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Former Victorian police officer Glen Hulley runs Project Karma, a body aimed at saving children in SE Asia from sexual predators.

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**FOREIGNERS and locals are setting up orphanages in Bali under the guise of helping local children but allowing a more sinister activity to occur in the form of paedophilia and sexual abuse by staff members.**

Former Victorian police officer Glen Hulley, who runs [Project Karma](#), a body aimed at saving children in South East Asia from sexual predators, says orphanages, some of which are illegitimate, are becoming a problem and a crackdown is needed.

Mr Hulley is currently in Bali setting up [a pilot project to combat child sexual abuse](#) on the holiday island. The teams include investigators who track down paedophiles and evidence and then hand it to police to make arrests.

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Australians. He expects raids and arrests within the next few months.

This includes two investigations where staff at orphanages are believed to be sexually abusing children in their care.



Glen Hulley's organisation is currently running five investigations of child sexual abuse in Bali, at least one of which involves Australians. Source: *News Corp Australia*

Regarding the five investigations, Mr Hulley said he could “only disclose at this stage that they involve both foreigners and locals, mainly in remote regions of Bali”.

Project Karma was instrumental last year in having 70-year-old Australian man, Robert Ellis, arrested and prosecuted for sexually abusing 11 girls aged under 18 years. He was sentenced to 15 years in jail for his crimes, saying he had paid the girls well for what he did to them.

Poorer villages, in remote areas of Bali, which are far away from the tourist strip, are particularly prone to child sexual abuse, especially as the money offered to children by paedophiles is a small fortune and is often condoned by their parents.

It is this which Mr Hulley's group wants to target, educating local village leaders and village security, about the dangers of abuse and how to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

Under a pilot project to combat child sexual abuse, which Project Karma is setting up in Bali at present, it is hoped to reach 120,000 people in the next six months.

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Mr Hulley has begun a series of community awareness seminars this week in Bali, talking to local security, village leaders, civil police, business owners and university students.

The plan is then to train community investigators, with the help of police, and to set up community awareness groups to deliver seminars in villages and schools.

The investigators would gather evidence and work closely with local police to arrest offenders, Mr Hulley said.

living in Bali by local police. And she called on the local community to play a more active role.

“The community should be more active and watchful. Whenever foreigners often go out with children, they should be monitored. People should be more vigilant,” Ms Yastini said.

“Paedophiles are different to other common sexual abuse cases. They groom and approach the family of the victim for a long time before doing their acts. Before they get the children they will approach the parents, give them gifts, appear kind so they can take the children”

Ms Yastini said part of the problem was due to the fact that many people do not fully understand the term paedophile and often think that touching the children is okay.

She said there was also a big problem in Bali where many children become pregnant to their grandfather, especially in remote villages, where the child is too afraid to speak up.

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