

# PROGRESS REPORT

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**Suku Mentawai**  
Education Foundation





# FOREWORD

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Thank you for your blessing so that the team of the Yayasan Pendidikan Suku Mentawai (YPSM) and Mentawai Ecotourism can complete this activity report in August. What is attached to this report are all activities that have been carried out by the YPSM team in August 2018.

In August this was something of a great pride for the YPSM team to successfully hold a cultural festival performance in the framework of the 73rd anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia, including student activities. We also had a group from Andalas University (KKN UNAND) staying for forty days in Muntei village. Plus other activities of the YPSM target studios.

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# I. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

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## A. MENTAWAI FESTIVAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

In July, the YPSM Team was invited by the South Siberut sub-district government, namely South Siberut Sub-District Chief Hijon, S.Pd, to attend a meeting at the sub-district office in preparation for the 73rd anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia (August 17, 2018).

South Siberut sub-district asked the YPSM Team to be involved in the committee to enliven the event to be held starting on July 31 until August 17, 2018. In connection with that, the YPSM Team welcomed and thanked the South Siberut sub-district chief for his kind support and appreciation. The YPSM Team proposed several cultural based performances, namely the Mentawai Cultural Festival Show to enliven the event and commemorate the independence day of the Republic of Indonesia





The sub-district head strongly agreed and thanked the YPSM Team for the initiative and good cooperation with the South Siberut sub-district government. The types of competitions that had been proposed by the YPSM team to the sub-districts are as follows:



# 1. Turuk Iaggai/ traditional Mentawai dance

Category:

- a. elementary school students (SD)
- b. students (middle school, high school / vocational school, and general)





## 2. Busana pangurei / Traditional dress for marriage

Category:

- a. elementary school students (SD)
- b. students (middle school, high school / vocational school, and general)





### 3. Panahan tradisional / Traditional archery

Category:

a. General Adults





B. ANDALAS UNIVERSITY PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (KKN UNAND)

Students from Andalas University, Padang, have conducted real work activities (KKN) in Muntei Village for forty days from 1 July to 8 August 2018.



Some of the activities and socialization that have been carried out by UNAND KKN students while in the village of Muntei include discussions in every school, moral support for the Muntei community, participating in Uma Jaraik Sikerei art studio activities and much more positive activities that have been carried out during KKN in Muntei village.









After this, Uma Jaraik Sikerei held an event including a group visiting from Belgium, the KKN UNAND Team, the studio children, and Sikerei. Finally, we took pictures together in front of the Uma Jaraik Sikerei art studio as a symbol that intimacy was inherent in each other even though each other would separate later.



## II. PROCESS OF STUDIO ACTIVITIES

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### A. ACTIVITIES AT THE UMA JARAİK SIKEREI CULTURAL ART STUDIO, MUNTEI VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN SIBERUT DISTRICT

This month, Uma Jaraik Sikerei has carried out many activities with the students of UNAND KKN. Educational activities hosted by Uma Jaraik Sikerei included dancing, self-decorating activities from traditional materials of Mentawai (ogok), and activities in preparation for welcoming guests from Belgium – including a procession on the day of the guests' arrival.









YPSM students from Uma Jaraik Sikerei art studio, together with UNAND KKN university students, welcomed guests from Belgium.





YPSM students training at the Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio starting from elementary, middle and high school children.









## B. ACTIVITIES AT THE UMA PUMAIJAT CULTURAL STUDIO, SAIBI SAMUKOP IN CENTRAL SIBERUT DISTRICT

In August, the Saibi Samukop art studio was busy in preparation to welcome the upcoming arrival of the Mentawai Islands head of government officials and their entourage from the Mentawai Student Forum (FORMMA).





The Head (Bupati), head of the education department, and the Mentawai Student Forum (FORMMA) group arrived in Saibi Samukop and were welcomed by the local community by presenting the Mentawai traditional dance, the Turuk Laggai, which was delivered by YPSM students of the Pumaijat Saibi Samukop Studio.





### III. COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT

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In August, YPSM Team held a Mentawai cultural performance festival in order to enliven the 73rd anniversary of the Indonesian republic. This activity was officially opened by the Muspika and Selberan Siberut sub-district Heads.

In his speech, the South Siberut sub-district Head (Camat) thanked all the YPSM Team and all of the workers who were in charge of this festival. He hoped that the YPSM team would like to carry out this activity every year as a form of good cooperation between YPSM, Muspika and South Siberut District Government.





The YPSM team and the Muspika talked after the red and white flag-raising ceremony on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia, as well as closing all activities conducted in order to enliven this event with a rotating procession handover of trophies to the overall winner.





The YPSM team attended the invitation to the inauguration of the secretariat of the Kelompok Makanan Tradisional Mentawai (KMTM) – traditional food group - in the village of Puro. This event was very unique. The mothers of the traditional Mentawai food group presented special Mentawai food.





## IV. OFFICE ACTIVITIES

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In August, the office activities went on as per our usual schedule to ensure the smooth running of our program. The YPSM team also had guests from community leaders, including South Siberut district government officials and southern Siberut Muspika.

Coordination with the head of the UPT Office of education and culture, Mr. Yosep Sagari, who is also the administrator of the YPSM program studio, Uma Jaraik Sikerei, in Muntei.



YPSM held a coordination meeting with Muspika, South Siberut sub-district and chairman of the committee of the birthday of the Republic of Indonesia. They direct the YPSM Team to keep on working with spirit and offered further support and collaboration with the Muspika and South Siberut sub-districts. They also express their full support and great hope for all YPSM personnel to remain committed to the program for the preservation of the Mentawai culture in the future.





## V. PROGRESS OF MENTAWAI ECOTOURISM PROGRAMS

July to August was a productive month for our Ecotourism program, with many tourist travelers visiting from Italy, Germany, Ireland and Belgium. (to see the complete documentation on Ecotourism please reference the July update report).



NO	PROGRAM	ACTIVITY TARGET	TIME & DATE	EVENT ORGANISER	COMPLETE / NOT YET	COMMENT
1.	Mentawai ecotourism telah membawamu di matotonan	Rorogotsiberutselatan	7 sampai 10 juli	Manager Mentawai ecotourism	sudahselesai	
2.	Mentawai ecotourism telah membawamu di rorogot	Matotonan siberutselatan	31 july sampai 3 agustus	Manager Mentawai ecotourism	sudahselesai	
3.	Mentawai ecotourism telah membawamu special kerorogot untuk menial akan program senidan membantu program yayasan	Rorogot dan munteisiberutselatan	17 sampai 29 july	Manager Mentawai ecotourism	Sudahselesai	



## VI. CONCLUSION

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Thus the report on the activities of the Yayasan Pendidikan Suku Mentawai Team was made accordingly. The documents attached to this report are activities that have been carried out.

All of the YPSM extended family thanked the UNAND/KKN students who had contributed a lot during KKN in the village of Muntei, starting from socialization activities, garbage education, helping the community morally, as well as helping activities in the YPSM program studio – namely, Uma Jaraik Sikerei cultural arts studio. Once again, thank you.

Our gratitude also goes to Mr. Rob Henry and the extended family of the Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) who have always helped us and have been sponsors of our program and organizing Mentawai cultural festivals. This activity was a great success and we are very proud of all we have achieved. Once again, thank you.

Our YPSM Team realizes that this report is far from perfect and we always welcome input, ideas, direction, support and constructive suggestions from various parties without exception for the improvement and success of YPSM's future goals.

Masurak bagatta.

