

# PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

## MARCH-APRIL 2024



**Suku Mentawai**  
Cultural Education Foundation



## FOREWORD

*Anai Leuk Ita – Hello!*

*This activities program report is a form of written accountability for the activities and programs that have been carried out by Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM). With compiling this activity report, it is hoped that it can become material and reference for the YPBM team to further increase its active role in achieving the vision and carrying out the our mission. We would like to thank to the various parties who took part to support the progress of the YPBM activity program during in March amd April 2024. Especially to the our Australian partner, Indigenous Education Foundation (IEF) who is to be able support YPBM activities so that the program runs smoothly. Once again thank you for all of our supporter.*

*Masura' Bagatta – Thank you!*



**Target I : Increase Student Paricipation in Our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs**

*During in March and April, efforts by assistants and teachers to increase student participation in traditional cultural education schools had not made any progress. Because it can be seen from the weekly documentation that students decrease when learning is carried out weekly, and the number of students will increase if there are cultural performances. This is what the YPBM team, teachers and assistants always do to evaluate and develop future strategies to solve this problem and there have been several team efforts to overcome this problem, such as collaborating with formal schools, involving students in holding festivals, welcoming guests, providing food every week, giving prizes to students who excel, giving certificates to all assisted students. Of all that has been done to attract students' interest in learning Mentawai culture, there are still many students who sometimes come, sometimes don't come. Therefore, we always carry out evaluations every month to design strategies that will be carried out in the future.*



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**

*The number of active our traditional schools is five (5) 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). Currently, YPBM is still focused on developing existing traditional schools to strengthen and develop the learning system in existing traditional schools.*



Funds spend this month to further our target:

**AUD \$ 0**

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

*In March and April, learning went well, students learned new topics such as Mentawai folk songs, Mentawai traditional games, introduction to Mentawai ornaments, Mentawai tururai (Mentawai puzzles). It is hoped that students are really serious about studying and understand what they are learning as well as increasing students' knowledge about Mentawai culture. Teacher training plans will continue to be implemented immediately so that teachers can become creative and innovative teachers in the future.*



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 500**

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

*To improve the student economy, in March and April students did not carry out activities that improve their economy, but there were several traditional schools that made handicrafts. In the future, it is hoped that traditional school assistants and teachers can develop students' abilities in improving the economy of traditional school students.*



*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 the materials, the research division team continues to create material-based curriculum materials for elementary, middle and high schools in traditional schools supported by the YPBM. Continue to collect research data about tattoos from informants Mr. Guilut Mata from Maileppet Hamlet, Mr. Germanus from Puro Hamlet, Mr. Andro from Muntei Hamlet from Mentawai language to Indonesian.

Furthermore, in the March and April period, the chairman of YPBM, Mr Fransiskus Yan, attended an invitation from the West Sumatra Province Language Center as a resource person at the "Consignment for Preparation of Regional Language Revitalization Learning Modules". It is hoped that the follow-up to the regional language learning curriculum will be completed soon to increase the capacity and quality of learning materials in schools, especially YPBM-assisted traditional schools. During this event, the West Sumatra Province Language Center also handed over 200 Mentawai folklore books made by the YPBM team in collaboration with the West Sumatra Province Language Center in 2023. These books will be handed over to schools to add to the reference books for school students. This book is also handed over to traditional schools supported by YPBM to add reference learning material. YPBM is very proud to be able to create books to increase the learning material capacity of traditional school students. In the future, the curriculum creation program for tattoo books can also be completed so that there will be more learning reference books for students and the general public.



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

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

To increase the organization's capacity to improve administration, operations and financial security, the Mentawai Ecotourism team improved its Instagram account and carried out online promotions for introducing YPBM and the CEEP program. The team also promoted activities offline by distributing brochures for the YPBM and Mentawai Ecotourism programs. Then YPBM took part in a theater workshop represented by Mr. Supriadi Satoinong at the West Sumatra Cultural Building in Padang. It is hoped that the many cultural activities attended can have an impact and develop the Mentawai Cultural Education program in the future. YPBM also took part in workshop activities organized by FH Indonesia Foundation, represented by Mrs. Susanti and Mrs. Silvi Eka Putri at the Maileppet agricultural building. With the activity theme "Child Protection Workshop". It is hoped that with this workshop, all those involved in traditional school education can protect school students, including YPBM traditional schools.



Funds spend this month to further our target:

**AUD \$ 3.467,4**



**Target VII: Conduct and Streghten Strategic and Monitoring and Evaluation Program**

To strengthen the YPBM program strategy. In March and April, the YPBM Team agreed to carry out monthly monitoring of YPBM-assisted traditional schools, to find out the obstacles faced by these traditional schools, and also be involved in providing mentoring and teaching student.

During March and April the Media and ICT division published activities on the YPBM Instagram and Facebook social media accounts. The publications carried out are selected documentation from various traditional schools regarding activities and learning processes regarding Mentawai cultural and ecological education. There is also some documentation of partnership activities including theater workshops and regional language revitalization in the city of Padang. Create special content for Instagram and Facebook stories to increase engagement with the audience and also reply to stories made by followers of the Foundation account. The activities carried out are related to the Foundation's activities and related to Mentawai culture in general.

