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Mother and child at the village clinic in Guatemala



School children at the JKF site in Indonesia

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**Oregon *new*** To address malnutrition “in our own backyard,” Miao Zhao will lead our effort to improve nutrition education right here in Linn County. This project will focus on non-English speaking Hispanic patients at a local low-income clinic. Building on what GNE has learned in Nepal and her experience as the clinic manager Zhao wants to develop an evidence-based nutrition message that is medically, culturally and linguistically appropriate. Content will target the audience in the clinic regardless of educational level. “Education should be fun and inspirational, especially to those who need health education the most,” said Zhao. “We envision this project will add value to other health and wellness education in our communities, locally and globally.”

**Guatemala *new*** GNE will partner with Faith In Practice, the second-largest provider of medical care in Guatemala, as part of the village primary care program. Wendy Robinson, GNE board member, is a leader of one of these village teams. She says that all women of child-bearing age who come to the 4 day rural clinic receive a year’s supply of prenatal vitamins from FiP. GNE wants to educate these women. Past research shows that they eat mainly four things: eggs, cheese, corn and beans. In 2017 GNE will use its expertise to provide an updated nutrition education program for one FiP village team that expects to see 1600 women. The program in coming years will expand to all nine of the village medical teams. Robinson also wants to train the traditional birth attendants who provide maternity care for the 85% of births that occur at home. Funding is needed to develop the teaching materials and analyze their impact.

**Indonesia *new*** The Jage Kastare Foundation (JKF) is a small philanthropic organization on the island of Lombok. JKF delivers an English, native arts and cultural enrichment program after school hours to approximately 150 school-age children. It is run by Ahmed Junaidi, a university English instructor. He received training in Community Development at OSU where he met Professor Neil Forsberg, a GNE board member. Forsberg says that GNE will add a nutrition and health dimension to JKF's on-going activities. They have recruited a medical director and are proposing to provide education to the students, their siblings and parents. GNE has the experience and expertise to develop the educational materials and promote micronutrient supplementation programs that are appropriate to the local population.

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