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Building a Stairway to a Better Future in Bali, Indonesia

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IDEP Foundation [1] is a local Indonesian NGO based in Bali - Indonesia. We feel very fortunate to have received a Sow It Forward grant this spring to build a new staircase into our permaculture demonstration gardens and to repair fish ponds.

By building stairs in the garden the visiting school kids now have a safe and easily access path to all zone within the garden, thus, making the learning activities more memorable! More than 1,000 students, from elementary to university, in Bali and abroad visit our demonstration site every year. The path and stairs that have been built have provided excellent benefits for both the team and most importantly for the visitors, especially to children and visitors with special needs. One of our longstanding partners is Sari Hati Foundation, a school for children with special needs. They send their children to the garden in a regular basis. Doing gardening in IDEP demonstration site helps them to build their sensitivity and connection with the nature and the environment.

The remaining funds from the construction of paths and stairs have also been utilized to repair our leaking natural fish ponds. The new fishponds add many benefits to the garden environment. Not only do they they catch and store rainwater, the plants inside the pond are used to neutralize water from irrigation canals that can later be used to water the plants in the garden. In addition to its water storage function, the fish pond is also used in the garden's Integrated Pest Control system. By giving a hanging bulb-lantern above the pool (bulb use solar panel source), during the night the lamp attracts the pests and insects in the garden that then becomes food source for fish in the pond.

The IDEP Foundation team would like to once again graciously thank KGI for your contribution to the development of our permaculture work.

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