

INDONESIA/SULAWESI REFORESTATION IN SULAWESI

Your donation helps to repair damage to the environment through active reforestation and also reduces the threat of poverty among the farming population.

In Indonesia, heavy rains and flooding have become more and more frequent due to climate change. The often indiscriminate clearing of forests has now resulted in soil erosion and landslides, which in turn threatens the financial existence of farmers. The Protestant Indonesian Church in Luwu (GPIL) is launching a reforestation programme with a twofold effect.

Indonesia is facing an increase in landslides and flooding. Often, these natural disasters are the result of significant human intervention in nature. For example, vast areas of forest were indiscriminately cleared in the past to create arable land or to sell the logged timber. However, this plan has totally backfired. Now the resulting damage to the environment is threatening all the families who live off the land.

A project with a twofold effect

The GPIL has launched a project that both helps nature and

supports the people who live off it. The project focuses on planting durian trees. Durian trees are widespread throughout Indonesia. They grow up to 50 metres high and can store large quantities of water, so making a significant contribution to maintaining an intact ecosystem. Their tasty fruits with their characteristically spiky skin are very popular and can be sold at a profit. The aim is to enable families participating in the project to earn a stable and reliable income.

The project is located in Luwu, a traditional durian growing area. It is supervised directly by the church management and actively involves the local communities in all decisions. The high level of personal commitment of all those involved in the project is essential for its success since a reforestation project of this scale takes time and patience. It takes four years for durian trees to start bearing fruit. Tending the seedlings and planting the trees requires knowledge that the project participants must first acquire.

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