

PROGRESS REPORT

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Yayasan Pendidikan
Budaya Mentawai



FOREWORK

We extend our deepest thanks to the supporters who continue to help the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) expand and bring cultural education to our community. We hope you continue to support us for the success of YPBM and our mission well in to the future.

This monthly report contains summary of all of our activities that have been carried out during April 2019. Through this report, we aim to clearly illustrate to our supporters and followers evidence of our activities this month. Thank you.

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I. INTRODUCTION

During April, the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai team continued to develop our Cultural and Environmental Education Program (CEEP). As part of this, the YPBM team provides assistance in learning activities within each program studio. These include, Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio in Muntei village, Bubuat Simalainge studio in Maileppet village, Sipesigeugeu studio in Toktuk village, Pumaijat studio in Saibi, and to the handicraft youth community in Muntei village.

In addition to this, the YPBM team continued conducting oral literature, language and ethnobotany research in various regions of Siberut Island. These locations include, Muntei, Maileppet, Puro, Matotonan, Matobe and Buttui villages. After gathering further research, we began logging data and analyzing.

Lastly, during April we prepared our first exam activity for all program students in each studio. Assisted by YPBM staff, this exam enabled us to determine the students level of understanding in both theory and practical. This exam was carried out simultaneously in each studio from April 13-14th, 2019. The examination process was executed smoothly and the program students were very enthusiastic about participating. Currently, the YPBM education division team are in the process of logging the result and preparing gifts such as certificates, books and pens.



II. CEEP ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Muntei Studio Activities

During April, the Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio in Muntei village carried out their program activities in a positive manner. The Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio group has been focusing its studies on traditional dance (turuk laggai), and the identification of medicinal plants, both theoretically and practically.

This month the Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio held student examination activities, both verbally, in writing and in practice. This exam was held on April 13-14th, 2019.



