



October 2025 # II

WSA CONNECT

The World Subud Association Newsletter

Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of the WSA Connect! Improving communications is a top priority, and we want to increase distribution. If you'd like delivery to national or center organizations, or into your inbox, please contact amanda.rivera@subud.org.

After the Kalimantan Congress, starting my role, I quickly became aware of the worldwide network of dedicated Subud members and I am so grateful to be part of this. As I travel it is apparent that the members sincerely doing *latihan* also provide so much support. All this energy is truly honored.

Many of us are thinking about Subud in the future. We can be assured that the *latihan* continues to be strong and that it is followed as was gifted to us by Bapak. Our Archives work to preserve Bapak and Ibu's communications and our history. However, it may be that our organizations explore how we can fulfill the changing needs of our members. I believe we have the flexibility to do this.

My own experience is to use the power of testing as well as honest dialog. Bringing together international teams requires both inner and outer understanding of our roles. The in-person Council meeting at Fatima continues to provide harmony and purpose to our international work.

In this newsletter you can expect:

- Open call to join the WSA Safeguarding Advisers team
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(even if exact dates aren't available); send to admin@subud.org.

Thank you to everyone contributing in their own way, with their own strengths, to Subud.

Sending love,

Rifka Several - WSA chair 2024 - 2028

Trending topics

Open call to join the WSA Safeguarding Advisers team

On September 16, the WSA Safeguarding working group met to resume initial discussions on the topic that took place during the World Council in Fatima last July.

The group, which consists of zone representatives, youth representatives, ISC members, and international helpers, explored the steps to be taken in this first stage toward establishing procedures to ensure the well-being and safety of Subud members, with the aim of establishing safeguard procedures for WSA.

It is hoped that the WSA will serve as a model for subud affiliates and the member countries, enabling them to implement their own procedures at the local, regional, and national levels in accordance with the legal regulations in each country.

To begin implementation as soon as possible, we are launching a call for skilled facilitators to join a team of safeguarding advisers. These contact persons should be from all age groups, both genders, and be language diverse. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact us at: safeguarding@subud.org

This group of contact should also be available to advise helpers in providing members with the best possible support.

As a first step, the WSA Safeguarding Working Group will design a poster that can be displayed at events, conferences, and group rooms. This is about making sure our Association is run in a way that actively deals with abuse, harassment, bullying,

Everyone in the organisation has a role to play in safeguarding. It should become part of our day-to-day activities to create a safe and welcoming environment, where everyone is respected and valued.

Another important point during the meeting was establishing roles, responsibilities, and consequences. These issues will continue to be addressed by the Safeguarding Working Group with the aim of achieving effective procedures that are consistent with the essence of Subud.

[Download Safeguarding poster](#)

How Can I Be Helpful When Accompanying Someone Experiencing Mental Health or Spiritual Crises?

Reflections and Practical Suggestions for Talking with One Another and Promoting Harmony.

By Suzanne Renna. Member of the Mental illness, Crises, and the Latihan Subcommittee

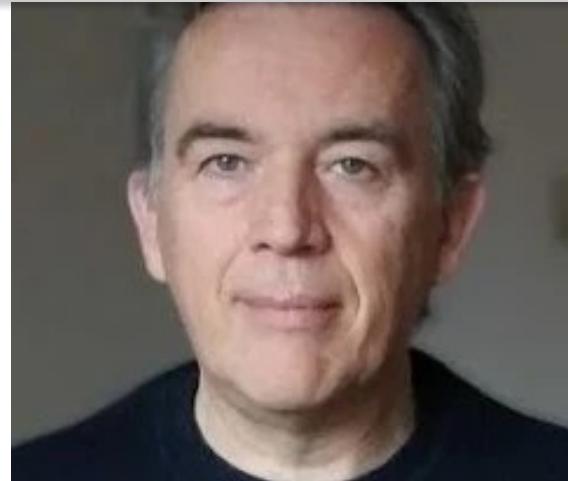
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International Subud

By Arifin Konrad, International Subud Committee (ISC) Chair 2024-2028



When I wrote this, I realized that it is next to impossible to explain it all. There is so much more depth. There is something mysterious about money in Subud. There is a connection between the way you do things and money. It keeps surprising me to say the least.

