



World Scout Foundation
Fondation du Scoutisme Mondial

When leadership really counts!



2004



Annual Report



World Scout Foundation Honorary President, His Majesty The King of Sweden, lays a wreath in a village devastated by December's tsunami to express his condolences. During his February 2005 visit, he took time to meet with Scouts, praising them for their efforts in the rescue and rehabilitation.

The members of the World Baden-Powell Fellowship join with His Majesty sharing their condolences for all who have been affected. They echo his praise for the young men and women in Scouting in those communities and throughout the world who responded.



From the Chairman

December 26th 2004 - The world looked on in stunned silence as the full horror of the tsunami disaster unfolded. It would take days for foreign governments and international agencies to understand the enormity of the needs, and longer to begin to respond.

However, closer to the disaster site, there was no time to sit back, no time to try to understand – action was needed – immediately! Local communities affected by the disaster, though overwhelmed, didn't just wait for help to arrive. In the first hours and days, leaders took their places, and the survivors pulled together – searching, saving, protecting and burying.

These unsung heroes were normal people like you and I. They stood up when leadership was most needed, they were there for the community. Among these resilient leaders, were many Scouts. One of the most inspiring aspects of human nature is that when faced with danger, good always wins through.

Scouting is not a disaster relief agency. It doesn't have warehouses, relief goods, disaster plans or flashing lights. But in many communities affected by the tsunami disaster, among the stories of heroism and leadership are tales of young, and not so young, men and women who did what they did, *because* they were Scouts.

This year's Annual Report of the World Scout Foundation is dedicated to those young men and women.

The support of Baden-Powell Fellows over the years has provided the leadership training and support to Scout groups in these very communities. It is through the quality of character building and leadership development gained through Scouting that these young men and women were prepared for such a serious challenge. It is their spirit, action and courage which gives inspiration to all of us who support Scouting through the World Scout Foundation. When leadership was needed, these Scouts were there!

We focus on the area hit worst by the disaster, the province of Aceh in Indonesia, but we could equally have gone to Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, or the Maldives – the stories are a little different, but the message is the same – Scouting trains leaders – and when leadership is needed, Scouts take action!

Eberhard von Koerber
Chairman





The Scout Leader's Story

Banda Aceh, Indonesia, 27th December 2004: After a gruelling 24-hour bus ride, Agustamin arrived to the outskirts of town, to a sight which he could not have imagined in his worst nightmares. Three days before when he kissed goodbye to his wife and children, this town was the busy capital of Aceh Province – a port town teeming with people. Now it resembled a wasteland ...

Agustamin and the other passengers had to clear the road in front of the bus so that it could enter town. Leaving his fellow passengers at the shattered bus terminal, he waded through knee deep water and eventually arrived to where his house once stood. The house, in fact the whole street, no, the whole neighbourhood was completely flattened.

As far as the eye could see, in place of rows of modern two and three story middle class homes was an empty wasteland. He could hardly make out where his own house had been. All he found was mud and rubble, but no sign of his wife and three children.

Three days later Agustamin still hadn't found them. His mother's home, safely nestled in the upland area, now housed many of his relatives who had escaped the killer waves, but his wife and kids hadn't made it there.

The 26th December was Sunday, and the family was probably enjoying the beach. A horrific thought, but a father can not give up. He continued to scour the makeshift hospitals and bulletin boards listing those who had been evacuated or otherwise identified. His tear-stained eyes could look no longer.

He slept for the first time in days, rising at dawn to continue searching. As the sun rose on the desolation, the eerie silence was broken by the familiar call to prayer from what was left of his neighbourhood mosque. Without a loudspeaker the Imam's voice was crystal clear, more personal.

Agustamin made his way through the debris and joined a small group in prayer, seeing some of his neighbours for the first time. He is well-known in the community as a Scout leader and the Imam looked at Agustamin when he said "Now, we all have a big job to do."

Twenty minutes later Agustamin was sitting with other Scout leaders and Rovers in the cracked shell of the Scout office, saved from the worst effects of the waves by its location on higher ground. A message had been relayed from Jakarta by Scout radio amateurs that the first plane-load of Scout volunteers would arrive in two days. They needed local leaders to take charge ...





