

# PROGRESS REPORT

## *OCTOBER 2017*



**Suku Mentawai**  
Education Foundation





# PREFACE

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Since the start of October 2017 the Foundation has been involved in well-planned activities such as festivals, educational and cultural socialisation, conducting follow-up and monitoring activities, and has started appointing teachers. These planned activities have been conducted successfully by the Foundation team with the spirit of promoting culture as our primary objective. Through this we are now implementing a budget plan according to our well coordinated programs, alongside our need to now ask assistance with the plan activities.

We deliver this report with an opening for any advice or suggestions if there are any shortcomings, weaknesses or corresponding words that are not pleasing to the heart.

Thank you for the gift of reporting the activities of our Suku Mentawai Education Foundation. All activities that are included in this report took place in the Foundation during October 2017. Starting from the departure to Tuapeijat for Pesona Festival Mentawai, a festival celebrating the Mentawai for the creation of the education curriculum.

I make this report with the best intentions.

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# I. PESONA FESTIVAL MENTAWAI

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The Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation participated in the Pesona Festival Mentawai in Tuapeijat. The festival was hosted by the Office of Youth Sport and Tourism over 5 days, from 1 October to 5 October 2017. Suku Mentawai Education Foundation participated in events such as “turuk laggai” dance, tourism seminars and a tour of Mentawai sago and tattooing making processes.

The team departed on Sunday 1 October and returned on Saturday 7 October 2017. The team that accompanied the Foundation was made up of SD, SMP, SMA and SMK students who were trained for 7 days by Yosep Sagari, the Chairman of Studio “Uma Jaraik Sikerei”. The team was divided into 3 categories: 2 categories of children and 1 category for teenagers.

On Sunday 1 October 2017 there was the Festival's opening ceremony. On Wednesday October 4 the implementation of the following performance events, “Turuk Laggai” with child and teenager categories. Then performances for the anniversary of the 18th Mentawai Island Regency.

On Thursday, October 5, we were awarded prizes at the evening reception for the winning performances of the following categories:

1. Champion I of the category of children, awarded the amount of Rp. 3,000,000
2. Champion II of the category of children, awarded the amount of Rp. 2.500.000
3. 2nd place champion in the teenage category, awarded the amount of Rp. 4.000.000







## II. SOCIALISATION AND AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY VENUES / GROUPS

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### A. STUDIO “UMA MALINGGAI”

The Secretary, Research Division, Social Relations Division, Cultural Education Division and the Ecotourism Manager visited Studio “Uma Malinggai” on 12 October 2017. The purpose of this visit was to meet the studio chairman, because the previous meeting with the Studio “Uma Malinggai” chairman was while the team were in Tuapeijat. We discussed the continuation of cooperation with the Foundation.



*Ecotourism Manager August Tonggiat explaining about YPSM to the chairman of Studio “Uma Malinggai”.*



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On October 17, 2017 Studio “Uma Malinggai” board members came to the Secretariat of the Suku Mentawai Education Foundation. They came to discuss the working agreement contract with the Foundation.

On 25 October 2017 the Foundation team, consisting of the Secretary, Social Division, Cultural Education Division, ICT Division and Research Division met to discuss the delivery time of a list of teachers by the Studio “Uma Malinggai” to the Foundation. While discussing the matter, Studio officials are hesitant to provide a list of teachers in the near future. This is due to the absence of cooperation contract signatures. Then we agreed to make a contract of employment after the Chairman attended the next meeting and agreed to this contract. Although there has been no official cooperation, the foundation can still work together with this studio in advancing and preserving the culture of Mentawai and keeping the traditional lifestyle.

On Today 27 September 2017 we from the Suku Mentawai Foundation held a meeting at Studio “Uma Malinggai”, to socialise for the cooperation to the Studio “Uma Malinggai.” As for this meeting, Studio “Uma Malinggai” agreed to Cooperate with Suku Mentawai Education Foundation to realise and improve cultural education for the Mentawai tribe.

In next months’ program we plan to visit the studio on November 1, 2017 to become teachers in Free Social Study which is a Studio “Uma Malinggai” program that has been running for 4 years. This aims to build trust for future collaboration with the Foundation for preserving the culture of Mentawai.



*Meeting with the Studio “Uma Malinggai” board at the YPSM office*



*Meeting with the Malinggai board at the Studio “Uma Malinggai”*

## B. STUDIO “ARAT SABULUNGAN”

On 17 October 2017 the Chairman of Arat Sabulungan studio visited the Foundation’s office to deliver the list of teachers. The studio chairman came before the Studio “Uma Malinggai”. For this studio there are no problems, we already have a good working relationship. For future cooperation we have already conducted research with the studio chairman to provide the prepared learning materials that will be included in the curriculum.

Our Social and Public Relations Division, Research Division and Media Division conducted socialisation activities at Studio “Arat Sabulungan” on Sunday 24, September 2017 in Muntei. In this activity the Social Division engages in relationship with the Studio board. The Research Division conducts research activities on the overall activities conducted within the Studio. While the Media Division takes pictures as a document for the Suku Mentawai Education Foundation. Then on the 25th of October 2017 they came to the office to provide the teachers’ biographical information.

