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Vision:

EMPOWERING COASTAL COMMUNITIES
IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

Mision:

- Improving literacy among children and teaching practical skills to young people.
- Mentoring start-up businesses
- Practising careful management of natural resources



Photo: Leadership Training Member

Turning Wounds into Something Meaningful

Happy New Year 2026.

Even though the wounds of 2025 may still remain, life must go on and continue to be meaningful and beneficial to many people. There is much to be grateful for in this month of February. Happy Chinese New Year to friends who celebrate it, and welcome to the month of Ramadan for friends who observe the fasting. Please forgive us for any wrong doings, both intentional and unintentional.

Erikson Henri - Head of Foundation

“How can we turn wounds into something valuable and beneficial for many people?” This is the important lesson we learned while conducting Leadership Training, and we received the same message when we attended counseling training for volunteers organized by LK3 this February.

At the beginning of the year, Yayasan Perahu Nusantara, in collaboration with Leadership Training members, initiated the development of a new play center in the Nanggalo area to help children affected by the flood. We are still facing challenges regarding permits from the local government. We hope that the necessary permissions will be obtained in early March.

Yayasan Perahu Nusantara will also open a Soccer School in the Pantai Air Manis community to guide boys in playing soccer while also teaching them to care for the environment. This program was launched on February 27, 2026. We hope the children will participate enthusiastically. We are currently in need of local youth to serve as soccer coaches. We are also collaborating with the Inspire soccer organization, which is ready to train local coaches.



Leadership Meeting: Discuss about "Balai Baiman Bahagia" in Nanggalo Subdistrict



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Rising Strong: Kenzo's Story

Kenzo is one of the members of the English Club for Kids who regularly participates in activities at Cafe 1 Nusantara. He is known as an enthusiastic child who is always excited whenever he learns together with his friends.

However, in November 2025, Kenzo's life changed quite drastically. The major flood that hit his neighborhood in Tabing Banda Gadang Village, Nanggalo District, forced him and his family to face a very difficult situation.



After the disaster, Kenzo fell ill. For a while, he would not even open his eyes or speak as much as he usually did.

The Yayasan Perahu Nusantara team tried to accompany him in simple ways, inviting him to play soccer, telling stories, and having light conversations.

Alhamdulillah, by the fourth meeting, Kenzo began to feel comfortable again, and we were able to see his smile return.



Tim YPN, Perwakilan Tim Leadership foto bersama Orangtua Kenzo

Kenzo's house could no longer be lived in because it was filled with mud. His family had to move to a new place, while almost all of their belongings were damaged after being submerged in water. There were many things they had to start over from the beginning.

Even so, Kenzo did not lose his spirit. He did not use the flood as a reason to give up. Although his books and school supplies were damaged, he continued to study diligently to prepare for his exams. His hard work paid off—Kenzo achieved first place in his school. He also earned an achievement at the place where he studies the Qur'an.

Kenzo's story is what moved us to create a new space called Balai Bamain Bahagia. We hope this balai bamain can become a safe and joyful place for children in Kenzo's neighborhood who have gone through similar situations, so they can continue to have a space to play, to learn, and to keep their spirits strong as they face life's challenges. (Wenny)



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Air Manis Mini Library

After one more year, on February 11, 2026, the rental contract for Air Manis Mini Library was renewed. After discussing with the property owner, the foundation decided to continue renting a new space located in front of the previous library. The new location is slightly bigger and positioned by the roadside, so it is more visible to the public. The rental cost is Rp 4,000,000 per year, which is higher than the previous library.

We hope that Air Manis Mini Library will continue to have a positive impact on the community, especially for the children in the Air Manis area. (Meri)



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From a Small Field to the Prayer Lines

Over the past two months, the atmosphere at the Balai Bamain Air Manis has been lively and full of joy. Activities have been running smoothly, and the boys have become even more enthusiastic, especially since hearing the news about the opening of the soccer school. As soon as they heard the announcement, their excitement was heartwarming. Some of them even asked permission to go home briefly just to register right away.

Their enthusiasm has created a contagious positive energy, making the Balai Bamain Air Manis feel even warmer and more alive. In recent months, we have also been praying in congregation more often with the children. Those moments of togetherness feel very meaningful. Seeing them stand neatly in rows, gently reminding one another, their innocent behavior, spontaneous laughter, and eagerness to participate in every activity truly brings life to the space.

