dedicated to paying for the construction costs of the new Archives facility at Canberra.



INCOME AND EXPENSES - SIX YEAR TREND

2023\* Income figure includes grants from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation of USD 268,333 (Longcroft bequest & other grants)  
2023\* Expense figure includes USD 131,253 for the WSAA Canberra project

This leaves us with less than half of that wonderful million dollar image, just USD 427,404. And, in 2024, with the end-of-term activities increasing as the World Congress approaches and the expected completion of the Archives facility at Canberra, the demand for funds will most likely fully deplete what we currently have in the bank. We therefore look forward to robust donation levels next year.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

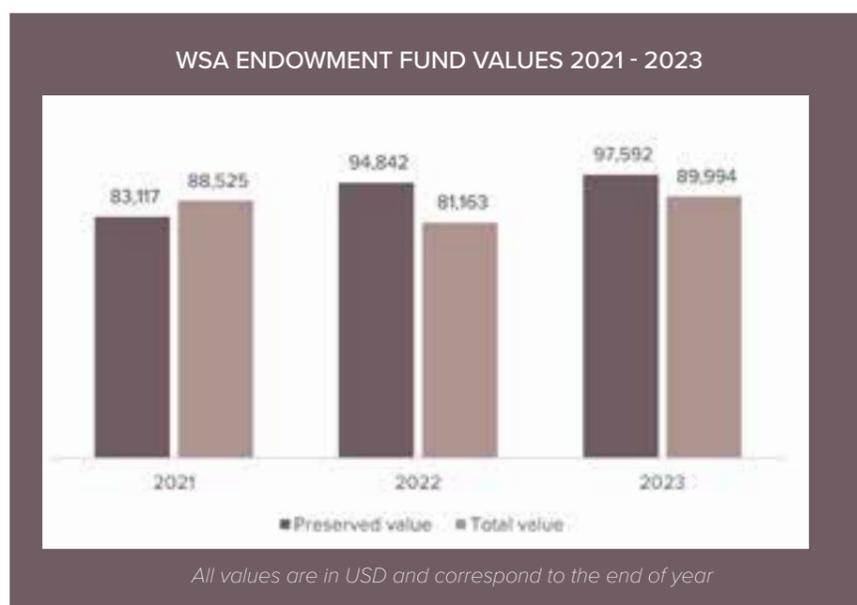
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## The WSA Endowment Fund

In 2023, the WSA collected USD 6,294 in donations to the WSA Endowment Fund held and managed by the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. The funds have not yet been transferred to MSF.

It is our hope that this Fund will increase in value over time. Your donations and bequests are much appreciated and will turn our hope into reality. Ultimately, the Fund will be able to contribute annually to the WSA budget to preserve Bapak's talks and archives, update translations, enable international helper travel, and protect our copyrights and trademarks.



## ENDOWMENT STATISTICS 2021 - 2023

ITEM	2021	2022	2023
Total Preserved Value (end of year)	83,117	94,842	97,592
Total Value (end of year)	88,525	81,164	89,994
Gain / Loss from Investments	5,408	-16,801	9,305
Donations	83,117	9,855	0
Admin Fee	-	-416	-474
Added to the principal to keep up to inflation	-	1,870	2,750

### GLOSSARY:

**Preserved Value (PV):** Long term value of the endowment adjusted annually by the rate of inflation.

**Total Value:** Long term value plus/less the distributable value.

**Gain/Loss from investments:** Change in the value of the endowment's investment portfolio over a period of a year. MSF invests in a diversified portfolio of assets, such as stocks, bonds, with the goal of generating long-term growth and income.

**Donations:** Gift of money or assets that is made to MSF.

**Admin Fee:** Fee discounted from the endowment to cover the costs of administering and managing the endowment.

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of World Subud Association for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023, Statements of Activity for that year ended, Statement of Cash Flows for that year ended and the related notes and accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the World Subud Association for the year ended 31 December 2023 are prepared, in all material aspects, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Emphasis of matter

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Bylaws, adopting generally accepted accounting principles for non-profit organisations. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Responsibilities of management

The management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as adopted by the European Union, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are also responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonable be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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discussion with the directors and the management. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our term, and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance through the audit.

The company is subject to laws and regulations that govern the preparation of the financial statements, including financial reporting legislation, and other companies legislation. The company is also subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material impact on the amounts or disclosures within the financial statements, including employment, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering and certain aspects of companies legislation.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. In any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the management board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the management board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Stuart Carrington FCA

For and on behalf of

## Westcotts (SW) LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Timberly  
South Street  
Axminster, Devon  
EX13 5AD  
United Kingdom

05.06.2024

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 (in US dollars)

	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Banks / Cash	\$ 1,033,681	\$ 813,622
Accounts receivables and prepayments	\$ 11,328	\$ 30,030
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,009</b>	<b>\$ 843,652</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Expense vouchers and income received in advance	\$ 134,179	\$ 111,884
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 134,179</b>	<b>\$ 111,884</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted / Undesignated	\$ 427,404	\$ 515,075
Board designated - World Congress Fund	\$ 145,596	\$ 155,582
Temporarily Donor Restricted	\$ 337,830	\$ 61,111
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 910,830</b>	<b>\$ 731,768</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,009</b>	<b>\$ 843,652</b>

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

For the year 2023 (in US dollars)

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
<b>INCOME</b>				
Member contributions	\$ 175,310	\$ -	\$ 41,809	\$ 217,119
Enterprise donations	\$ 28,460	\$ -	\$ 26,696	\$ 55,156
Grants received	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,333	\$ 268,333
Individual donations	\$ 27,569	\$ -	\$ 72,533	\$ 100,102
Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ 114
Other income	\$ 29,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,113
<b>Total income received</b>	<b>\$ 260,452</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 409,485</b>	<b>\$ 669,937</b>
Net Assets released from restrictions	\$ 142,752	\$ (9,986)	\$ (132,766)	\$ -
<b>Total for year</b>	<b>\$ 403,204</b>	<b>\$ (9,986)</b>	<b>\$ 276,719</b>	<b>\$ 669,937</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Programs</b>				
<i>Kejiwaan</i>	\$ 138,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,050
Endowment	\$ 447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447
Media Unit	\$ 239,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,337
Human Activity programs	\$ 25,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,528
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>\$ 403,362</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 403,362</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>				
WSA Chair, Zone Reps, WSC	\$ 27,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,420
WSA Executive	\$ 61,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,512
Audit	\$ 6,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,414
World Congress	\$ 7,624	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,624
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$ 102,610</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 102,610</b>
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 505,972</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 505,972</b>
Currency (gain) loss	\$ (15,097)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,097)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 490,875</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 490,875</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (87,671)</b>	<b>\$ (9,986)</b>	<b>\$ 276,719</b>	<b>\$ 179,062</b>
Net Assets beginning of period	\$ 515,075	\$ 155,582	\$ 61,111	\$ 731,768
<b>Net Assets end of period</b>	<b>\$ 427,404</b>	<b>\$ 145,596</b>	<b>\$ 337,830</b>	<b>\$ 910,830</b>

