

Interview by Jemma Purdey with Wulan, Denpasar, Bali, 8 August 2014

MA, UNSW, 2010 cohort



[00:00:11]	Born in Bali; father Balinese, mother Javanese. Stayed in Denpasar all life. Schooling in Bali only. 1 brother, 2 sisters. Wulan is eldest. Father was high school teacher of English and mother was public servant in the Finance department. Exposure to English language in the home.	Childhood; early education
[00:02:07]	High school experience; plans for future study to become a doctor. Involvement in student organisations and activities. Fellow student of ADS alumni, Andi Arsana.	Secondary school
[00:04:45]	University experience 1996-2002, Udayana medical school. 6 year degree without break. Internship at Sanggla hospital in 4th year. Critique of the learning/teaching experience without independent learning or analysis. Few lecturers with overseas experience. Lack of resources in Indonesian health system.	University
[00:08:55]	Brother and sisters also attended Udayana. One in Medicine and others TEFOL.	Early career; work experience

	Difficulties practicing medicine in Bali, limited jobs.	
[00:10:04]	Work experience after graduating. Private clinic for tourists in Kuta area for 3 years. After Bali bombing in 2002 call from Australian government to provide funding for Balinese health professionals. Experience at time of the Bali bombing. Provided assistance at Sanggla hospital. In the aftermath of the bombings, less tourists and so fewer patients in the clinic. Improvements in hospital practice for dealing with burns after the bombings. Australian aid money to fund a burns unit.	Work experience
[00:14:46]	After the bombings; plans for undertaking further study. ADS application process. Call for Balinese health professionals prioritised for some scholarships: 'Bali health targeted scholarships'.	Scholarships application
[00:17:48]	Planning for study in Australia. Public health. Maternal and child health study. MA by research at UNSW. Advice from friends who also studied in Australia about her planning.	Scholarships application
[00:20:22]	Arrival in Sydney. Indonesian student friend in Sydney made arrangements for housing, child care etc. Accompanied by husband and 7 month old son. Scholarship awarded 2002. Australian PM ceremony in Bali to present awards but English training in 2003 for 3 months. Pregnancy meant her departure was delayed until 2006.	Living in Australia

[00:22:42]	Husband's work in Sydney and Bali. Family allowance from ADS. Lived in Kensington close to UNSW with Indonesian friends. Son into childcare after period on waiting list. Juggling childcare and study difficult at first. Stressful beginning. Household duties shared with husband. Son learnt to be independent and speak English.	Living in Australia; family experience
[00:28:28]	Research plan: 'Adherence to taking iron supplements among pregnant women in Bali'. January 2007-April in Bali for fieldwork. Husband remained in Sydney to work and maintain childcare payment. Childcare Rebate/Benefit. Findings of study - patients don't get enough support to maintain iron intake. Only 5% take iron. Impact on mother and child during delivery. Anemia during pregnancy is around 50% in Indonesia.	Research experience; Family experience
[00:33:13]	Supervisor arrangements. UNSW and U Sydney supervisors in Maternal and child health and nutrition and specialist in Indonesian health from UNSW. Independent research led to feelings of loneliness at times. Postgraduate research centre includes many international postgraduates, including Indonesian colleague. Rich environment for networking and collaborating between staff and students. Published two articles from international journals with supervisors as co-authors.	Research and study experience
[00:37:03]	Ongoing relationship with supervisor, including yearly	Post-scholarship research and collaboration; returning home

	visits to Bali. New research projects in collaboration with academics from UNSW on HIV/AIDS. Returned to Udayana as a lecturer in 2009. Reverse culture shock. Lack of resources, funding opportunities and professional support. Son found it especially difficult to transition back to Indonesia - foods.	
[00:40:08]	Life in Sydney. Socialising with Indonesian friends. Stretching the budget but easy lifestyle. Visit to Alice Springs for a Public Health conference. Engaging with local Balinese community. Every month attended gatherings to play gamelan and dancing and sometimes performed at university and the Consulate.	Living in Australia
[00:45:00]	Adjusting back to life in Bali. Teaching public health at Udayana. Courses are popular with students. As junior staff it is difficult to ask for further funding etc. Around 11 out of 30 of her colleagues from School of Public Health, Udayana have been awarded Australian Alumni scholarships. The school is one of the more advanced in Faculty of Medicine.	Career development
[00:47:58]	International collaboration and research experience. HIVAids interest started 2009 following a call from the National AIDS Committee backed by Australian Aid funding. With UGM they received funding for two trainees from Udayana for longitudinal study and mentoring program on HIV/AIDS prevalence in Bali. Funding 2009-2014. In Sydney and Melbourne last month for	Career development; research collaboration

	HIV/AIDS international conference. Yearly visits to Sydney for collaboration with colleagues at Kirby Institute, UNSW.	
[00:54:11]	Australian funding for research and network building (capacity building) at community level. Deliver training for staff in clinics on reporting and maintaining databases. Looking for further funding to maintain program. UNSW still interested in being involved. Aim to set up central database.	Research experience; community engagement
[00:57:06]	Working with NGOs. Has been program manager at a foundation working on prevention of mother to child HIV transmission since its inception in 2011. Funded by Global Fund through a national-level NGO. Local and regional government interest is improving. Universal free testing and HIV drugs available in Indonesia.	Community engagement
	[01:00:04] International collaboration. Publishing plans for this research with colleague from UK. Has just applied for Australia Awards and Endeavour scholarship for PhD at UNSW. Ambitions to work and live overseas eventually. Already has had consultancies with Save the Children and HIVOS and others. Short term consultancies to evaluate programs in various projects across Indonesia. With HIVOS she will visit Philippines to give training to NGO workers in HIV/AIDS. Well paid with good network building.	Career development
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