Balai Bamain is not only a place for activities, it has become a space to grow, to learn, and to share happiness. We hope that these experiences will have a lasting impact on them as they grow into adulthood. (Indah)



Balai Bamain Air Manis

Carrying Out and Challenges of Balai Bamain PJD Activities

The Balai Bamain Pustaka Jendela Dunia (PJD) activities are carried out regularly, involving children from the surrounding community. Volunteers invite the children to read books, and after the reading session, the activities continue with educational games such as word guessing, puzzles, number games, and general knowledge quizzes.

In addition, this program aims to build the children's self-confidence by encouraging them to retell the stories they have read or answer questions from the volunteers.

In its implementation, the volunteer activities face several challenges, especially related to weather conditions. On some occasions, the activities cannot be held due to heavy rain, flooding, or other extreme weather. Unpredictable weather affects children's attendance and limits the availability of safe and comfortable spaces to conduct the activities.

These challenges impact the continuity of the program, as the schedule becomes inconsistent and the children lose opportunities to learn and play in a structured way. (Nisak)



Balai Bamain Pustaka Jendela Dunia (PJD)



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Stepping Forward to Join

Last January, we adjusted the schedule at Balai Bermain Patenggangan to better align with the volunteers' availability. At first, we were concerned that this change might reduce the number of children attending. However, beyond our expectations, even more children began to come—especially the boys, who arrived full of enthusiasm and curiosity. Seeing the Balai Bamain's gathering point filled with their laughter brings us a special kind of joy.

We cherish every moment spent playing with them. Although some children were initially shy and chose to stand on the sidelines, little by little they began to move closer. With gentle encouragement and warm invitations from their friends, they eventually found the courage to join in. We are truly happy to witness their confidence growing step by step.

When the games begin, the atmosphere immediately becomes lively and energetic. The children show a strong competitive spirit, especially during games that require focus and concentration. During reading sessions, they listen attentively and actively respond to the volunteers' questions. These warm interactions make the learning experience both engaging and enjoyable. (Indah)



Balai Bamain Patenggangan

Fluctuating Attendance at Balai Bamain Koto Marapak

Over the past two months, Balai Bamain Koto Marapak has experienced a decline in children's attendance at each session. On two occasions, the activities were held with eleven children present, but at the following meeting, only one child attended. In the past three weeks, the program has not been carried out at all because no children came.

We have made several efforts, such as creating a WhatsApp Group (WAG) to make communication with the children easier and sharing activity information one day in advance. Eventually, we coordinated with the school, and they have agreed to help share the information with the children again after Eid al-Fitr. This situation has occurred because schools are on holiday during the month of Ramadan. (Deotri)



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Learning to Be Independent, Learning to Share

The Balai Bamain at Villa Secret Surf Camp (SSC) is regularly attended by children, with around a dozen present at each meeting. During a recent activity where they learned how to fold clothes using cardboard as practice material, the children participated enthusiastically. Interestingly, one child shared that he had never folded clothes before and was doing it for the first time at the balai bamain. We hope this small skill will be practiced in their own homes.

During the “little helper” practice session, there was also a touching moment. One child humbly took on the role of a little helper and willingly distributed chocolates to his friends, even though he did not receive one himself. He chose to put others’ needs before his own. We hope the children will continue to learn to serve and support their families at home. (Deotri)



Balai Bamain SSC

New Year, New Spirit at Balai Bermain Gajah

The spirit of the new year is still strongly felt at Balai Bermain Gajah. Although there was a brief moment of anxious waiting as we worried that the children might not show up, those concerns quickly disappeared when they arrived with joy that was truly next level. Simplicity and togetherness became the main theme of this meeting, reflected in three memorable moments:

Stories & Laughter:

The session began with fun holiday sharing, followed by games such as arranging ice cream sticks, stepping on objects, and the stick endurance game. The atmosphere was constantly filled with laughter. The children proved that happiness can be simple—as long as it is shared with friends.

Literacy Mission:

Amid the excitement of the games, their love for books remained strong. The group reading session continued to be a favorite activity. Even though they were still in holiday mode, they stayed enthusiastic about understanding the stories.

Strong Teamwork:

Through the challenge of building towers from ice cream sticks, the children learned about strategy and teamwork. The result? Beautiful towers standing tall as symbols of their unity.

In the end, even though the plans were uncertain at first, the children’s presence and enthusiasm always managed to turn the day into a joyful one. Our mission remains the same: to keep the flame of their love for reading burning brightly while they play and grow in happiness. (Afif)



Balai Bamain Gajah Bersatu

IFTAR *Gathering*

At the beginning of Ramadan, we organized an iftar gathering with the foundation staff, café team, and volunteers. It was a meaningful time of togetherness. Ust. Budi joined us and shared a short religious sermon before the call to break the fast.

