

## PROJECT INFORMATION



### INDONESIA: BOARDING HOMES IN MAKASSAR

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**Since Indonesian village schools are poorly equipped, many parents send their children to secondary schools in the city. There the children find lodging and supportive care in Christian boarding homes.**

In the rural regions of South Sulawesi the schools normally provide only primary school education. They have poor staffing and financial resources and are unable to prepare pupils for a solid working career. Pupils receive a better education in the capital city of Makassar. But many children and young adults who are sent to the city must live with host families and work for their keep as exploited workers. They wash the family laundry, do garden work or have to clean the house. They only have time to learn at night which is particularly difficult for children. So it is no surprise that they achieve very little academic success. A better life is impossible without education – neither in the city nor back home in the villages. This is why the Christian Church in South Sulawesi (GKSS) has started boarding homes so that children can grow up and learn in a relaxed environment based on Christian

values.

#### **Living and learning in a protected environment**

Many pupils of both genders were sent by their parents or their grandparents and some of them have no more contact with their parents since their parents have long separated and the children are simply in the way. All of them have found a home in a GKSS boarding home until they can stand on their own two feet.

At present, about 70 children live at these homes in a Christian community which accompanies them in their daily lives and helps them learn and do their homework. Now the pupils have enough time to study. In their spare time, they help in the garden and do household chores so that they know how to run a household later.

Educators of both genders who supervise dormitories and assume the role of parents accompany the everyday lives of the children and young adults and look after their concerns and needs. Indonesian boarding homes offer a safe haven to children and young adults in the unfamiliar big city and help them deal with alcohol, drugs, juvenile crime or sexual exploitation and the risk of AIDS.

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