



▲ Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS) is a development foundation based in the Indonesian province of Central Kalimantan. The province has a small population, but is rich in natural resources, and it is inevitable that large scale development will come. The foundation YTS is working to create conditions that will enable this development to be balanced, sustainable, and equitable. To this end YTS is collaborating with local communities and governments to strengthen their capacity to jointly manage the process of development.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As a first step, YTS is bringing together 27 Dayak communities and the local government through a planning process that links community needs with government resources. Each village creates its own, individual development plan that feeds into the government planning cycle. Government planners and service departments use this information to design and fine tune their support programs and community services, the villages are then able to access support that is directly relevant to their needs.

As a second measure, YTS provides immediate technical support for key livelihood activities that are prioritized in the village plan. These include upland rice cultivation and rubber production, and chicken, pig and fish rearing. Technical experts for these activities are contracted by each village directly, with YTS providing financial and management support.

By learning to manage the contract mechanism and the community planning process, each community takes charge of its own development, becoming much more self-reliant and independent in the process.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

YTS is also striving to improve the capacity of government to plan and manage the overall development process. It is promoting an integrated platform

for development and is lobbying both government and development agencies to work together with the private sector and non-governmental organizations to create a common development framework. YTS has begun lobbying development agencies to support this objective and to channel some of their resources to the province. It has already collaborated with two United Nations agencies, UNCTAD and UNIDO, as well as with several non-governmental organizations.

KALIMANTAN KIDS CLUB

Kalimantan Kids Club is a higher education scholarship program for talented and financially needy children from remote villages. The program is currently supporting 17 young people through high school and university.

HISTORY

YTS was established in 1998 by a mineral exploration company, PT Kalimantan Surya Kencana, together with local Dayak representatives. The company has been working with local communities since it began exploring in the area over 20 years ago. Establishing the foundation was a means of formalizing this commitment to the local people.

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