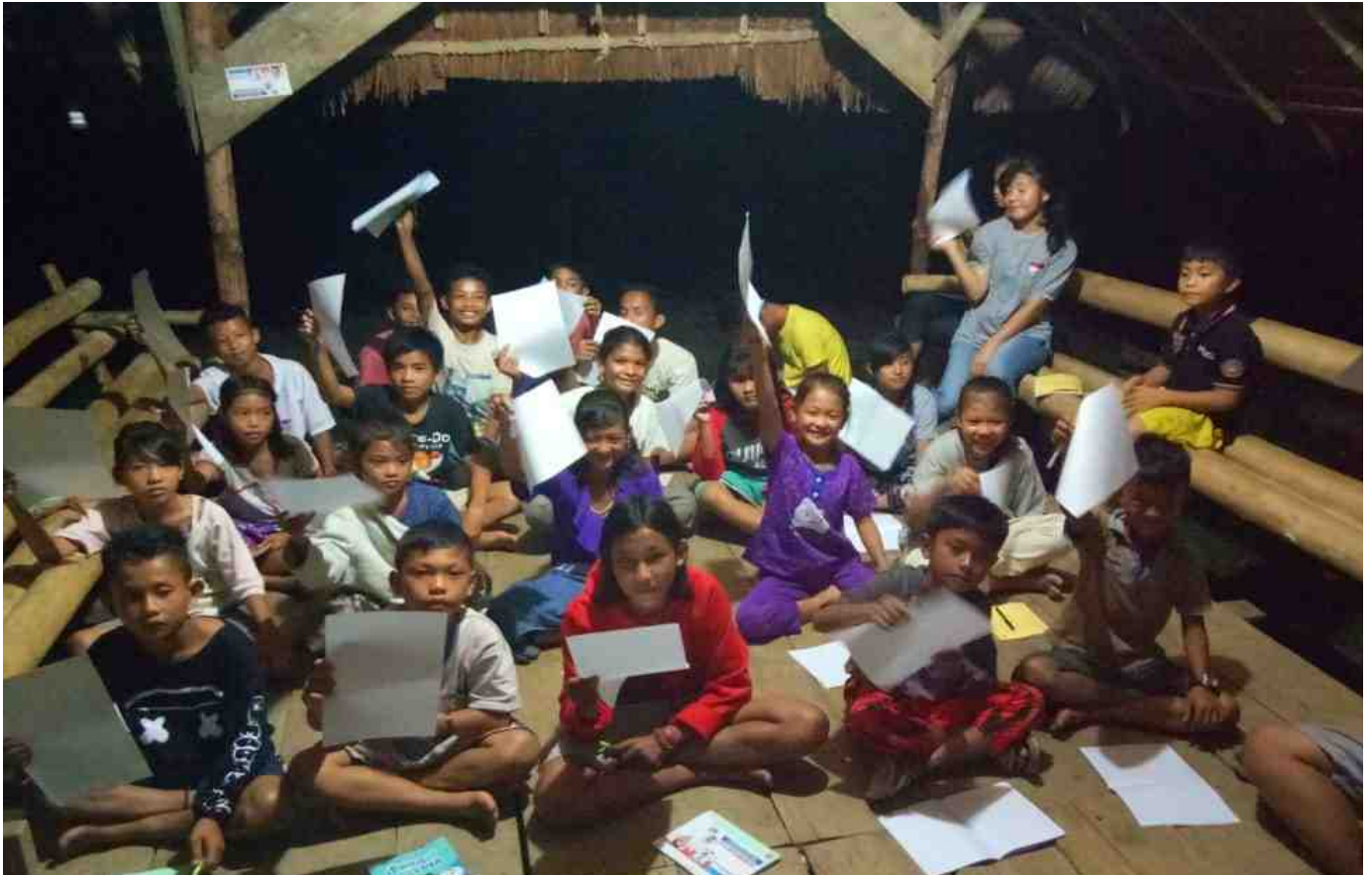
b. Maileppet Studio Activities

The Bubuakat Simalainge studio in Maileppet has also continued advancing their teaching activities in accordance with their predetermined activity schedule. This month the students studied creative dance learnt to use traditional musical instruments and Mentawai songs.



c. Saibi Samukop Studio Activities

In April, the Pumaijat Studio in Saibi Samokop Village continued teaching YPBM's Environment and Cultural Education Program. The Saibi studio conduct their cultural learning activities every Saturday night from 7pm until 9pm.



d. Handicraft youth community activities in Muntei village

During April, members of the Suku Mentawai youth community group carried out activities as per usual. The community members remain enthusiastic about learning to craft Mentawai instruments, particularly being creative. The youth handicraft group conduct their program every Saturday at 4pm in the afternoon. Elder, Mr. Jonas Salemurat, has also taken on the role of



e. CEEP development in Toktuk village

During April, the Toktuk village cultural studio continued to develop their teaching activities well. Even though this studio has just been formed, the studio has developed unique and productive methods of teaching their students.

Within their program, they focused their teaching on the techniques of using Gajeumak musical instruments, how to make the shaman storage case, Mentawai traditional hats and more. This group of program students are taught by teachers who are self-motivated and other people who want to share their experiences and knowledge by participating in this program.



III. YPBM RESEARCH IN 2019

During April, the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) team continued to collect and log survey and research data. In addition to coordinating the Cultural and Environmental Education Program, the YPBM team is also logging and analyzing previously collected data and transcribing the oral literature recordings obtained during the research.

In May, we plan to continue the research activities in the field, including focus surveys and group discussions. Within these activities, we will discuss with members about their knowledge of Mentawai cultural and ecological knowledge, plus their opinions on the preservation and value of Mentawai culture.



IV. ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT

This month the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai's Mentawai Ecotourism team received guests from Australia, Benjamin and Hunter. They traveled to the village of Rorougot with the aim of surveying the location and community, before returning to conduct general field survey research activities. Our guide and team were able to assist and this was a great success.





V. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

This month the YPBM team held regular meetings to evaluate each activity and prepare for further developments.

The meetings that have been held this month include: to develop strategy and materials for the program student examinations; collection of survey data and ongoing research activities; and preparation for developing and submitting funding proposals to the Jakarta Central Ministry Government regarding our plan to build a cultural learning center. Other important meeting were also carried out.



VI. EVALUATION

The Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai program has started to really impact positively in all aspects of implementation throughout the program studios. Beginning with the establishment of studios to the implementation of regular learning activities that align with the YPBM program's Vision and Mission. Followed by the integration of student examinations, which were accepted and participated successfully by each program studio and students. Obviously it is challenging and we don't expect that every child is going to have a strong understanding of Mentawai culture, but this is our mission.

Essentially, all YPBM activities have gone well, with cultural learning and development in each studio developing and improving each month. We are proud to continue our CEEP activities at the Uma Jaraik studio in Muntei village, Bubukat Simalainge studio in Maileppet village, Sipasigeugeu studio in Toktuk village, Pumaijat studio in Saibi Samukop village, and activities of the Suku Mentawai youth community in Muntei village.



VII. CLOSING

Thus, the report on the activities of the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai team has been made accordingly. All documentation attached to this report are evidence of activities that have been carried out in April. Thank you to all those who have supported and helped develop the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai program. We are very grateful for your actions in supporting the Mentawai.

The entire YPBM team would like to thank Rob Henry and the extended family of the Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) for helping us further YPBM's goals over the years. We are very grateful and appreciate this commitment to protect indigenous peoples and cultures.

Our YPBM team realizes that this report is far from perfect and for that we accept input, ideas, direction, support and constructive suggestions from all parties without exception for the improvement and success of YPBM's future goals.

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