

PROGRESS REPORT

JAN-FEB 2022



Yayasan Pendidikan
Budaya Mentawai



FOREWORD

We thank to God Almighty, for His grace we were able to complete the January-February report. So far, the Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) team is running the program very well and enthusiastically. With support from our Australian partner, the Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF), the program is running smoothly. Mentawai culture is very important for us to preserve because culture is our identity. To achieve our vision and mission of the foundation, some of our targets and strategies to achieve the vision and mission are as follows:

I. Increase Student Participation in our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs

To increase student participation and improve the student's economy, this January and February indigenous learning hubs teacher and community facilitator for the Uma Jaraik Sikerei traditional school community started a special savings account for children. Students who come to save are required to take part in Mentawai culture learning. In this semester, the cultural education process will be more practical, the aim is not only to invite students to understand more practical learning but also to increase student participation so that they are more enthusiastic about learning Mentawai culture. The English language learning continues in January at the Uma Jaraik Sikerei traditional school and in February at the Pasigeuegeu learning hub. Until now, the children are happy and enthusiastic to take part in learning English



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

In January and February the Master Head of primary school from Matotonan and Madobag asked YPBM to cooperate in opening indigenous learning hubs in their village. For this reason, the YPBM team held a meeting to respond to the request of Master Head of primary school from Matotonan and Rogdog regarding the opening of the indigenous learning hubs. Our team plans to go to Matotonan in March to start the opening of a traditional school. For the opening of a traditional school in Rogdong, the team plans to leave in May. Hopefully, with the existence of traditional schools in Matotonan and Rogdog, the community will better understand the importance of their own culture and support the YPBM program to be implemented



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, in January and February the YPBM team and traditional school teachers agreed to repeat the material in semester I and semester II, with the aim that students more understand the material they have learned so far and deepen their knowledge. The YPBM team has also started to make new material from new topics including: The process of making loincloths (kabit), the process of making Tangguk (subba), hunting techniques (Murourou) and muraggi (collecting arrow poison), processing taro (mugettek), looking for caterpillars sago (Mutambra), traditional Mentawai games (majas), Musoggunei, Mentawai traditional husbandry techniques, the process of making canoes (abak), farming (Mutinungglu), making arrows (Rou-Rou), and funeral ceremonies (pulialijat eeruk).

Hopefully this year the new material will be completed and can be used for learning in 2023. To test students' knowledge and understanding of the material in semester I and II, it is planned that in November YPBM will hold a competition between the traditional schools assisted by YPBM regarding the material for semester I and II which includes: Taboos (kei-ke), folklore (pumumuan), turuk laggai dance, traditional food, creative dance, tattoos (titi'), pangureijat clothing, handicrafts and sago processing.



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 600

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

In improving the economy of students and our community YPBM provides assistance and acceptance of student and community souvenirs to be promoted and sold in the YPBM office gallery. At the YPBM office gallery, there are already a number of student and community souvenirs that are ready to be sold, for example jaraik carvings, koraibik, necklaces, arrows, key chains, letcu bracelets and others. YPBM team also started saving to improve the staff's economy, there were also some people who joined in the savings. In the savings that the team did, the community was helped to get loans for the costs of urgency. In this savings, the team contributed three percent (3%) to the development of the YPBM program.



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

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

To improve the quality of learning materials, our team always improves existing curricula, such as the first and second semester curricula. This year YPBM team began to research new topics for teaching materials in 2023. Its hopes that this year's first and second semester curricula can be used by all groups and can be used for formal and non-formal teaching materials for Mentawaiian culture subjects. There are so many YPBM plans to improve the quality of the materials, such as wanting to make medicinal plant books, folklore books, Mentawai puzzle books, etc. However, we still have financial constraints and limitations, in order to continue our program we will gradually complete the targets and plans for the new program.



Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$ 40

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

In January a friend named Ari submitted a proposal to Institute Teknologi Bandung Collage (ITB) to help with the Mentawai cultural education program. The cooperation is still waiting for further information, then friend named Yoga came from Yogyakarta, he is a humanist. His goal was to go to Mentawai to see the Mentawai and Sikerei culture in the upstream, for that he asked YPBM to show him the way. There is also a plan for two friends from America who are going to Mentawai who will become volunteer English teachers for the YPBM traditional school and will also conduct research in Mentawai, namely Shane and his fiancé, currently being followed up and coordinated. There is also our friend from America named Alisson Hanes who will come to film and photographer about Gibbon in Mentawai. In February the Education Office of the Mentawai Islands Regency asked for cooperation with YPBM to conduct research on the curriculum for early childhood education (TK) level which will be carried out this year with the topics: Mentawai traditional games, witty folklore for children, Mentawai songs. The Malinggai Uma Community asked YPBM to be one of the resource persons in the presentation of material on the "Importance of Mentawai Cultural Values and the Role of the Young Generation". This event will start on 1-3 March 2022.



Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$ 1.900

VII. Conduct and Strengthen Strategic and Monitoring and Evaluation Programs

The YPBM team always evaluates to strengthen strategies in the learning program in each traditional school, as well as to strengthen strategies in advancing YPBM. One of them is providing monitoring and training for traditional school teachers from Baklu, Manai Simaeru' and Totoirak. We also thank our partners and supporters for always providing us with input to improve programs and strategies for better program development in the future. Once again we are honored and grateful to all of you



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 150

Total funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 2.690



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