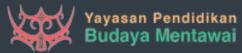
PROGRESS REPORT AUGUST 2020





FOREWORD

YPBM Chairman: "During August the Mentawai Indigenous Learning Foundation was involved in a number of activities, including that which was attended by our staff member, Martison Siritoitet. The Chairman of the Mentawai Indigenous Learning Foundation promises that, with support of Australian partner, Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF), we continue to advance our cultural-based program advancing education equity for our community."

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

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

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

Mentawai Dictionary

Been double-checked for each edition. We are needing to spend extra time checking accuracy on words, sentences and vocabulary with our trusted informants. These informants include: Mrs Karo Sabaggalet.SS Ing (originally from Muara Siberut); Mr. Zulkarnaidi.SS Ing (originally from Puro village); and Mr. Yan (originally from Maileppet village).

Additionally, we have been working with informants from Rereiket (Madobag,Buttui and Matotonan): Mr Selester Saguruwjuw, and Mr. Antonus Samanggeak.

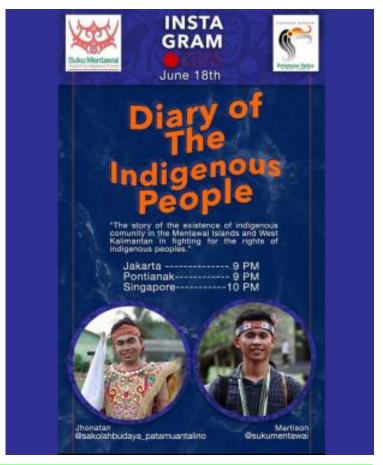
We are finding there is much more work than expected with the English translation dictionary project and our informants have requested an extension on their revisions through until the end of December 2020. This extension will allow us to ensure accuracy, which is critical for this language documentation project.





Live streaming instagram with Sari Novita founder Indoepic.com dan Thalya from Earthpacking company. Martison Siritoitet has represented this discuss.





Live streaming instagram with Arrum Harahap, he is one of delegated Indonesia in UN Youth Climate Submit and also live with Jhonatan Founder Sekolah Budaya Patamuan Talino, West Kalimantan. Martison Siritoitet has represented this discuss VI. Increase the organization's capacity to improve the administration, operations and financial security of our foundation

Our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Foundation - YPBM team consists of 9 staff and 8 learning hub teachers. During August, we were again limited by social distancing laws and continue to do as much work as possible from our homes. We are planning to return to office work and resume our learning hub activities in September, under strict COVID health and safety protocol.

Funds spent this month to further our target: AUD \$ 508

VII. Conduct and strengthen strategic and monitoring and evaluation programs

Evaluating our program activities this August: in addition to the ongoing dictionary project, which is progressing as well as can be expected, our team have been collaborating with IEF to design and execute a cultural art competition for the month of September. Our aim is to inspire and strengthen the imagination and understanding of our learning hub students with regards to our indigenous culture. We are still in the planning phase, but momentum is building.

In addition, member of YPBM staff – Martison Siritoitet – represented our foundation and Mentawai people by participating in the Virtual Celebration of Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) as part of the International Day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples, 9 August 2020.

Martison also participated in another event, the "Patamuantalino Indigenous School" in West Kalimantan, which aims to strengthen the role of youth in preserving culture and promote discussions around indigenous education. This event included discussions with Jhonatan, founder of the Patamuantalino school; indigenous education, conservation, and cultural tourism discussions with Sari Novita, the founder of Indoepic.com; and live Instagram presentations with Thalia from the @earthpacking organization and Martison discussing the YPBM and Mentawai Ecotourism programs, environmental issues and sustainable tourism.

These events have been highly beneficial in strengthening our knowledge and capacity, which subsequently impacts the future for younger generation, especially the Mentawai youth participating in our learning hub programs which recommence in September.

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 758

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