The Student Engineer's Story

Jakarta 27th December – Edi Darmadi looked on in horror as normal TV programming had been completely abandoned. Now, 24-hour coverage of the impact of the earthquake and tsunami was all that could be seen. Edi, a 19-year-old student engineer and member of the Rover Scout crew in the university, knew he had to do something.

Edi tried to call the National Scout Office, but all the lines were busy. He dressed in his uniform and drove his motorbike the 10 miles to the office.

Bursting through the main gates, Edi was surprised to see so many himself lining up to volunteer for service. He saw Firman and Apriadi, his friends from Bogor Scout Troop. They told him that Berthold Sinaulan, editor of one of Jakarta's main newspapers, had published a news article that any Rover Scout interested in helping should come to register in Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesian Scouting) offices. The Indonesian military were planning an airbridge and Indonesian Scouting would establish a relief base which would link to the work of the Indonesian Red Cross in Banda Aceh.

Two days later Edi woke very early and made his way to the national Scout camp for Scout Team training. This was a grueling mix of physical fitness, health-checks, inoculations and training in health and safety in disasters.

On 3rd January, as he stepped off the military transport at the small Banda Aceh airport. Agustamin shook his hand with a warm smile – “Thanks for coming to help my people!” “They’re mine too,” said Edi. Agustamin smiled again “Come along all of you”. The first 50 Scout volunteers followed Agustamin with their bikes and their back packs the five miles to the Scout Team site.

“You’ll be working at the temporary camp set up close to the TV station. We have 400 homeless people there now. We need you to take care of the cooking and show the people how to put up tents.”

The authorities were so impressed with the Scouts’ organizational efficiency - and the respect they earned from the homeless people in the camps - they asked the Scouts to go to a larger camp and organize the stocking and distribution of food and medicine which were arriving in chaotic plane-loads.

After a tough two weeks of service in Aceh, Edi returned to his life in Jakarta. “These experiences will stay with me all my life. I am proud of what we achieved in Aceh. Our team really made a big difference to the lives of the people there ... and to our lives.”





The Lawyer's Apprentice

Jabal is 19 years old, and a law student in Jakarta. He's also a Rover from Jakarta Pusat 1310 Scout Troop. On December 26th, as news of the tsunami first broke, he called his closest friends from the Rover crew. They decided to do something, and after a briefing at the Scout head office, they determined that they couldn't wait until January 15th, the next available flight. They packed Jamal's own car and set off for Aceh, first stopping by his office.

The head of the law office shook Jabal by the hand: "You can go to Aceh as long as you want. Don't worry about your job here, I'll still pay you." Jabal raced to his friends in the waiting car.

It took them three days to reach Aceh. When they arrived on January 3rd, the situation was still horrible. Ruins, bodies, and mud - everywhere.

After coordination with Agustamin and after a short rest from their exhausting drive, Jabal and his friends got to work.

"First, we helped in the kitchen at the TV station camp. We helped to cook for the first day, but then we were moved to another team. Our new job was to evacuate bodies," Jabal paused, "Removing dead bodies is not easy. I was sick the first time, but slowly got more steady as I continued the work. We did this for about 10 days.

"Every day we worked in teams of 8 members. Seven of us have the task to put the bodies in bags and carry them away. The other member carries drinking water and when a team member is thirsty, he removes his friend's mask and gives him a drink so he won't have to use his hands. We stop about 2 pm when it gets too hot and we are very tired. Then we must go through a decontamination process before we can return to camp.

"The Scout Team was really appreciated by the Indonesian Red Cross and the Government, and particularly by the homeless people," says Jabal.

After returning to Jakarta, Jabal reflected on his many new experiences. "We must thank God every day. This was a very difficult time, very challenging, but all of us are glad we did it. I think our Scout training helped a lot. We worked well as a team, but more important we knew *why* we had to work! I am proud that I could prove my Scout oath to help other people. I believe that every Scout would do the same."

Scout volunteer teams quickly spread the message about water purification, and they constructed water filters for the camps.





The Teacher's Story

Banda Aceh Airstrip, Indonesia, January 21st - Ami Astuti followed her friends Nurtsani, Umi Latifah and Laila Martiani off military transport plane in the heat of the afternoon.

These four young women are members of Jakarta Timur 3114 Rover Scout Troop (East Jakarta). All of them are students at the University of Jakarta, majoring in education.

