

PROGRESS REPORT

APRIL 2020



Yayasan Pendidikan
Budaya Mentawai



FOREWORD

With the support of our Australian partner, Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF), our Suku Mentawai (YPBM) team continue to advance the indigenous learning hub program and strengthen our 7 key targets. In April 2020, we achieved the following:

I. Increase student participation in our Mentawai indigenous learning hubs

During April, we continued developing our learning hub program marketing brochures, which we plan to distribute and promote throughout schools across southern Siberut island. By highlighting the vital skills, knowledge and increased confidence gained through our Mentawai cultural and ecological education program, we aim to further increase the number of students and support from formal schools and community leaders.



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

II. Increase the number of Indigenous learning hubs throughout wider Siberut and the Mentawai Islands

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during April.

III. Mentawai students understand cultural knowledge and its values for the future

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during April.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

IV. Increase economic capacity for students and the wider Mentawai community

During April, our team completed construction of the first cultural arts and souvenir gallery space. This will provide opportunity for students and learning hubs to showcase their cultural handicrafts and also for visitors to experience and learn about our culture. The sale of souvenirs will enable individual learning hubs a source of income to develop a self-sufficient program and also provide opportunity to gain skill in a cultural-related trade for future economic development.



Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$75

V. Strengthening indigenous learning hub materials for present and future generations

In addition to the topic-based curriculum, the Suku Mentawai team (YPBM) continued work on 3 existing projects:

a. Mentawai oral literature.

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during April.

b. Mentawai Dictionary

During April, we focused work on our dictionary project. We are currently working on translation of an Indonesian language to Rereiket dialect, and a Rereiket to English. Conducting accuracy work is challenging due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we are progressing the work as best we can. We have translated about 70% into English, which of course requires review and refinements from key informants.

c. Mentawai Ethnobotany

We are still in the process of checking accuracy and correct spelling on our data, however due to COVID-19 restrictions this was extremely challenging during April.

Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$ 100



VI. Increase the organization's capacity to improve the administration, operations and financial security of our foundation

The Suku Mentawai - YPBM team consists of 9 staff and 8 learning hub teachers. During April, we were limited by social distancing laws but managed to continue our work on the language documentation project, develop marketing materials, survey questions and analysis of previous survey data, and finalise our souvenir gallery. Most important is the safety and protection of our learning hub students and teachers, who are also abiding by the COVID-19 restrictions.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$490

VII. Conduct and strengthen strategic and monitoring and evaluation programs

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during April. However, we have managed to collate reports from each division at the end of the month and prepare our monthly activity report for our supporters, donors and partners.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$0

Masura' bagatta, Thank you.

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