

PROGRESS REPORT

MAY 2020



Yayasan Pendidikan
Budaya Mentawai



FOREWORD

YPBM chairman: “Together 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 customs by furthering our 7 key targets. In May, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we focused solely on target 5.6, and 7”.

I. Increase student participation in our Mentawai indigenous learning hubs

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

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 May.

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

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

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

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

To increase the economic capacity of the community and the studio, our Foundation began strategizing how best to promote the cultural souvenir gallery we’ve created. Our aim is to 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 \$ 100

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

a. Mentawai oral literature.

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

b. Mentawai Dictionary

During May, we continued progressing 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 believe this will be highly valuable resource for Mentawai students and the wider community.

c. Mentawai Ethnobotany Project

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 May.

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 May, we were limited by social distancing laws and continue to do as much work as possible from our homes. There has been no change as yet to restrictions, and therefore our learning hub program remains on hold.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$443

VII. Conduct and strengthen strategic and monitoring and evaluation programs

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

Total Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$643

Masura' bagatta, Thank you.

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