In Aceh they started with the Scout Team at a camp kitchen. In their free time the Rovers found themselves entertaining the camp's children - all of whom were traumatized, and many orphaned. The rear of the kitchen area became a makeshift play area, where Scout games were played and Scout songs filled the air ... and children smiled!

Ami and her friends sat with Agustamin and made a proposal – that their team set up a make-shift school and bring a sense of normality back to the lives of the children. To Agustamin, it was clear that their talents were much better used in this way, and he quickly agreed and linked Ami with the Indonesian Red Cross who found basic resources to start the school. The children were very happy to have the young women and men from the Scouts as their new “sisters and brothers”.

This amazing team of Rover Scouts brought smiles back on the faces of the children in the camp.

As Ami explains, “Many of them were still highly traumatized by what happened. They will need long term support and counselling, but this had to start as soon as possible. With true love, our team of Rover Scouts was able to help the children start that journey back to normality, and day by day we were able to see their life spirit building up again.

“Back in Jakarta, we linked up with some other Rovers in Malang and Yogyakarta. They were looking for something meaningful to do and so we proposed they find school books and bags for the kids – they have lost everything and the sooner they get back to school and a “normal” routine the better. We didn't expect the amazing success of this project – thousands of school-bags and school sets were sponsored by donors and distributed by the Rovers who came in the Scout Teams after us – the Scout network works!” says Ami with a proud smile.

“It's truly amazing in this difficult time, when all seems lost, it is possible to find a smile again, to bring hope back to children – and it all started with a few Scout games! Scouting is great!”

◀ School-bags - the only possession children can call their own - distributed in their thousands by the Rovers in Aceh. The school routine brought back a sense of





The Regional Perspective

The Indonesian Scout Association (Gerakan Pramuka), the world's largest with 8 million members, ensured that they sent fit and well-trained teams to Aceh to support the work of local authorities and international agencies. Over 600 young men and women, dressed in their bright orange and brown uniforms, worked on the ground in the emergency phase of the operation.

Thousands more Scouts worked back in their own communities to collect material and financial assistance (like the school-bags) for distribution in the communities affected.

"The Gerakan Pramuka has a fine tradition of leadership training and runs a superb Rover programme," says Mr Abdullah Rasheed, World Scouting's Regional Director based in Manila. "What was most impressive has been the spontaneous response by individual Rovers and troops from all over the country. Offers of help far outnumbered places on flights available to the Scout volunteers."

"Scouts in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and the Maldives worked in similar ways within their communities in the days following the disaster. They have helped children orphaned by the disaster, they have helped to clear debris from homes and schools, and have begun to work on the rebuilding where they can," Rasheed pauses, "We were really impressed, by the incredible spirit with which our Scout volunteers worked - I saw many in action for myself - and even through this difficult time, they smiled, they laughed and encouraged each other. They brought hope, determination and energy at a time when these were most needed. They knew when to talk, when to listen, and above all, they knew how to work."

"It makes me proud to see that years of investment in training, programme development and local capacity building has produced young men and women with such wonderful qualities."

"And all of us in this region have been really touched by the millions of Scouts from other regions of the world, who have raised funds for the emergency relief of the big agencies, and then pledged their support for the action of their brother and sister Scouts in rehabilitating programmes by donating funds through Tsunami Scout Aid."





Educating young people to become value-driven leaders is the core business of Scouting,” explains Dr Eduardo Missoni, World Scouting’s dynamic new Secretary General. “Right from the earliest days of Scouting almost 100 years ago, when young people in Victorian England were “to be seen and not heard”, Scouts were encouraged to take responsibility, to become engaged in their communities and to become active citizens. Scouts are expected to be positive actors, not passive followers.

“Through their Scout experience, young people see that little by little they can have an influence on *their* world – they can change their environment, their peers and themselves – so it is not surprising

The Global View

that when faced with a disaster like the tsunami, Scouts *believe* they can help make things better and so become immediately engaged.”

At the 48th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Geneva, September 2004, Baden Powell Fellows participated in a seminar where they heard of many examples of Scouts helping to change their world – both from external partners and direct from the Scouts themselves. The BP Fellows were linked by satellite to three amazing young people:

- Gilbert who had responded to the genocide in Rwanda/Burundi, saving many lives and helping to rebuild communities affected by the crisis,
- Rose, who runs one of the “Ticket to Life” Scout troops which operate in the slums of Nairobi. She explained that the positive experience she had in Scouting, the training she received in community development in her troop, and the sheer fun had energized her to work with the street kids in her area;
- Atif, from Sudan, explained how the Sudanese Scouts were among the few groups accepted to help in the refugee camps in Darfour – these young people were seen as neutral and caring and were trusted by everyone they worked with.