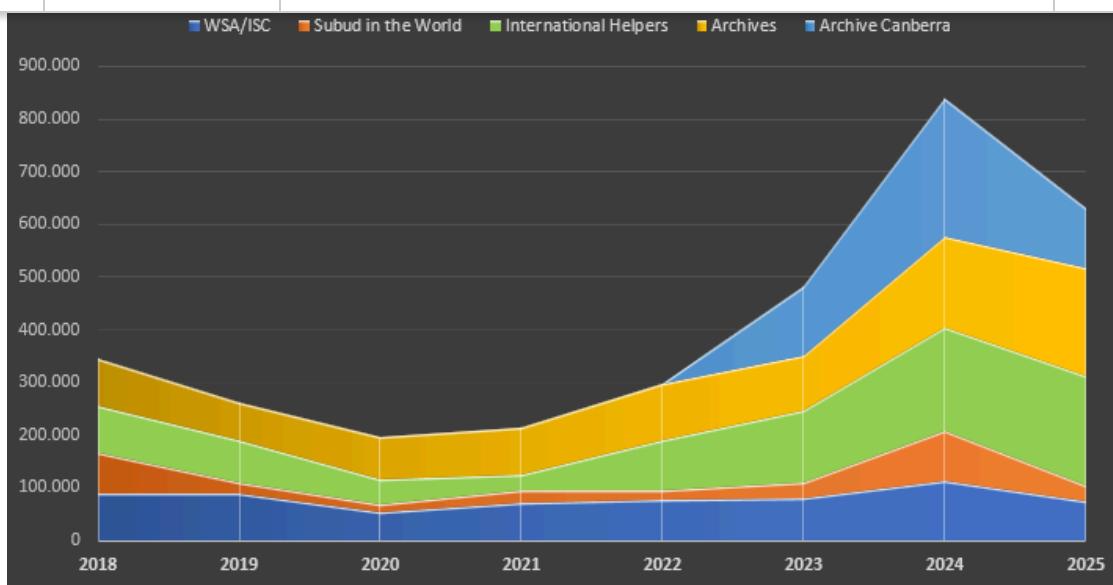
How to plan a budget for the WSA

The year goes into its last quarter. That's the time when Marzuki, our treasurer, sends out the budget forms to ask the countries for their pledges for the 2026 budget. We need to do this to plan for next year. Last year as we just had been appointed a lot of it was new to us so we would like to share with you what it is all about.

So, what activities are considered?

The broad categories of activities are:

- Helper Travels
- Archives
- Subud in the World
- WSA/ISC Support Services

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The first two aims of the WSA are about facilitating the worship of Almighty God and preserving the Latihan kejiwaan in its original form so Helper Travel is a core activity that WSA supports. Wherever the International Helpers go there is an impact.

The preservation of the Talks of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu and how Subud evolved and grew that is the work of the Archives. They are the connection from the past to the presence of Subud. They make sure that we don't forget and that the Advice and Guidance of Bapak can always be traced back to the source. There are important projects going on from Digital Preservation to Archive Facilities.

Subud in the World is the umbrella for activities like SESI, SIHA, SYAI, ICT, Translation, SPI and Caresupport.

