



Helping Indonesia's poor and destitute for over 30 years

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YUM's Vision:

To improve the quality of life for Indonesia's poor.

YUM's Mission:

To work with communities in providing holistic and sustainable support in the areas of health, education & community development.

Our Values:

Equity

We believe in providing equal services to all regardless of religion, gender, age, race, ethnicity, or health status.

Inclusion

We believe in working inclusively with local communities to ensure effective solutions are identified and implemented in an appropriate way.

Sustainability

We believe in affecting change that can be sustained beyond the life of any single project to deliver continued benefits for communities.

Holistic Approach

We recognize the interconnectedness of issues surrounding poverty and believe in an approach which addresses complex problems in a holistic way.

Transparency

We believe in being accountable for the responsible and effective use of all monies and communicating honestly and openly with all parties.

Aceh Social Welfare, A Dream Beginning for Jaya Baru

To welcome the new year of 2009, on the 27th of February, Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) official inaugurated its newly built CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE (CCFW) in Aceh. Funded by the **Japan National Council of Social Welfare (JNCSW)**, this center was built with the intention of providing support in improving and developing the local community.



Director of JNCSW Mr. Chikashi Matsuju and the Chairperson of TP PKK Banda Aceh Municipality, Ibu Nursanti Adnan Mawardy.

Built to replace the Aceh Community Center (ACC), the CCFW holds deep the essence of social welfare, which is to help people help themselves. Rather than providing short term emergency responses and direct services, the CCFW focuses on strengthening the people, providing the Aceh community with the opportunity to rebuild itself. *Continued page 8*

Converting The Children's Village To Better Assist The Community

The children's Village, a home for destitute children is one of YUM's longest running projects. For over 30 years now, it has been home to hundreds of children, providing them with assistance and guidance in self development.



"Having a place to go - is a home. Having someone to love - is a family. Having both - is a blessing." by Donna Hedges

To ensure its continual success in providing children and families with opportunities to improve their lives, YUM is currently developing a long term plan. This plan is intended to help both the children and their families.



From the Chair...

Dear Friends,

For the last few years, YUM has been blessed beyond measure and has become a stronger organization able to assist more and more poor people in Indonesia.

Thanks to funding from Barclays Capital and Mast Industries, YUM's educational projects are growing both in Java and Kalimantan. The Aceh Community Centre, the Malaria Control program, Clean Water and sanitation are all rolling but one project – the Children's Village – is always short of funds.

The Children's Village was established for over 30 years ago. It is an example in this country of a well-run home for 50 destitute children and, two years ago, it obtained an award as best orphanage from the local government. Nevertheless, it is dependent for its survival on many small donations to cover its basic needs.

No donation is too small and I hope you can help this beautiful project and the children it cares for.

For more information about the Children's Village, visit our website at <http://www.yumindonesia.org/>, and if you wish to have more details about the many activities run there, write to us at jakarta@yumindonesia.org and ask for this project's annual report.

Thank you.

Olvia

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A Breakthrough For Kalimantan

YUM is pleased to announce the launch of a new agriculture project in Central Kalimantan. With the 13 hectares of land recently purchased, YUM plans to carry out agricultural and animal husbandry production using sustainable, low energy and eco-friendly systems.

This project intends to provide technical assistance to local families. YUM will provide both start-up materials and equipment for family-scale organic production and trainings and follow-up assistance to these families. By the end of the training, local families will be able to be self-sufficient in the production of good nutritious vegetables and protein for family consumption and explore medium scale production of crops, fruits and animal husbandry.

Recent research highlighted that there is a dire need for food subsistence and improved skills of families living in the area. As Central Kalimantan is part of a region where a lot of deforestation occurred, most of its land has become unsuitable for farming.

This has resulted in food insecurity as the majority of fruits, vegetables and meats are brought from Java and other provinces. Additionally, lack of skills and limited job opportunities make it difficult for the local population to meet its nutritional and income needs.

Message from the expert...



The region where YUM is operating in Central Kalimantan is mainly characterized by Heath forest formations or Kerangas (the land that will not grow rice), Padang, which is a very opened type of Kerangas and large areas of scrub and re growth which resulted from fires and felling.

The soil from this formation is derived from siliceous parent materials, poor in bases, highly acidic, commonly coarse textured and free draining and are often described as white and sandy soils. (MacKinnon et al, 1997)

An exception is the immediate area surrounding the granite formation known as Tangkiling Hills, where the parent materials derived from the gradual erosion of the hills are deposit on the base result in fertile soils. The alluvial area in the river villages also benefit from sediment deposit and more fertile areas, although drainage management might be an issue.

The YUM Agricultural project at Km 30 is located at the base of the hills and therefore enjoys good quality soil; the land at Km 37 falls in the first category described of scrub and re growth, on sandy and poor soil. *Continued page 15*



YUM Land (11 Ha) in Central Kalimantan, Tjilik Riwut KM37

The fund used to purchase this 13 hectare land came from part of the funding generated from the selling of land YUM owned. The land was sold with a view to improve the sustainability of YUM. Now, with this 13 hectare of land, YUM will carry out the agricultural project in two locations.

These locations are known as *Km 30*, a 2 hectare piece land, and *Km 37*, an 11 hectare piece of land. Infrastructure preparations are already underway at *Km 30*. Applications to various organizations will be made to develop *Km 37* as a training centre and for sustainable agricultural activities.