BBC’s Owen Bennet-Jones who led the seminar, interviewed a number of Geneva based officials to hear third-party opinions - Mr Kamel Morjane, the UN’s Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees explained that UN relief operations around the world can only work with the support of local volunteers. UNHCR seeks active, trained and well-organised groups to help. And Scouting is one of the most active. In nine previous disasters, UNHCR has made special awards to local Scouts for their work with refugees.

Owen also interviewed partners from UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF and the Red Cross who all reinforced Kamel’s message: It is only through local volunteers that international agencies can be effective, and Scouting has proved that its volunteers are well trained, motivated, and highly effective.

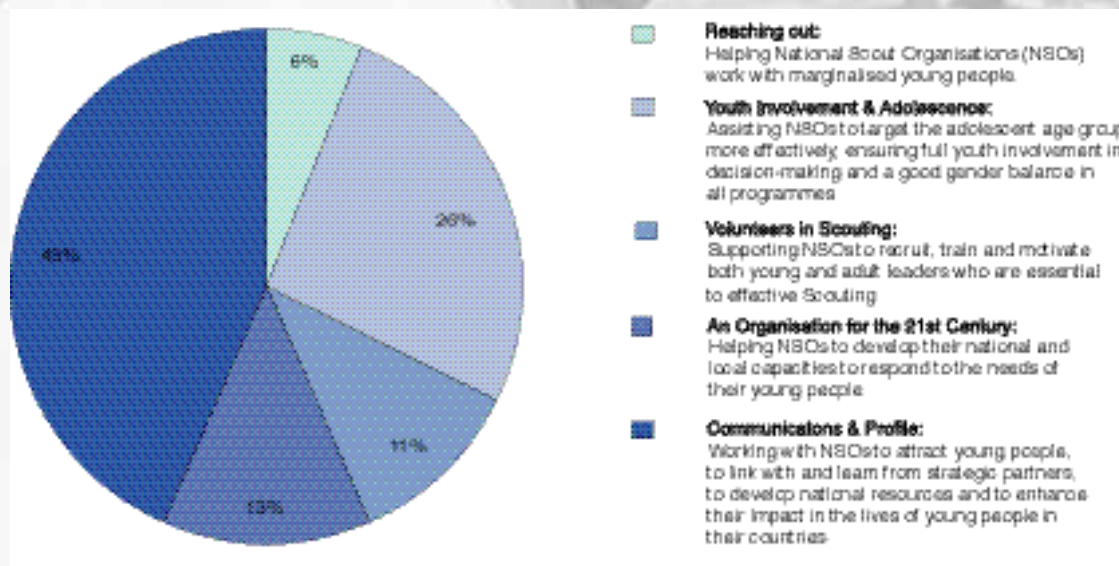
Background:
Kamel Morjane, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees being interviewed by Owen Bennet-Jones
From left to right:

1. Yoshio Utsumi, Secretary General, ITU
2. Baden-Powell Fellows attending the Seminar during the World Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Geneva
3. Representatives of UN agencies
4. John & Sally Gibson (USA)



WSF Grant-making Helps Leaders Grow

Chart: The budget allocated by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to activities covered by the World Scout Foundation grant.



2004 Highlights

During 2004 the following WOSM programmes have made a particular impact in communities around the world. Through these, and similar programmes listed on the opposite page, the contributions of Baden-Powell Fellows, distributed through WSF grants, are helping Scouts world-wide change the world for the better.

Youth Programmes: Scouting at the global level promotes activities where young leaders can show real results. Among the programmes supported in this area is one inspired by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia: The Gifts for Peace programme, which is in its roll-out phase.

Scouting is 100 years old in August 2007, but rather than waving flags, Scouts round the world looked for a practical way to celebrate. The Saudi Crown Prince called on Scouts to work to develop peace and understanding between people globally, and so the concept of the “Gifts for Peace” was born. Through this programme, Scouts in every country will carry out actions at community level to contribute to peace in their country.