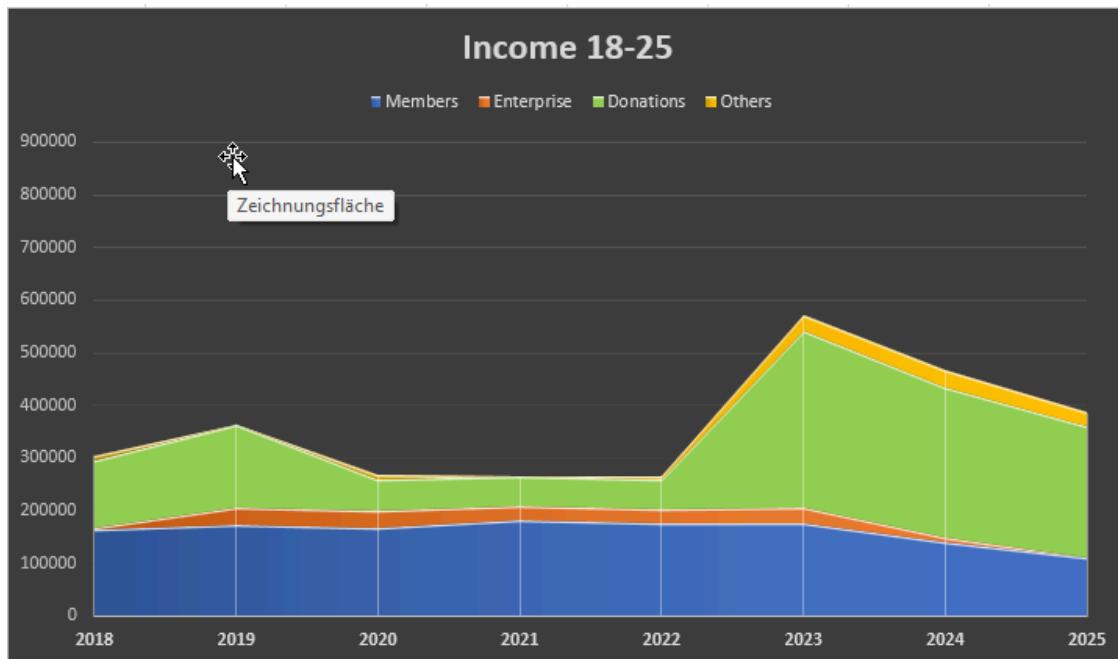
These are services that enable and encourage Subud members to take their Latihan into the world.

Of course, all this requires management, representation and interaction. That is what the WSA/ISC team does. The biggest factor there is the annual World Subud Council Meeting where all the decisions in between World Congresses are made. Maybe you notice some prominent omissions here. SDIA and SICA are affiliates that have their own budget. MSF is the World Subud Association's Foundation and has its own budget too.

Where does the money come from?

There are three big sources of income:

- Members contributions
- Enterprise
- Donations

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everything that helps us manage this vessel for the *Latihan* in this world. I don't want to analyze here, you can see for yourself.

So, what is the budget process?

When the pledges and projected expenses of all the WSA/ISC entities are in, Marzuki puts it all together and we start the discussion within ISC. Very quickly you can see if requests are not in balance with the projected income. Then we will talk to the person that made the request. A draft budget goes to the wider WSA/ISC team, goes through changes and edits and is finally presented to the Board of Directors (Zone Representatives) for approval.

Every few months Elwyn, our accountant, gives us the actuals vs budget. That is a table that shows how do we perform in relation to the budget plan. There are always unexpected incomes or expenses and sometimes the budget needs revision. Then the changes needed are presented to the Board for approval.

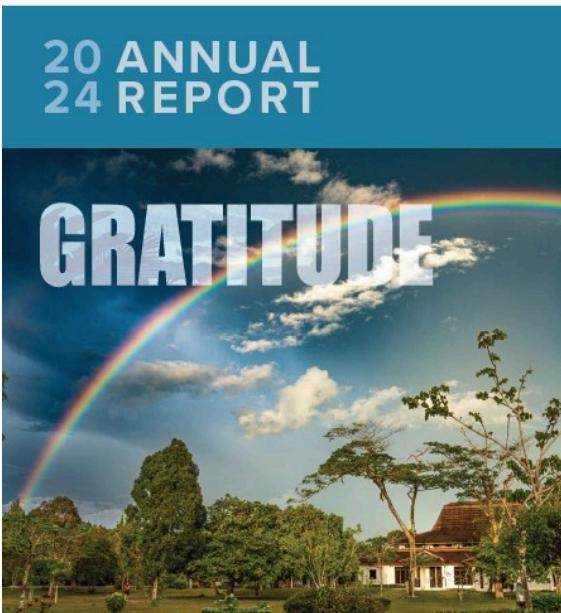
Why is it important?

Your contributions help us to maintain the presence of Subud on an international level so that we all can do *latihan*, discover our talent and put our worship to work.

Every country's pledge matter, every donation matters, every enterprise contribution matters. Thank you all!

