

# PROGRESS REPORT

## *DECEMBER 2021*



Yayasan Pendidikan  
Budaya Mentawai





# FOREWORD

Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) together with the community continues to grow and learn with our community to increase our potential and cultural heritage for the sustainable life of the Mentawai people. We thank our Australian partners, the Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) for their support and commitment in enabling us to continue our program and targets. Once again we are honored and thank you all for your support.

## I. Increase Student Participation in our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs

In December our CEEP activity went well, but they did not fully learn according to the material because students were studying to prepare for the report card reception. Every Indigenous hubs must have an event that must be displayed during the event. With a more lively report card reception event, inactive students and new students can be motivated to join and be more enthusiastic about learning in the Indigenous Learning Hub.



This month, on December 11-13, students from Uma Jaraik Sikerei Traditional School participated in enlivening the Workshop and Dialogue for the Advancement of Indigenous Peoples' Culture in Muntei Village, South Siberut. "Tradition of Feeding Traditional Knowledge and Technology in Supporting Food Security of Indigenous Peoples in Muntei Village", which was held by Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology. It is hoped that with student participation in such activities, other students are motivated to join existing traditional hubs such as the Uma Jaraik Sikerei, Bubuat, Baklu, Pasigeugeu, Totoirak and Manai Simaeruk traditional hub.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**

**AUD \$ 4301**



## II. Increase The Number of Indigenous Learning Hubs Throughout Wider Siberut and The Mentawai Islands

Every opportunity the YPBM team always promotes cultural programs to the community and government. With the aim of the community and government being able to fully support the existence of YPBM which aims to preserve the Mentawai culture. The team is always trying to increase the quantity of traditional schools so that there are traditional hub throughout the Mentawai islands. In 2022 YPBM team plans to open new indigenous hubs in Maseppaket, Madobag and Matotonan Village. With the existence of a learning forum in the village, it is hoped that the community and future generations can preserve Mentawai culture.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**

**AUD \$ 0**



### III. Mentawai Students Understand Cultural Knowledge and Its Value For The Tuture

To improve the quality of students' knowledge and understanding of traditional Mentawai cultural and ecological values, Indigenous Learning Hubs teachers always give their best and improve teaching methods so they don't watch so that what is taught by indigenous learning hubs teachers can be understood. Improvement of the quality of knowledge and understanding of students continues to be pursued such as revising the material being taught, giving quizzes to students after learning and making learning fun and natural.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**

**AUD \$ 3.000**



#### IV. Increase Economic Capacity For Students and The Wider Mentawai Community

YPBM provides assistance to students to get to know crafts, carvings, jewelry and arts that have been used as characteristics and identity of the Mentawai community. Apart from just introducing them, the teacher team also invites students to learn field practices and make them directly to be used in everyday life to provide awareness of Mentawai characteristics, habits and culture. So that students can be skilled and understand more deeply the meaning and purpose of the Mentawai crafts, carvings, jewelry and arts.

Many students take advantage of this skill to be promoted to other people or even to sell their works to others or make gift packages for guests visiting the Mentawai. Not only limited to students, the wider community is also assisted to produce handicrafts, carvings, and jewelry typical of Mentawai. There are several Mentawai crafts, carvings and jewelry that have been studied or practiced such as lulak, roiget, tuddukat, jarajak, jaraik, leccu, inu, sikairaat, gajeumak, rou-rou, buk-buk, and silogui.



***Funds spent this month to further our target:***

***AUD \$ 0***



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

### 1. Mentawai Dictionary

To improve the quality of materials and education for Mentawai culture In this December, the Mentawai dictionary continues to make adjustments to make it more perfect than the first edition of the dictionary with the aim that this dictionary will be stronger and there will be no more errors in writing, vocabulary and pronunciation and meaning, so that whatever reading it will better understand and have no hesitation in saying it both the Mentawai community and outsiders who want to learn the Mentawai language.

### 2. Indigenous Learning Hub Teaching Materials

The follow-up to the first and second semester learning curriculum is to conduct field research by interviewing informants who are more familiar with the material such as Sikerei (shaman/healers) and people who understand Mentawai culture, so that by 2022 this curriculum book can be printed and distributed in schools -formal school for Mentawai culture teaching materials.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**  
**AUD \$ 0**



## VI. Increase The Organization's Capacity to Improve The Administration, Operations and Financial Security of Our Foundation

In December the total capacity of the organization was 27 people. If YPBM funds are sufficient in 2022 there will be additional staff from the Culture Division, because YPBM requires staff from the cultural division who are competent and creative in their fields. There will also be additional female indigenous hubs teachers in 2022 to empower them and gain recognition and gender equality is one of YPBM's visions.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**  
**AUD \$ 9.549**



## VII. Conduct and Strengthen Strategic and Monitoring and Evaluation Programs

This December, the YPBM team received a student learning report which was held in Madobag Village, Ugai Hamlet with the aim of strengthening the strategy and monitoring and evaluation of the program. In this event, students are invited to get to know each other with students from traditional schools in the Sarereiket area such as the indigenous hub of Baklu, Totoirak and Manai Simaeruk.

In this event, each School of Culture performed or presented one of the topics given, such as the topic of medicine, kei-kei topics, traditional tattoos, traditional musical instruments, traditional house architecture and folklore with the aim of evaluating students' understanding of students during two semester. Then the purpose of holding this student learning report acceptance event is also to strengthen the team's strategy to promote to the Madobag Village community about the YPBM program and also to attract other students' interest in learning to join the study of Mentawai Culture schools that already exist in the Sarereiket area.



**Funds spent this month to further our target:**

**AUD \$ 750**

**Total funds spent this month to further our target:**

**AUD \$ 17.600**





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