

PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

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Suku Mentawai
Cultural Education Foundation



FOREWORD

Anai Leu' 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 May and June 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 Participation in Our Mentawai Indigenous Learning Hubs

In May and June, student participation was still the same as the previous month, There are several obstacles, either within the students or from the traditional school itself, some of these obstacles are: 1. Students still lack interest in learning culture even though the team always approaches students. 2. There are some restrictions from parents, although some traditional schools have held meetings with parents.3. Students who enter junior or senior high school are less active in learning at traditional schools because they move schools. 4. teachers' teaching is less interesting and boring, so the YPBM team needs to conduct training activities for teachers by bringing in trainers who are professional in teaching, 5. Students who are active now are mostly young students so sometimes they come sometimes they don't.

Students will increase their participation when the YPBM team organises several cultural activities such as festivals every year or activities when traditional schools are invited by agencies to participate. But so far the traditional school activities are still running as usual, only sometimes the students increase and sometimes decrease. One strategy to increase students' interest in learning culture is to involve students in participating in various events, be it school events or other cultural events, so that students can get to know Mentawai culture slowly so that they are interested in learning in traditional schools.



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

In May and June 2024, there was no increase in the number of our traditional schools, still the same as the previous month. In fact, the reduction in the number of traditional schools in the previous month occurred due to inactivity in learning.

The number of traditional schools that are active is five (5) traditional schools, namely Buk-Buk Simaeruk Traditional School (Muntei Village), Bubuat Simalainge Traditional School (Maileppet Village), Pasigeugeu Traditional School (Puro Hamlet), Manai Simaeruk (Madobag Village), Baklu (Madobag Village). At this time YPBM is still focused on fostering existing traditional schools to stabilise and develop the learning system in existing traditional schools before YPBM increases the number of 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 May and June, to improve the quality of knowledge of our traditional school students, CEEP brought students to learn outdoors and introduced students to the source of learning objects. The point is always emphasised to teacher and teacher manager to provide learning to students seriously so that the quality of learning provided is understood about Mentawai cultural values more meaningfully and understood. Traditional school teachers also use learning references from various sources both directly material and practical.



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 students' economy in May and June, some traditional schools had no activities to improve the economy. Only the Pasigegeu Traditional School often welcomes and performs for guests from outside the region and abroad who come to visit Siberut. This is very good for the development of Pasigegeu Traditional Schools to be independent. This is what the YPBM team and other traditional schools must be able to make strategies in the future so that other traditional schools also develop well.

There are also several communities that continue to produce souvenirs to improve the economy of the community itself, and the YPBM ME Team helps the community to promote and buy and sell products from the community, such as letcu products from Pak Tanna (Rereiket), keychain products from Maileppet youngsters, necklaces, bukuk and other items made by Pak Maternus.



Funds spend this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 0

Target V : Streghtening Indigenous Learning Hubs Materials for Future Generations

In May and June the research division completed tattoo transcripts from informant Teteu Josep, whose address is Puro hamlet, Muara Siberut village. There are also results that have been done, transcripts have been completed. The research division extended the proposal for follow-up tattoo research in June 2024 in the Madobag village area (Sarereiket). There is also the result of making this tattoo research proposal, has been completed and then the research division will discuss this proposal with the leadership of YPBM, this is the aim of making a special book tattoos.

During in May and June YPBM distributed Mentawai folklore books to YPBM and teacher manager and schools that collaborate with YPBM such as Manai Simaeruk traditional school, Baklu traditional school, Pasigeugeu traditional school, Bubukat Simaeruk traditional school and Bukbuk Simaeruk traditional school.

In May the Mentawai Education and Culture Department Office visited YPBM, the purpose is to visit and collect data on our traditional schools in South Siberut so that they could be involved in the activities of the Mentawai Education and Culture Department Office.



Funds spend this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 316

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

During in May and June 2024 YPBM attended an invitation to a Art Dance Workshop represented by Mrs Susanti at the West Sumatra Culture Building in Padang City. It is hoped that the many cultural activities attended can have an impact and develop the Mentawai Cultural Education programme in the future, especially in art and dance. YPBM also participated in a Music Workshop represented by Mr Reimundus Saruruk, Art and Souvenir Workshop represented by Mr Maternus, and a Literature Workshop represented by Mr Sarno Capendi. It is hoped that by the team participating in these workshop activities the team will increase relationships and can also teach YPBM teacher manager so that they can increase the knowledge of these students. The budget for this activity was borne by the organising committee, namely the West Sumatra Provincial Cultural Office.

Activities in May and June of Mentawai Ecotourism had guests who came to visit Mentawai, who were guided directly by the Manager of Mentawai Ecotourism. These guests included: Tom and Drikje from the Netherlands, Daniel and Grace from the Netherlands, Sven and Yvonne from the Netherlands, Emma and Chloe from France. Their goal was to go to the uma places of the Mentawai tribe in the interior of the Mentawai area, namely the Buttui village.



Funds spend this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 2.862,1

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

During in May and June 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.

During May and June, special content was created for Instagram and Facebook stories to increase engagement with the audience and also replying to stories by followers of the YPBM official account. The activities carried out were related to the Foundation's activities and Mentawai culture in general.

As a representative of the IEF Council, the Media and ICT division will be attending the IEF board meeting planned for 9 July 2024 which is planned to discuss the progress of the cultural centre development planning. Communicated with Shabina Gia, a Jakarta public figure who will be visiting a traditional school in Mentawai, planned for 29 August 2024. Communicated with Rivani, a team from Pratisara Bumi Foundation, who plans to do a live chat Instagram about Mentawai culture and traditional technology, planned for 10 July 2024.

Promoting our suku Mentawai store and tour packages such as clothes, book, souvenir and tour packages so that many people recognise and buy and support our program. So far with the promotions, there have been several people who have bought and visited Mentawai Ecotourism. So that the team is more enthusiastic to develop Mentawai Ecotourism.

The team also conducts several evaluations every month to create a future programme strategy aimed at developing YPBM and introducing YPBM to the wider community. In May and June monitoring activities were also carried out. In these two months the traditional schools visited were the Bubuakat Simalainge traditional school and the Pasigeugeu traditional school. The purpose of the monitoring was to monitor activities every week, to stay in touch with traditional school teachers and students, to conduct direct evaluations with teachers and assistants.



Funds spend this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 260

Total funds spend this month to further our target:

AUD \$ 3.938,1



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