The WSA team is pleased to share with you the 2025 annual report

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WSA SERVICES

A clear source

By Elisa Sánchez Caballero, Translations Subcommittee

Insights from the WSA translations team work and the disruption of AI.

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Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo

The Area 2 IHs inform

On September 14, IH2 Anwar, Isti and Beata met with members of Subud Belgium as well as the Chair and KC's of Holland for a *Kejiwaan* day in Leuven, Belgium. "We spent time together doing *latihan* and testing as well as sharing delicious food and good company. We are very grateful for the warm welcome and wonderful hospitality".



Next visits:

Colombia

Medellín November 9 and 10, 2025

Cúcuta November 11, 2025

Bucaramanga November 12 and 13, 2025

Costa Caribe November 14 and 15, 2025

Next visits
Budapest: November 8-9, 2025
Spain: November 24, 2025: visiting groups in Barcelona, Alicante, Madrid & Orgiva prior to attending the National Congress in December 6-8, 2025.

The Area 3 IH inform

The Area 3 international helpers already visited five cities (Popayán, Cali, Armenia, Amanecer and Bogotá) during their first trip to Colombia. The second visit will cover the other groups in that country.

[Learn more](#)

Zone 4

Subud holidays in Greece

By Robiyan Easty

Sunday, 14 Sept 2025

Yesterday the last stragglers from our wonderful Greek holiday reluctantly went back to their homes.

This gathering was truly a great gift, both to those who organized it and the 53 visitors from 13 countries. These included six former IHs, one current and two former Zone 4 Reps and three current KCs. There were several non-Subud partners and some with true grit who refused to be dominated by their health problems. Halim Korzybska described it as paradise in Greece.

The hotel we chose, just 2 hours from Athens, was perfect. It is a large hotel, so not exclusively for us as in Crete two years ago, but that was no problem at all. Harina had found it on a visit to a friend who has a house in Nafplion and her feeling that it might be a good place for a holiday proved to be true. There was a space for latihan available to us the whole time and big enough.



The blue Mediterranean sea was welcoming, with an especial welcome from the little biters, the small (thankfully) fish who wanted breakfast when we went for an early morning swim...not enough to deter us. It was just a few meters over the road, with canopies from the hotel and beach service if needed.

The food buffet had variety, was tasty and was open for long meal times. The management and staff were friendly and helpful and indeed had shown interest in Subud when we went there to negotiate.

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By Feodora Shukurova

Subud Russia Chair, Zone 4 Treasurer

Dear Brothers & Sisters, I invite you on a journey through Uzbekistan!

I want to take you on a special trip—not just a tour, but a true immersion into the atmosphere of my homeland. We'll start in Tashkent, where I'll guide you through the cozy streets, show you the city's landmarks, and share the stories that bring it to life.

Then, we'll venture to the magical cities of Samarkand and Bukhara—ancient places filled with history, breathtaking architecture, and the unique charm of the East.

We'll stroll through bustling bazaars, admire architectural masterpieces, experience the spirit of the Silk Road, and, of course, indulge in authentic Uzbek cuisine — samsa, plov, and delicious halva.

I want this journey to become a cherished memory for you, full of discoveries and unforgettable moments. Let's go together! ✨

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"From Subud, For Subud – Explore & Benefit from the Services and Products provided by Subud Members.

Subud Marketplace is a global online platform where Subud members present and offer their products and services. It was created to strengthen collaboration and visibility within the Subud community, helping members support each other's enterprises and


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Whether you're looking to discover services and products, or explore the diversity of Subud talent worldwide, Subud Marketplace is a practical tool to build community through enterprise and highlight how Subud members contribute to the world with skill, purpose, and integrity."

Subud Marketplace makes it easy to connect directly with Subud entrepreneurs across diverse fields — from creative services and education to wellness, technology, and craftsmanship. The Sellers presented on the marketplace are Subud members only.

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Wings

SDIA Human Force Camp Amanecer, Colombia January 2026

Designing Change: Etienne Zambrano and the building of the new Kiosko at Amanecer

As the Human Force prepares to send a team to Amanecer in January 2026, we spoke with architect and previous program participant Etienne Zambrano about his work bringing sustainable community spaces to life, and what volunteers can expect to experience firsthand!

