



INDONESIA: NEW TRAINING OPENINGS TO EMPOWER YOUNG ADULTS

Support young adults in Sulawesi in their vocational training so that they have a future full of opportunities.

Young adults living in rural communities on Sulawesi have hardly any training opportunities at all. The Toraja church supports young adults on their career paths so that they can build a better future for themselves.

Arwin is the son of a Sulawesi farming family. After school, he works together with his parents as a day labourer in the fields in the wide valleys of the Toraja highlands. His greatest wish is to attend a secondary school one day. But his family is too poor to afford a good education for him.

People in the tiny scattered villages in Sulawesi usually live close to subsistence level. The small agricultural businesses just about ensure their survival but young adults have no future. The Toraja Church (GT) helps young adults to learn a technical profession at its vocational training centre.

Industrial mechanics or information technology in Rantepao
The Toraja Church built the vocational training centre in

Rantepao to offer young adults like Arwin a career prospect. Here young adults are trained as motorbike or industrial mechanics and in information technology. Young women who want to learn a traditionally male profession are encouraged and supported in their plans.

Training takes place on two levels. They undergo part of their training at the training centre in Rantepao and the other part in businesses located close to where the young people live. It is then easier for apprentices to find a job after they graduate and it also strengthens the local labour market. This dual system has proven its worth since more and more well-trained workers are needed in rural areas. And those who decide to move away also have good chances on the labour market since, in the meantime, the quality of this vocational training has become well-known throughout the country.

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