

PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

MAY JUNE 2023



Yayasan Pendidikan
Budaya Mentawai



FOREWORD

Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation (YPBM) team continues to develop and promote Mentawai cultural education programs in other places such as other sub-districts that have not been touched by the Mentawai Cultural Education Program and have completed other projects. With support from our Australian partner, Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) our program increase and development. Our Mentawai culture is very important for us to preserve because culture is our shared identity.

This activity report is a form of written accountability for the activities and programs that have been carried out by YPBM. With the preparation of this performance report, it is hoped that it can also become material or a reference for the YPBM team to further increase their active role in achieving the Vision and carrying out the assigned missions.



I. Increase Student Participation in our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs

In May-June to achieve this target several traditional schools such as the Bukbuk Simaeruk traditional school learn about Mentawai stories such as Pumumuan Sirimanua Sibailiu Joja, Pumumuan Sitoulu-Toulu Sabbat Sibeutubu, KeiKei Pangureijat and Keikei Uma. Our elder teachers and fasilitator bring their children to study at Uma to find out about taboo that cannot be done at Uma so that students don't get bored studying in a monotonous way. For this reason, our teachers and traditional Bukbuk Simaerucultural schools have to be creative and work well together to develop this program. Students learn Introduction to Types of Medicinal Plants (Sibuka), Telling about Pumumuan Si uuek (the origin of Karoibic from the Baiko tree), Pumumuan Si lenggui Lelek, Introduction to Medicinal Plants, Kei-kei Putalimogat, taboo making canoes/abak. Students are taken to direct learning in the field with the aim of showing directly the object being studied, learning directly from resource persons who know the topic so that students feel enthusiastic about learning and their friends who have not joined traditional schools can be attracted in this way. Currently, there are 9 traditional schools assisted by YPBM. In May and June there are 220 students who are active in learning culture.



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 May-June there is no activity to open a new culture school. YPBM still focused on fostering and directing and improving systems that are not yet good so that YPBM's assisted culture schools develop well with a strong system. But in the future there are still plans to open a new cultural school in Siberut Barat Daya District, Katurei Village, Dusun Torolaggo, because there are no cultural schools that study specifically for Mentawai culture. There are currently nine (9) traditional schools under YPBM's guidance. At the Matotonan traditional school in May-June the learning process has not yet started because there are no fasilitator who are willing. The Jurubabak Leleu traditional school also does not carry out lessons because students are on school holidays.



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 May-June our teachers and fasilitator try to bring students to meet in person with resource persons or bring these resource persons to the center so that the students being taught actually receive correct knowledge directly from the elders who know the material. The learning system in our customary schools is that the topics studied will be developed our teacher, be it a designated customary school teacher or external sources. Our eacher also conducts several quizzes during the lesson to find out the extent to which the understanding of the material being taught is.



Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$ 750

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

Increasing economic capacity in May-June students of the Pasigeugeu Customary School make crafts or work on traditional spoon. This spoon has a sale value and the spoon adds to the Pasigeugeu Customary School souvenir for sale tourist aor visitor. Pasigeugeu Customary School with Bukbuk Customary School participated in the visit of Mentawai Tourism Department, students were in charge of welcoming and students also performed several performances such as the Mentawai traditional dance called Tari Kreasi and Turuk Laggai, so that with their participation for that event gave a little souvenir for the participating customary schools. During the visit Mentawai Tourism Department also held a souvenir exhibition to help the local community. For our other customary schools, such as the Baklu Customary School, Bubukat Simalainge, Manai Simaeruk Totoirak, Katuitcak, they did not carry out an activity program to produce work that has selling value and they have not had time to participate in the Mentawai Tourism Department due to several obstacles such as mileage, transportation costs, meals etc. It is hoped that in the future all our schools will be able to participate in cultural arts events held by the government and other parties.



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

V. Strengthening Indigenous Learning Hub Materials For Present and Future Generations

In May and June Suku Mentawai team completed nine books and revised the finished oral literature books. After the production of the nine books was completed, waiting for the checking from the Language Center team (Balai Bahasa) and checking from sources from Mentawai, Suku Mentawai team returned to revise the books as the final revision of the books. In June, all book revisions have been sent to the Provincial Language Center Team (Balai Bahasa). Suku Mentawai team is currently only waiting for follow-up from the West Sumatra Province Language Center Team. It is hoped that on July the books that have been made by the Suku Mentawai team can be printed and distributed to YPBM and existing customary schools. In May and June our tattoo research team will input and transcribe incomplete and completed tattoo data this June. Next in July the team will carry out follow-up tattoo research in the Rereiket area covering Madobag Village and Matotonan Village.



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 Foundationdaya Mentawai

In May and June Mentawai Ecotourism plans a program for the future, one of which is strengthening the Mentawai Ecotourism administrative system, both at the office and in the field, so that it is more professional in directing and guiding tourist trips so they are comfortable and satisfied. Mentawai Ecotourism also had guests from China and US. Activities that the guests did for looking for BATRA and PALIGGAGRA were needed, introducing the culture that was still very natural. some of our guest also doing traditional tattoo, they were tattooed by Aman Sasali as the Sikerei (shaman). They also witnessed the traditional ceremonies and dance performance. They was very happy and the tour goes well. 10% of the funds obtained from the tourist guests are used to help fund YPBM's to support our customary schools which are scattered in several villages in the South Siberut and Central Siberut regions.

Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation (YPBM) through the Media ICT division has assisted in efforts to establish cooperation and potential partnerships in supporting YPBM's program. During May and June YPBM's Media ICT division has helped such as replying to emails offering research collaboration on indigenous peoples in Mentawai by a Doctor in America, coordinating and communicating with Daniel Telaumbanua who has donated at YPBM, bringing and guiding guests from America 2 people and making donations to YPBM, made a recommendation letter to IEF to support the KONEKSI grant project which is a collaborative program between the Australian and Indonesian governments, brought 2 guests from France and made a donation at YPBM, held discussions with Joo Peter and agreed to provide donate to YPBM from the festival award in Nepal and help connect and discuss research partnerships in the development of indigenous women in Mentawai through the KONEKSI grant proposed by Arrum Harahap. Martison as our foundation's media division was also present at the Cambodia International Film Festival as a representation of Mentawai films and introduced our foundation and Mentawai culture. This event was held from 29 May to 4 June 2023 and all events ran successfully.



Funds spent this month to further our target:
AUD \$ 3.528



VII. Conduct and Strengthen Strategic and Monitoring and Evaluation Programs

Evaluation of our fasilitator, staff and customary schools is carried out once a month or twice a month. Aims to improve work strategies to be more creative and efficient as well as satisfying results in line with YPBM's vision and mission. Public Relations monitoring visits to the madobag secretariat and discussions with our Research staff and fasilitator about the program strategy to be implemented July and August 2023. Monitoring the YPBM Madobag secretariat aims to evaluate programs to be implemented in July and August 2023 for the advancement of targets with YPBM's vision and mission.

Our foundation representative attended an invitation to a music whortshop event in Padang (Taman Budaya). With so many YPBMs being able to attend events from outside as participants, YPBM representatives are Fransiskus Yanuaris as our Chairman and Supriadi satoinong as the PR Devision. This is one way to gain relationships and gain experience in organizing as well as cadre YPBM staff to work to further improve quality.



Funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 300

Total funds spent this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 4.578



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