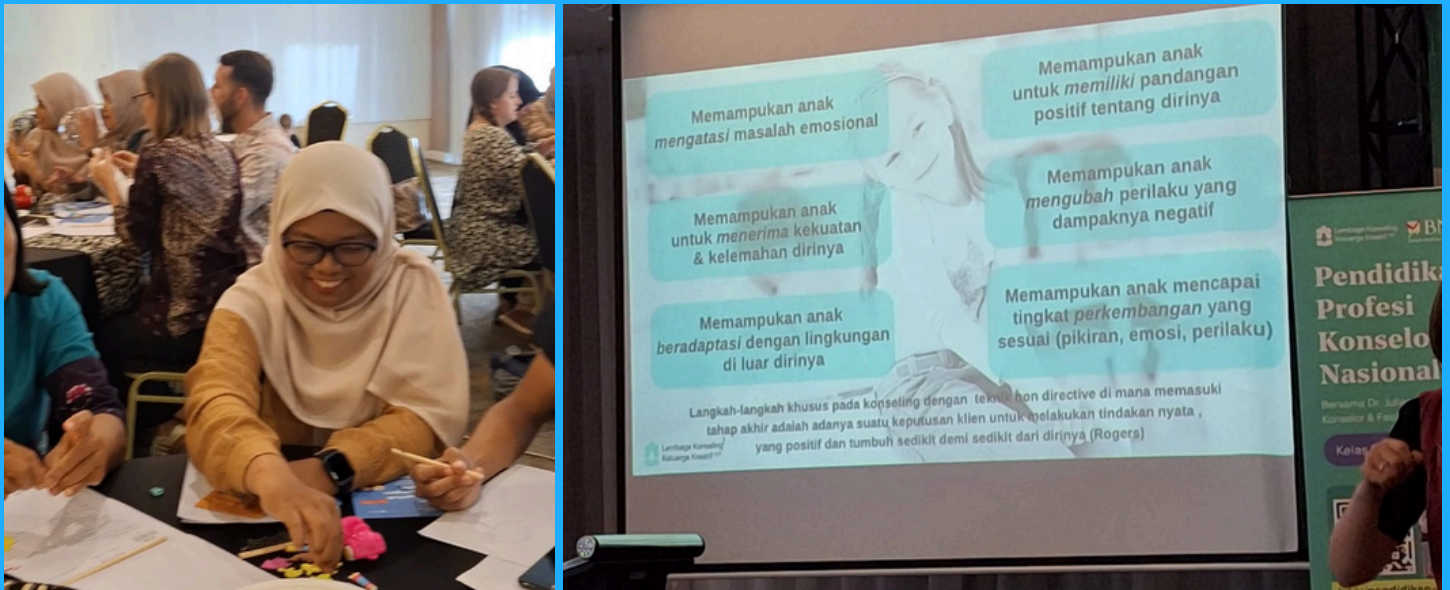


Iftar Gathering with YPN Staff, Cafe 1 Nusantara Team, and Volunteers

ATTENDING THE SEMINAR

“MENINGKATKAN RESILIENSI PSIKOLOG, KONSELOR DAN RELAWAN BENCANA”

On February 25, the foundation staff and volunteers participated in a one-day seminar organized by Lembaga Konseling Keluarga Kreatif (LK3) on the theme “Strengthening the Resilience of Psychologists, Counselors, and Disaster Relief Volunteers.”



Several Activities During the Seminar



Group Photo (Some Participants) from Several Communities in the City of Padang

KICK OFF

Sekolah Sepak Bola (SSB) YPN

The Perahu Nusantara Soccer School was officially launched on February 27, 2026. A total of 22 children have joined the program, and they are very enthusiastic about participating. The Head of Air Manis Village was also present at the event to perform a symbolic “kick-off” to mark the official opening.



“Kick-Off” of YPN Soccer School at the Air Manis Field



SUNSET

English Club

Finding facilitators to teach twice a week is still one of our biggest challenges. Some of the native speakers who previously supported Sunset English Club (SEC) are currently unable to be involved. We are thankful that in January and February we were still able to meet this need.

It has been encouraging to involve SEC members themselves, and they have been willing to help as facilitators. At the same time, we continue building new connections with course institutions in the city of Padang to strengthen our network and find additional support.

