

PROGRESS REPORT

JUNE 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 our indigenous Mentawai language documentation program. At this stage, opportunity to advance many of our 7 key targets is near impossible due to the current COVID 19 situation and its restrictions. During the month of June we focused primarily on targets 5 & 6 and hope to resume our work in full as the virus situation improves.

- I. **Increase student participation in our Mentawai indigenous learning hubs**
COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during June.
- 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 June.
- III. **Mentawai students understand cultural knowledge and its values for the future**
COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during June.
- IV. **Increase economic capacity for students and the wider Mentawai community**
COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during June.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

- 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 June.
 - b. **Mentawai Ethnobotany Project**
COVID-19 restrictions have limited our opportunity to further this target during June.
 - c. **Mentawai Dictionary**
During the month of June, we continued developing our language documentation project by further developing translation of the Indonesian language to Mentawai Rereiket dialect dictionary. In addition, our team continues to develop an English language translation for the first-edition dictionary. We are taking particular care in ensuring that each word is translated correctly and checked in detail to ensure maximum results and accuracy, so we must remain patient – particularly under the current restrictive circumstances.

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

Staf 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 \$442

VII. Conduct and strengthen strategic and monitoring and evaluation programs

Evaluating our work in June, the Suku Mentawai team continued working remotely from home to continue our language documentation project. We are challenged by the situation and even more so in proposing strategy to make improvements as regulations and circumstances change from day to day. At the close of the month, all members of staff provided their reports on the work conducted. We hope to return to the office in the coming months, as there has been much improvement and talk of formal schools returning to class as per usual.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$0

Total Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$542

Masura' bagatta, Thank you.

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