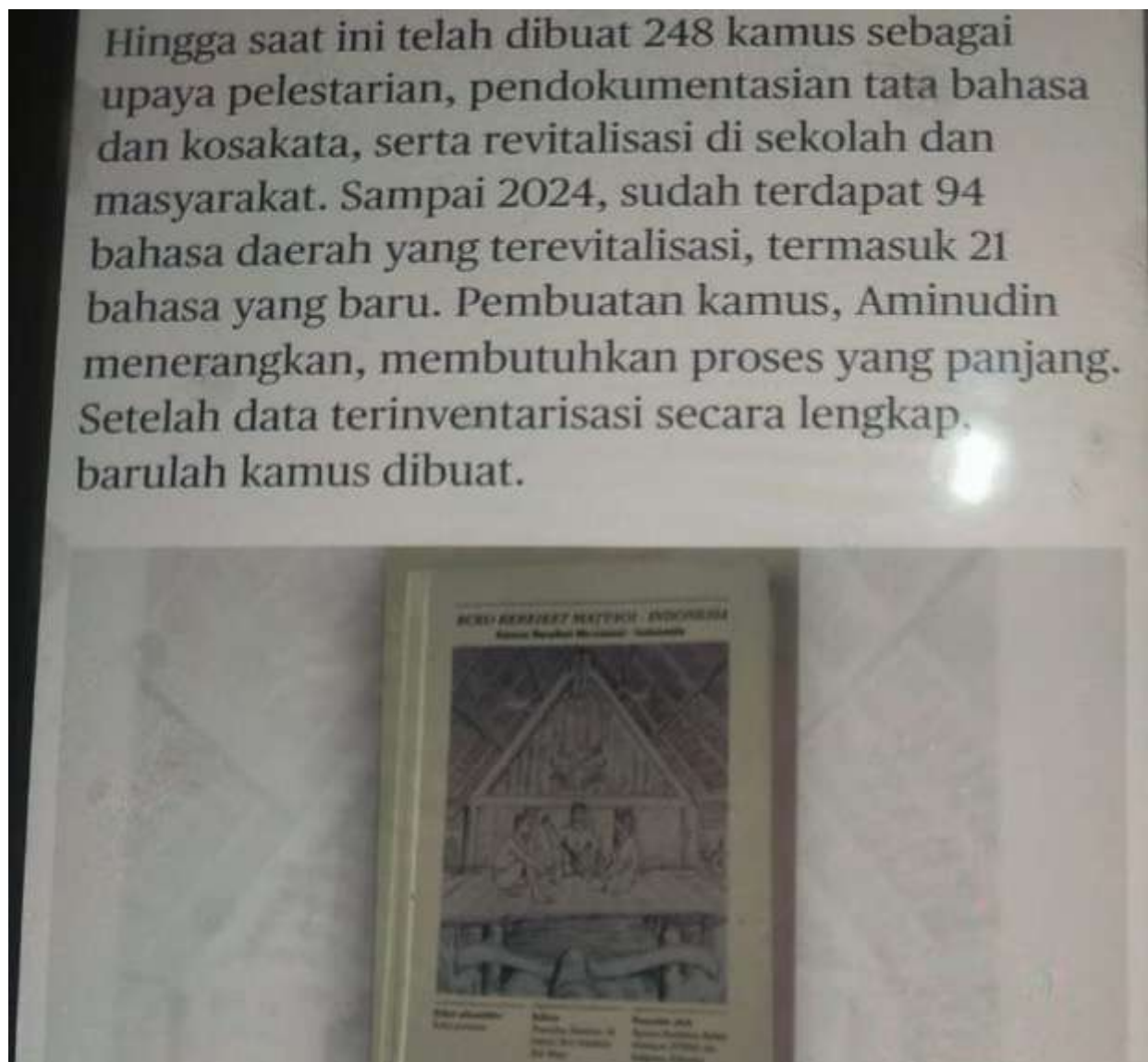
As representatives of the IEF Board, the Media and ICT division also took part in an online meeting with the IEF Board on April 30 2024. What was discussed was related to program evaluation, fundraising strategies and donors and planning for the construction of a cultural center by YPBM.



*Conduct communication and research interviews with Farras, UGM Master of Communication student. The interview is related to the impact of indigenous media on the environment and culture in Mentawai. This means that the wider community is already familiar with the Mentawai Cultural Education Foundation (YPBM) programs so that many students come to research at YPBM.*

*The YPBM team also holds regular meetings to evaluate program activities that have been implemented and have not been implemented. This evaluation meeting aims to evaluate activities and form progress strategies in the Mentawai cultural education and Mentawai Ecotourism programs for program progress in accordance with YPBM's vision and mission.*

*YPBM also collaborates with Tempo West Sumatra magazine to publish YPBM programs, especially traditional school activities that have been running until now. This has a big impact on the promotion and progress of YPBM programs in the future so that they are more widely known.*



*Funds spend this month to further our target:*

**AUD \$ 260**

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

**AUD \$ 4.267,4**



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