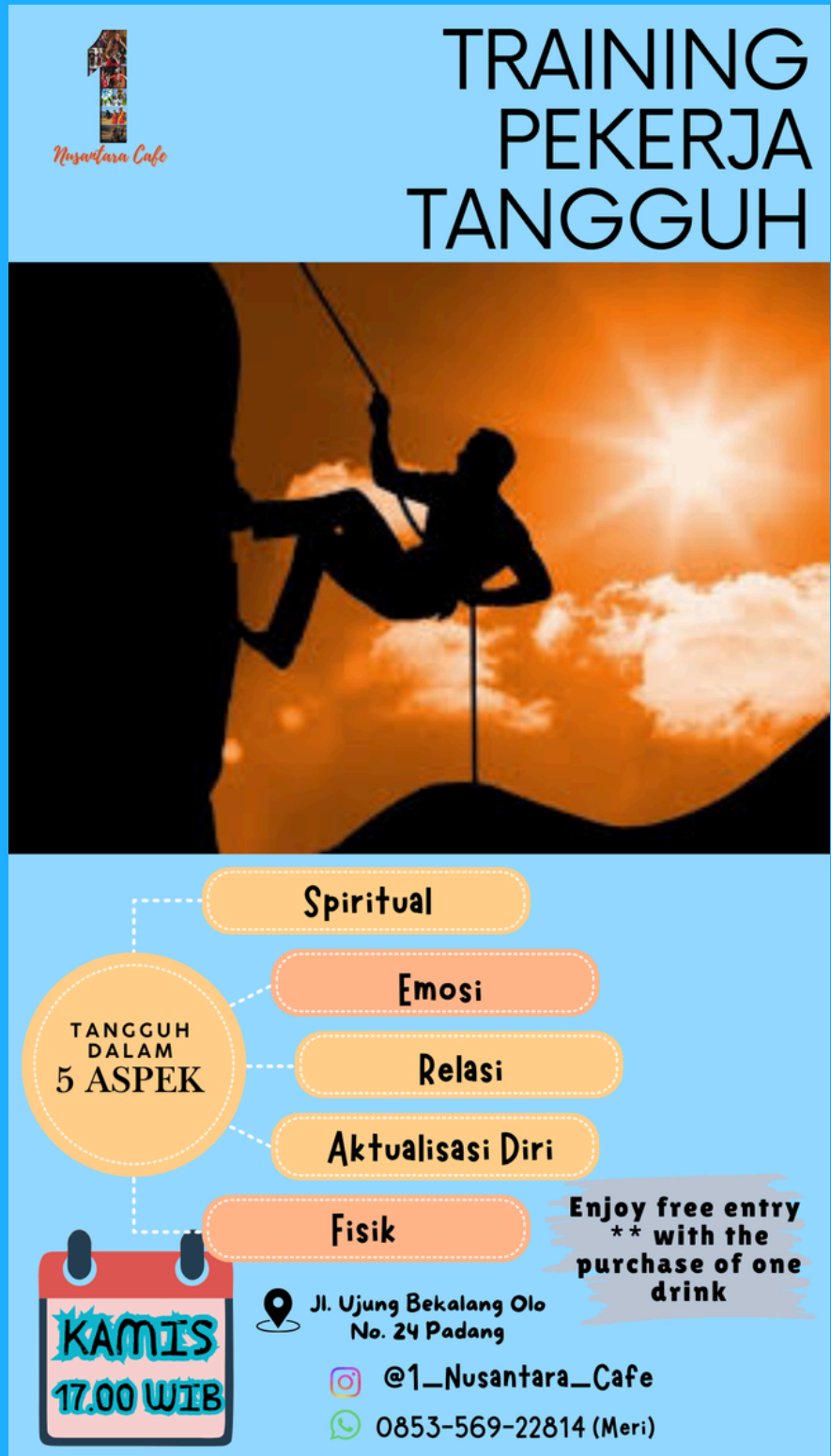
As we approached the month of Ramadan, one of the topics discussed in SEC was "Balimau," a local tradition carried out by the community before Ramadan begins. This was a familiar and meaningful topic for the members. The group discussions were lively and engaging, and each group selected a representative to present their ideas. (Meri)



TRAINING *Pekerja Tangguh*

At the beginning of March, Cafe 1 Nusantara is planning to hold a “Training Pekerja Tangguh” for its café guests. The training will consist of six sessions.

This program is designed as a way for the café to support and accompany its guests, helping them learn how to become more resilient in carrying out their roles—especially in the workplace. (Meri)



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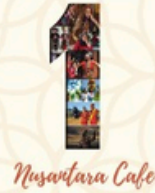
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