Previously no one supported the activities of Studio either from the beginning up to this moment. Therefore, the Foundation is happy to cooperate or provide support to them and Studio Arat Sabulungan accepted the offer. At the next meeting they will provide the names of the teachers who work in the Studio.



*Social Division checks Studio “Arat Sabulungan” forms*



*Our Foundations Meeting with the teachers at Studio “Arat Sabulungan”*



### C. EDUCATION BRANCH OFFICE, SOUTH SIBERUT SUB-DISTRICT

The Foundation team consisting of the Secretary, Media Division, Social Relations Division and Cultural Education Division visited the South Siberut Education Branch Office. We went to the head of the branch to discuss the education program, which was to conduct some form of cultural teaching in the schools. But before going into the lessons we started socialising with the schools to generate the enthusiasm of students who are to learn about the Mentawai culture. This meeting has produced very satisfactory results because the head of the branch agreed to the program we designed. Head of branch has made a letter of recommendation for the foundation, which aims to facilitate the team who go to the schools to conduct presentations.



*The social division explaining the Foundation's purpose to the head of the Education Branch Office*



*A photo with the head officer in front of the Education Branch Office*

#### D. TETEIJAT ART AND CULTURE STUDIO & EDUCATION BRANCH OFFICE (UPTD), SAIBI SAMUKOP, CENTRAL SIBERUT SUB-DISTRICT

From Thursday 19 October 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017 the Foundation team consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Social Relations Division, Research Division, Cultural Education Division and Operator met with members of the Teteijat Art and Culture Studio and UPTD in Saibi Samukop, Central Siberut. The team conducted the meeting in the evening of the 19th to establish a cooperative relationship between the Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation. From this meeting, Teteijat Art and Culture Studio in the village of Saibi Samukop, Central Siberut Subdistrict agreed to establish a cooperative relationship between Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation.

The next day, in the morning, the team visited the Head of the Central Siberut District Education Office to discuss the Foundation's vision. This was for Central Siberut Branch to be willing to accept the Foundation's program to be implemented in schools across the Central Siberut district. More socialisation will be done in 2018.



*Meeting and socialisation at the Teiteijat Studio with the Yayasan PSM Team*



*Director of the Suku Mentawai Education Foundation showing photos of the Foundation's inauguration ceremony.*





*Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation team coordinating with the Head of UPTD District Education Office in Saibi Samukop, sub-district of Central Siberut.*

## E. SMAN 1 SOUTH SIBERUT

The Foundation team made up of the Secretary, Social Relations Division, Education Division, Research Division, Media & ICT Division and the Treasurer conducted a meeting with the Principle of SMAN 1 South Siberut on the 25 October 2017, at 10:00 WIB. The things that were discussed include the cultural education in SMA. The school principle approved the Foundation's program however, from the socialisation implementation of the program into classes can start next year in 2018. This is because this is close to the students' semester exams, so the school cannot allow for socialisation before the December exams.



*Director of the Suku Social Division explaining our purpose to the school Principle*

This meeting produced very satisfactory results. Because at this meeting the principal immediately invited the team to attend their event in commemoration of Language Month and Youth Oath. We attended the invitation on Monday 30 October 2017. At this event the secretary was invited to give a speech to introduce the Foundation and discuss a little about the importance of Mentawai culture in high school. There was only 10 minutes for the speech, but the secretary's delivery of the speech was correct and precise.



*The Principle's speech to open the event.*





*Secretary speech about the Suku Mentawai Education Foundation.*



*All the teachers and team.*



*The students of SMAN 1 Siberut Selatan*

## F. SMAN 2 SOUTH SIBERUT

The Secretary, Treasurer, Media Division, Social Public Relations division, Cultural Education Division, and Research Division held a meeting with the vice principle of SMK on October 26, 2017. The headmaster was not available so the vice principal attended in his place. We delivered the Foundation vision and discussed the time of the socialisation to the students. They agreed on the socialisation on 21 November 2017.



*The main school*



*The social division explaining the Foundation purpose to the SMK vice principal*





*Gathering research about the Mentawai woven headwear*



*Gathering research about the Mentawai tattoo equipment*



*The Research Division asked Pak Jonas about the meaning of the Sikerei's 'tudda'*

## IV. EDUCATION NEWS

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On Wednesday October 30, 2017, Suku Mentawai Education Foundation conducted socialization activities at the Cultural Education Department in SMU. This resulted in the establishment of cooperation focusing on the cultural conservation, talent development and cultural values. Cooperation includes the establishment of a cultural studio at the school, and the process of cultural learning and documentation including photography.

We have started to invite program teachers and we are conducting a system of acceptance by providing information from each studio, including: Studio Uma Jaraik sikerei, Studio Arat Sabulungan and Studio Malinggai Uma. We are surveying the candidates using a question and answer techniques to determine whether they have adequate knowledge in the field of Mentawai culture. We're also enquiring as to whether they can read and write.





## V. CONCLUSION

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That's all we have to report for October's activities. We have to do the best work for Mentawai. We hope we can improve our program each month.

Thank you.

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