A multinational team of staff and volunteers from key national Scout organizations and the World Scout Bureau have been busy developing educational material to be used by local youth groups throughout the world. This material has been modeled on the work of Scouts in the Great Lakes of Africa, in the former Yugoslavia, in Northern Ireland, in Palestine and Israel, in South Africa and in Afghanistan. Already Scouts in many countries have pledged their “Gift of peace”, well in advance of the September 2005 deadline. On August 1st 2007, each Head of State, each TV station and newspaper in the world will be visited by a group of Scouts and presented with a dossier reporting on the gift for peace run in their county and a report of all the other gifts for peace carried out worldwide!

An organization for the 21st Century: During 2004 the Africa Region has prioritized six countries: Burundi, Ethiopia, South Africa, Mauritius, Gambia and Niger for support with leadership development. Organizational assessments were carried out in each country to identify strengths and weaknesses, assistance was provided by a South Africa University to develop baseline data for each country and a three year development plan has been initiated. The aim: to train more leaders who can support young people in the societies they find themselves in today. The University will follow this programme, assessing its impact on young people and society in these countries over time and help to guide African Scouting to provide an even stronger service to communities they serve.

Since its establishment, the World Scout Foundation has awarded over USD 20 million to the activities of Scouting around the world.





Raising the Funds

2004 was a shortened financial year for the WSF as the Board decided to change from a September-to-March year to a January-to-December year.

Despite the short year – nine months instead of 12 – WSF Treasurer Fredrik Gottlieb was able to announce higher income in donations than in the previous 12 months and significantly higher level of pledges.

WSF's annual fundraising efforts are focused around its Baden-Powell Fellowship Events, held in different cities throughout the world. In 2004, WSF organized the 48th Baden-Powell Fellowship

Event, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Pledges reported at the Geneva event amounted to USD 3.3 million. At the end of 2004, a further pledge of USD 840,000 (CHF 1 million) was received from an anonymous Geneva donor “who had a very positive experience as a Scout when he was a young man”.

Total cash income from contributions for the year amounted to USD 1.25 million. (Note: Some pledges received in 2004 include multi-year contributions, and the anonymous contribution was received in January 2005.)

The Geneva event, as usual, was honoured by the presence of His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, who recognized 14 new Baden-Powell Fellows from Switzerland, seven from other countries and three new members of the Honours Programme.

A special category of the Honours Programme, for contributions of over USD 1 million, was inaugurated in Geneva, with two couples welcomed to the newly named the Regal Circle. Meriel and Howard Kilroy of Ireland were first to be recognized, followed by Janet and Rick Cronk of USA. Both couples were later invited to a special function by His Majesty, in recognition of their contribution and support, where they received truly “Regal” attention.

- Background:
Thierry Lombard (Switzerland) & Steve Fossett (USA)
From left to right:
1. Rick & Janet Cronk (USA), HM The King of Sweden, Howard & Mariel Kilroy (Ireland)
 2. HM The King of Sweden, Clark & Jean FetrIDGE (USA)
 3. Fritz & Danièle Vollmar (Switzerland)
 4. HM The King of Sweden & Douglas Cameron (USA)
 5. Margot Bogert (USA) & Sven Erik Ragnar (Sweden)

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eneva Scouts organized an impressive show at the Satigny campsite where hundreds of Swiss Scouts, French Scouts and local Boy Scouts of America troops mingled with the Baden-Powell Fellows in an educational game designed by Scouting together with the International Red Cross.

This game will now be widely used by the Red Cross to educate young people on the importance of the Geneva Conventions concerning the laws of war.

The Scouts who participated in the game for the first time told the Baden-Powell Fellows of their positive impressions - they were quite proud to be part of a Movement which can help organisations like the Red Cross to communicate with young people on such important issues.



◀ Scout Activities at the Scout center in Satigny, Geneva.



On the social side, the spectacular Geneva Event saw 28 of Geneva's most historic families welcome the 150 visiting B-P Fellows to their homes for a very special taste of "Home Hospitality". Geneva's history unfolded through the stories of these families. The city's international community welcomed the Baden-Powell Fellows to the UN's technology centre at the International Telecommunications Union for a conference focused on the impact of Scouting in Africa. The ITU (and World Bank) helped link Geneva by satellite with Scouts at the heart of the region.

The B-P Fellowship Award Ceremony and Gala Evening was hosted by Thierry Lombard at his home in Bavois, not far from Geneva. Situated at a beautiful chateau in the countryside, this was a fitting place to end an event which was full of some very special memories.

