

# Not the Millennium Villages: Colin and Ria in Eastern Indonesia

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When Colin Barlow and Ria Gondowarsito worked together on a report on poverty in Eastern Indonesia in the late 1980s, they didn't know that it would become their life's work. Over the subsequent thirty years, the Nusatenggara Association (commonly known as NTA East Indonesia Aid), which they established, has made a real difference to some of Indonesia's poorest and most drought-prone

communities. Colin and Ria's story, told by Stephen Howes in our latest [Aid Profile](#), is both inspirational and educational, with lessons for development practitioners and policy-makers alike.

[Read the profile here.](#)

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