At just 26, Colombian architect Etienne Zambrano is transforming learning



“For me, community projects are essential for cultural flourishing. Spaces only gain meaning when they’re filled with life — interactions between humans, and with the surrounding natural environment,” Etienne reflects: “Integrating these elements respectfully — culturally, socially, and historically — is what gives a project its true value and sustainability.”

With professional skills in low-impact, ecosystem-focused design, Etienne is now leading the reconstruction of Amanecer’s community Kiosko.

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for both community and environmental impact.

Etienne first joined Human Force in 2022, describing the experience as a “conscious engagement with the environment, surroundings, and human relationships.” That time inspired him to see the potential of design not just as structures, but as living spaces that nurture communities and connect people with nature.

[Registration form](#)

SIHA

Check out the recordings of the recent Zoom workshops about nutrition and stress, exhaustion and fatigue, and "EFT tapping & Anxiety".

Sign in to SIHA website and have access to all the resources.

[SIHA website](#)

World Latihan schedules

November 2, 2025

02:00 (Los Angeles)
04:00 (Mexico City)
05:00 (New York/Bogotá)
07:00 (Santiago de Chile)
10:00 (GMT) (London)
11:00 (Paris)

December 6, 2025

02:00 (Los Angeles)
04:00 (Mexico City)
05:00 (New York/Bogotá)
07:00 (Santiago de Chile)
10:00 (GMT) (London)
11:00 (Paris)

23:00 (New Zealand)

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Subud Gatherings

The Americas gathering 2026 at Puerto Varas, Chile

By Alberto Urrejola

Puerto Varas, a beautiful place in southern Chile surrounded by lakes, rivers, forests and volcanoes has been chosen as the official venue for this important gathering. The Subud Chile National Committee in April of this year undertook the task of organizing the Americas gathering in November 2026, during the spring season in the southern hemisphere. In the coming days, the gathering's committee will begin outreach efforts, preparing the registration process for participants through the official communication channel, which will be announced soon.



[See full presentation](#)

Family Congress 2026 at Milton

By Rashid Rogers

Reserve 2nd to 8th August 2026 in your calendars! The 2026 family gathering and Subud Britain National Congress will be held at Milton Abbey School, a stunning venue in Dorset, 10 minutes from Dorchester and half an hour from the golden sands of Weymouth beach.

**Watch Subud Britain video****Learn more**

Bapak and Ibu Zoom Talks Program in October 2025

In the October Zoom Talk program, Subud Indonesia is hosting Bapak's talks which explain about heaven and hell, following with Ibu Rahayu's talk. The program started on October 1st until 31st, 2025; twice a day, at 8 PM and 8 AM on Jakarta time (rerun on the following day).

It is hoped that many members will join this program and get more understanding about the meaning, purpose and benefit of the *Latihan Kejiwaan* Subud and how to become truly human beings by the grace of Almighty God.

Please contact Subud Indonesia to get the Zoom link at titin.suwartini@gmail.com

See invitation

Staff

A Lifetime of Subud Service



Lucian has dedicated over 55 years to Subud, serving in a wide range of roles across all levels of the organization. He began in 1970 as Membership Coordinator for Subud Detroit—just weeks after being opened—and later became local Chair and Helper. He went on to serve eight years as Midwest Regional Helper, followed by nine years as a SUSA National Helper, Vice-Chair, and Committee Councilor.

After a personal loss, Lucian continued his role from home, managing the SUSA Newsletter, website, and policy manual. Internationally, while testing at the Puebla World Congress didn't lead to immediate roles, he was soon appointed Executive Director of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, a position he held for four years.

Most recently, Lucian completed a term as MSF Trustee and now serves as Corporate Secretary of the World Subud Association.

Special Thanks

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Subud sisters: Lucille Venn and Mardiana Situmeang, for translating the newsletter in French and Indonesian, respectively.

Subud wings and affiliates

websites

Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) www.susiladharma.org

Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) www.subud-sica.org

Subud Enterprise Services International (SESI) www.subudenterprise.com

Subud International Health Association (SIHA) www.subudhealth.org

Muhammad Subuh Foundation www.msubuhfoundation.org

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