

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

Leading into this month, the team of Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) held a Coordination Meeting at the YPBM Office to discuss the following:

1. Assessment of the progress of our target projects and key priorities leading up to this month;
2. Strategic discussion regarding copy-editing to improve accuracy of our Mentawai dictionary
3. Improvements to the monthly reporting system for YPBM's division teams and activities
4. Determination of this month's Field Work Schedule

From the results of this meeting it can be concluded that the priority program for this month is the accuracy of dictionary data and the addition of vocabulary. Our strategy is to form an expert team skilled in language and dictionary format to review the accuracy of the data we've collected for our Mentawai (Sarereiket dialect) dictionary. On July 27, the YPBM team are scheduled to conduct further research in the village of Matotonan and Buttui.

This month the the various divisional teams of Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai coordinated with the Chairman of our program studio, Pasigeu-geu in Puro Hamlet, Muntei district. This coordination was held because the Pasigeu-geu group is still newly formed and they are currently in the process of constructing a cultural Studio for teaching and learning our CEEP. The results of this meeting were that they have now finalised sixty percent of the construction process, which has been carried out in collaboration by the Studio committee and assisted by local residents, and with support from YPBM. The Chair of Pasigeu-geu studio is hoping for ongoing support from the YPBM Team in these early staages to help them reach the CEEP learning targets.



II. CEEP ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Muntei Studio Activities

This month the Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio in Muntei village carried out activities well. Uma Jaraik Sikerei studio focused their learning on Mentwai dances (turuk laggai), learning to use musical instruments, hearing folklore stories and learning creative dance.



b. Maileppet studio activities

This month the Maileppet studio continued their CEEP well. The activities they carried out this month were learning to use traditional Mentawai musical instruments, traditional (turuk laggai) dance, listening to folklore stories, and learning creative dance.



Pengenalan tanaman obat tradisional



Drawing plants activities

c. Saibi samukop studio activities

This month the Pumaijat studio in Saibi Samokop village, Central Siberut sub-district, continued their CEEP activities well. Saibi Samukop studio is currently training for the preparation of the Indonesian Independence Day activities in the sub-district of Siberut-Tengah and so is focusing on traditional song and dance training.





d. Buttui studio activities

In June, the Totoirak studio in Buttui hamlet carried out CEEP learning well. Studio students were invited to the field this month to learn about the process of making sago, Mentawai's staple food. Students also learnt to weave baskets and learnt to make the Mentawai cultural headwear, Luat.



Introducing for students how to process make Sago



the students learning make baskets and headband

d. Toktuk studio activities

This month the studio in Toktuk hamlet has implemented CEEP well. Toktuk studio focused their learning on sketching the types of plants they knew. In addition to helping them identify useful plants, this activity also aims to produce drawings that can be used by YPBM in our useful plant catalogue book we hope to publish early next year.



Drawing Plans activities

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III. OUR MENTAWAI ECOTOURISM PROGRESS

This month the YPBM's Mentawai Ecotourism project team carried out activities well. In addition to making efforts to improve service to visiting guests, this month the YPBM Ecotourism team also assisted with our dictionary project accuracy and vocabulary additions.

This month the Mentawai Ecotourism team also purchased a small canoe machine to assist with transporting guests into the forest, as planned last month. This machine has been purchased with profits and will be stored at the YPBM office.



IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

This month, the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai team has been very busy both inside and outside the office, working to improve and strengthen our objectives.

This month, the YPBM team were invited to attend a meeting for the formation of the Indonesian Independence Day 74 committee. The YPBM team proposes to collaborate again this year by showing long and short film screenings at the event.



Also this month, the YPBM Chair had a meeting with the head of the Education and Cultural department at the government office in Tuapeijat. This meeting was a follow-up to the meeting held in previous months. The aim of this meeting is to push collaboration activities with YPBM and the government regarding growth of our cultural program (CEEP).

During this meeting, the chairman of YPBM presented our topic-based, non-formal curriculum to the government and received a positive response. The Head of the Education Department requested that the YPBM curriculum be left at the Education office as an archive and for their further review.



As a follow-on from this meeting, the head of the Education and Culture Department then scheduled a trip to visit the YPBM office in Siberut to conduct further meetings and discussions with the YPBM team. This meeting was a progress in our collaborative efforts for the YPBM Cultural and Ecological Education program (CEEP). The Government department head has responded well to the activities being carried out by YPBM and in the future plans to bring our non-formal curriculum into formal schooling program here in Mentawai.



V. YPBM 2019 RESEARCH PROJECTS

This year YPBM is conducting a number of programs to strengthen our learning materials and assist in the preservation of Mentawai cultural and ecological knowledge. One of these projects and YPBM targets this year is the publication of the first Sarereiket dialect, Mentawai dictionary. We're also gathering research and aim to publish and distribute a Mentawai traditional medicine catalog book. In addition, we've gathered hours of oral literature documentation and finalising the completion of transcripts and categorising into folders. This month, the Dictionary team is focusing on adding new vocabulary and reviewing word accuracy. The Ethnobotany team has been conducting research in the field, gathering additional photo samples of plants that are missing from the documentation.





Etnobothany team researchter



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VI. EVALUATION

This month the YPBM team has implemented CEEP in YPBM-assisted studios. CEEP activities have been carried out well, however YPBM team will always strive for better improvement. This month the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai team worked very hard to achieve the target of cultural learning for Mentawai children.

All efforts to improve continue to be made, even though we have very limited resources and funding. Nonetheless, we remain passionate about our objectives for the Mentawai people. We hope to continue receiving support and advice in the future to assist us in achieving our future targets.



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 June. 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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