

Ekoturin Foundation – East Bali Poverty Project

£6,792.40

To provide integrated training in organic vegetable farming, organic worms & castings, farming and goat breeding for milk & sale

Progress from starting preparations in November 2006 has been excellent and in accordance with the project objectives stated in our proposal to TFN. With the TFN Grant key progress has taken place:

- **Preliminary professional training:** Prior to receiving the TFN grant, EBPP invited renowned Indonesian experts to give a one day workshop on 8th November 2005 in the key areas introduced through TFN grant: Dr. Ir. Ni Luh Kartini, Indonesia's foremost organic worm farming and castings expert, gave hands on training in the most efficient and effective work farm development techniques; and Mr Dewa Ketut Gawe, veterinarian and Head of Peranakan Ettawah Goat breeding Centre, Bongancina, West Bali, advised the correct methods for building goat pens, goat husbandry and initiated a formal relationship between their centre and EBPP.
- **Infrastructure development:** As soon as they received the TFN grant, the worm house, vegetable nursery, goat pens and water storage reservoirs were built, all to professional specifications; Vetiver grass was planted to form the borders for the vegetable garden plots and the worm farm media prepared.
- **The young learning groups:** All of the three young farmers training groups showed great interest, enthusiasm and initiative in learning the three integrated permaculture-type projects, especially worm farming, which has created great excitement throughout all the communities.
- **PE Goats development:** As soon as the goat pens were completed, 9 female and one male goat were delivered from Bongancina Centre on 31st December 2005.

By December 2006, all of EBPP team are confident that the 3 groups training from the 3 large hamlets are almost ready to replicate the permaculture system they have learnt with the vegetable farming including vetiver, worm farming and castings development and PE goat breeding for milk and eventual meat and economic development from sales.