

# PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## *SEP-OCT 2023*



**Suku Mentawai**  
Cultural Education Foundation





## FOREWORD

This YPBM Activity Report is a form of written accountability for the activities and programs that have been carried out by our YPBM team. Compiling this activity report, it is hoped that it can become material or reference for the YPBM team to further increase its active role in achieving the vision and carrying out the mission that has been set. We would like to thank the various parties who took part in the progress of the YPBM activity program during in September and October 2023. Especially to the Australian partner, the Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) who is always support all YPBM activities so that the program can runs smoothly. It is very important for us to preserve Mentawai culture because culture is our identity.



### Target I : Increase Student Participation in Our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs

Increasing student participation in September and October, customary school manager and teachers try to create conditions for traditional schools that are able to encourage student participation in learning. It requires an active role and cooperation between manager, teachers and students of customary school, explaining the concept or purpose of what is being done studied so that it is useful for students according to them. Manager and Teachers also continue to strive to instill students' interest in actively learning about Mentawai culture by providing snacks at students in break times creating a relaxed learning atmosphere (learning while playing) such as bringing students to learn in the field, inviting students to play while instilling cultural values in the learning.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 0**



## **Target II : Increase the Number of Indigenous Learning Hubs Throughout Wider Siberut and The Mentawai Islands**

Currently, the number of our customary school that are active in learning is eight traditional schools, namely Buk-Buk Simaeruk Traditional School (Muntei Village), Bubukat Simalainge Traditional School (Maileppet Village), Pasigeugeu Traditional School (Puro Hamlet), Manai Simaeruk (Madobag Village), Baklu ( Madobag Village), Totoirak (Madobag Village), Katuitcak traditional school (Saliguma Village, Gotab) and Matotonan Traditional school (Matotonan Village). In September and October, there was no increase in the quantity of traditional schools. In the future, YPBM will continue to disseminate information about Mentawai culture to other areas and open customary schools for youth and people who want to learn Mentawai culture in order to open the minds of the community and the younger generation that Mentawai culture must be protected and preserved. The plan to open new customary school in Southwest Siberut District in Toloulaggo, will remain open for the 2024 period.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 0**

### Target III : Mentawai Student Understand Cultural Knowledge and Its Value for The Future

To improve the quality of knowledge and understanding through the implementation of our customary school education in each village, Mentawai culture can be developed through the application of Mentawai culture during learning. Apart from that, students can also learn about and participate in preserving Mentawai cultures which are provided in a series of learning activities. Introducing Mentawai culture in a more interesting version accompanied by direct practice, so that whatever culture is studied can be understood well and quickly. The manager and teachers also always discuss with our traditional elders and the community to find reference sources and document the topics studied on that day's material, inviting students to meet directly with elders or sikerei to learn directly in the field.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 800**



#### Target IV : Increase Economy Capacity for Student and the Wider Mentawai Community

Representatives of our customary schools participated in enlivening the Mentawai Cultural Festival held by Mentawai Government Tourism Officer, at this event students took part in several competitions. With disciplined training, the students won several competitions including: the turuk laggai (traditional dance) competition in the youth category, getting 4th best place and the children getting 2nd best place. The YPBM team and students are very proud of the achievements of the students. Some of our customary schools students also make handicrafts to increase the traditional or personal school cash economy. With the skills that traditional school students have, they can develop them for use in the future.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 0**

### Target V : Streghtening Indigenous Learning Hubs Materials for Future Generations

To improve the quality of accompanying learning materials and teachers, explain to the students about the lessons they will learn and teach them in sentences that are easy to understand. Providing learning materials accompanied by practice so that traditional school students do not get bored easily. Maximizing learning facilities during practice, providing what is needed during the practice process. YPBM team also continuing to create a new curriculum for the 2024 school year period. The progress of the curriculum until September and October 2023, the team is still interviewing resource persons on material for each topic and inputting the results of the interviews.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 0**



**Target VI : Increase the Organization's Capacity to Improve the Administration, Operations, and Financial Security of our Foundation Mentawai**

One of YPBM team attended the Ward Islamic Entrepreneur Summit at the Pangeran Bach Seasia Hotel, represented by Mr. Filemon Sagulu as head of Mentawai Culture Division. In this event there were 13 countries participating, the aim of the event was to advance tourist villages, especially West Sumatra, including the Muntei Tourism Village. At this event, representatives of YPBM and Tourism Group Community from Muntei worked together to promote and sell the Mentawai souvenirs they brought. It is hoped that with YPBM's collaboration with the community, government and community we can achieve the target of cooperation to promote and preserve Mentawai culture together.

In October, YPBM also added more staff to the Designer Grafis division. It is hoped that with competent people in the organization, YPBM's targets and vision and mission can be achieved perfectly. Activities that have been carried out in October by the Designer Grafis division are making promotional banners for Mentawai crafts and accessories, designing backdrops for introducing Mentawai culture and Ecology education programs for traditional schools, designing banners for Mentawai Culture and Ecology celebration activities, designing information flyers. YPBM advertising, brochure design, and others.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 2.555,2**



### **Target VII: Conduct and Strengthen Strategic and Monitoring and Evaluation Program**

In September the Media and Communication division published the activities of the cultural education and environmental ecology program on the social media platform. Then from 23 September to 2 October 2023, the Media and Communication Division attended the Kota Kinabalu International Film Festival (KKIFF) together with Joo Peter who is a partner Suku Mentawai Foundation in the production of a documentary film entitled "Mentawai souls of the Forest". Martison as the initiator and Joo Peter as the producer and director of the film, were present directly at the event and presented the film, introducing Mentawai culture and sharing the common challenges related to indigenous peoples and the environment between Malaysia and Indonesia.

During in September and October the team made a proposal and submitted it to IEF Partners for activities to celebrate the Mentawai Cultural Education Program and Acceptance of Learning Evaluation Results for Customary School Students. YPBM Team also formed an activity implementing committee by opening several stands for the community, this aims to ensure that the planned activities run smoothly and according to targets.



In October also we received visiting of Doctoral Students from UNAND University, Mr. Harrum Harahap and his team to the YPBM Office. The purpose of the visit was to plan collaboration with research on women's empowerment on climate influences.

We also received visiting students from Gajah Madah University, the purpose of the visit was to conduct an interview with the Director of YPBM regarding local leadership in the Mentawai Indigenous Community in Muntei Village. The YPBM team holds an activity evaluation meeting at the end of the month, this aims to evaluate activities that have been carried out and not yet carried out both in the office and in the field, so that in the future the obstacles faced do not hinder the implementation of activities.



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 688,1**

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

**AUD \$ 4.043,2**





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