WOSM's former Secretary General, Jacques Moreillon, received one of Sweden's highest honours from His Majesty during the ceremony. The King's medal was awarded to Jacques for his tireless dedication and his contribution to the youth of the world.



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2. Pierre Pictet (Switzerland) HM The King of Sweden, Angela Pictet (Switzerland)
3. HM The King of Sweden, Solange Marchal (France), Eberhard von Koerber, Chairman, WSF (Switzerland)
4. HM The King of Sweden, Jacques & Marie-Claude Moreillon (Switzerland)

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WSF Governance



The Geneva Meeting of the World Scout Foundation Board made a number of important decisions regarding the management of the Foundation's endowment.

The Board appointed Cambridge Associates as Investment Advisors. It instructed the WSF Investment Committee to revise the WSF Investment Policy and to re-align the investments with current market conditions. WSF appointed Fiduciary Trust International to manage the US equity portion of the portfolio.

The new WSF Investment Policy (available from the WSF Geneva office) now drives a more diversified portfolio, with a more strategic outlook.

The Board strengthened the Investment Committee. Joining Howard Kilroy and Fredrik Gottlieb are Jens Erhard of Germany and Robert Woolford of UK.

Investment Committee Chairman Howard Kilroy reports that with this new approach the WSF finances are looking more to the long term. Following poor market performance in 2003 and 2004, we see a marked improvement in 2005 and are geared up, with new managers across the portfolio, to ensure we maintain this positive return.



World Scout Foundation is an independent non-profit charitable organization established under Swiss Law, and independently recognized under the laws of USA (501 (c) (3), Canada, Germany, Ireland and Japan. Contributions from other countries are also regularly made through national Scout organizations.

Ernst and Young Ltd audits the WSF's accounts and financial statements annually. The Financial Statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, the statement of general investment portfolio and notes) for the year ending 31st December 2004 are part of these audited statements. The complete audited financial statements in both Swiss Francs and Dollars are available on WSF's web pages at www.scout.org, or by post direct from the WSF office in Geneva.

Including funds held overseas, the value of WSF portfolio rose from USD 35,181,570 at end of March 2004 to USD 38,623,701 at end of December 2004.



World Scout Foundation Financial Summary

Report of the Statutory Auditors
The Members of the Board of the
World Scout Foundation, Geneva

Statement of Activities (US dollars), year ending 31st December 2004

INCOME	1.4.2004 - 31.12.2004	1.4.2003 - 31.03.2004
Operational Income	45,631	156,513
Capital donations received	1,202,112	456,056
Revenue from investments	18,562	1,136,765
Reversal of a part of the provision for investments	-	2,301,354
Dissolution of special reserve	1,970,765	1,170,321
TOTAL INCOME	3,199,945	5,221,010
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EXPENSES		
Operational Expenses	437,293	523,489
Bank Charges	152,350	198,688
Transfer to WOSM	1,408,191	1,170,321
Allocation to special reserve and restricted funds	638,232	793,231
Allocation to cover losses	864,745	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,500,810	
2,685,729	=====	=====

Statement of Financial Position (US dollars), year ending 31st December 2004

ASSETS	31.12.2004	31.03.2004
Cash and investments	36,283,406	33,132,736
Receivable	335,401	488,916
TOTAL ASSETS	36,618,807	33,621,652
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS		
Grant to WOSM	1,319,261	897,246
Other payable	127,633	33,080
Provision for unrealized exchange gain	31,172	93,890
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,478,066	1,024,216
	=====	=====
Restricted purpose funds	2,308,927	2,035,386
OWN FUNDS		
Initial capital	8,795	7,802
Special reserve	925,786	1,991,217
General endowment fund	31,897,233	28,563,031
TOTAL OWN FUNDS	32,831,814	30,562,050
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	36,618,807	33,621,652
	=====	=====

Agustamin still hasn't found his wife or children. He believes he will one day, and in the meantime, by helping other families through his Scout service he relieves some of the pain.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

The World Scout Foundation wishes to thank the Scout Association of Indonesia (Gerakan Pramuka) for the heroism of its members, and the excellent support it has given to the World Scout Foundation in producing this report at a time which is clearly very difficult. They stand with the other national Scout organizations affected by this disaster, as a fine example of true Scout spirit in action!



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