CONVERTING THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, *Continued from page 1*

A plan of action has been identified by YUM to convert the Children's Village from a home for destitute children into a **Community Development Centre (CDC)** that assists families. The CDC will provide opportunities for families, mothers and youths to develop and strengthen their skills that will enable them to later provide for their families.

This plan was identified in recognition of recent research from leading development bodies such as UNICEF and 'Save the Children' that showed that where appropriate, children should be raised among family rather than in institutions. The strong bond of family remains a key factor in the child's emotional development. In addition to this, YUM has also recognized that the costs



YUM's decision to re-direct the Children's Village goal also draws upon current best practices in child protection. Multiple studies suggest that children should only be placed in an orphanage environment as a last resort. Poor families should be supported to be able to care for their own children themselves.

By 2013, the Children's Village will be converted into a Community Development Centre, where YUM plans to provide educational and empowering activities such as sewing workshops, computer classes, cooking classes, mechanical workshops, Micro-credit projects for women, and day care and after school programs for children.

The conversion will start with a gradual phase out of children living at the Village. The remaining children, aged 12-18 will be kept at the Village until they graduate high school or undertake university studies.



of running the Children's Village have proven unsustainable, especially now with the current economic crisis.

Help the children at home!

Sponsor a child's education

Continue helping the children living in the area by sponsoring their education

With **USD\$ 150**, you will sponsor a child to attend a government school for **a whole year!!**

Continue helping the children!

Sponsor a child's meals

Continue helping the children at the Children's Village by providing them with healthy and nutritious meals they very much need

With **USD \$ 300**, you will provide a child with healthy and nutritious meals, 3 times a day, **for a whole year!!**



Through YUM Community Development Projects, we aim to improve the strength and sustainability of local communities throughout Indonesia.

A Day Full of Good Tidings

YUM has recently celebrated the official opening of its newly renovated buildings on the 20th of May 2008. Thanks to the generous contribution of the **Priscilla Hall Memorial Foundation (PHMF)**, YUM was able to launch its newly renovated dormitories: Koala House, Kangaroo House and Dugong House, along with a new dining and library/study hall.



During the ceremony at the Children's Village, PHMF and YUM also initiated the BOX OF BOOKS project. This project was established to eliminate illiteracy and to promote the love for reading. These boxes, now totaling up to 15, will be shared with other social foundations.

The first critical step taken to renovate the buildings was to replace all of the roofs, which was made possible by funding from Leslie and Dorothy Blood Trust. Now, fully renovated by PHMF, the children may rest and study peacefully and comfortably.



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The Children's Village Goes to the ZOO

The Children's Village went out on an educational excursion to Taman Safari Bogor, one of Indonesians largest safari zoo on the 19th of January 2009. Invited by **MAST Industries** - one of the world's largest contract manufacturers, importers, and distributors of men's, women's, and children's apparel to Limited Brands - the trip was the very first time many of the children have ever visited the zoo and saw the many wonderful and extraordinary animals they usually see on print.

The children and staff were very excited and happy to go on this trip.



Thank you **MAST Industries** for this incredible experience!!

The Fight Against Child Labour

YUM is pleased to report that on 17th of March 2009, YUM's Aceh Community Centre initiated the first step of its newly run 17 month - Integrated Program for the Reduction and Prevention of Child Labour. This program was designed and proposed by the International Labour Office (ILO) to address the universal problem of child labour and is carried out in joint collaboration with YUM.

In conjunction with local government agencies, the first step of this project was to introduce it to future participants. The introduction was conducted in all 5 districts of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam, targeting over 100 educational stakeholders and 250 teachers. This initial phase was intended to inform participants of the program, to generate community support and to ensure that the program will be implemented correctly. Over 90 participants attended this initial phase.



Activities utilizing 3-Rs (Right's, Responsibility and representation), SCREAM and Learner Centered Teaching Methodology are implemented in this program. Through these activities, ILO and YUM intend to educate and empower children and youths about the issues of child labour and how to evade it.

The 3-Rs Trainers Kit is an interactive training tool used in communities with children, youth and families, especially those at risk of child/women labour and trafficking. The overall goal of the 3-R Training Kit is to provide life and work skills and to increase understanding in this matter. This will enable them to make informed decisions about their life, seek viable work opportunities and empower them to speak up, representing themselves, their families and workplace.

SCREAM was introduced with the aim of educating, empowering and generating involvement of the youth in the global campaign to eliminate child labour. Through a series of educational modules focused on Arts (painting, literature and theatre) and Media (campaigning and networking), this method hopes to enable youth to creatively express themselves in a manner specific to their culture and tradition.

The first batch of a five day training program is currently being carried out. Over 250 teachers from the target schools are being trained on Learner Centered Teaching Methodology. To ensure the success of this program, teachers are also introduced to 3-Rs Trainers Kit, SCREAM and Teacher's Manual on preventing children drop-out.

YUM's CCFW Rebana Group Won First Prize

YUM's Center for Child and Family Welfare's Rebana (a traditional musical instrument) group won first prize in the "Rebana Festival". Organized to celebrate Banda Aceh's 804 Anniversary, this event was carried out on the 24th of May 2009.

YUM's purpose of running the Center for Child and Family Welfare was to strengthen and support activities oriented at community development. One of its activities dedicated to this purpose was to support cultural and traditional art performances.



Cut Nyak Dhien 'Cooperative Society' Goes Big

With its new larger vicinity, the Cut Nyak Dhien 'Cooperative Society' is crowded with many more customers and transaction activities. This 'Cooperative Society' is run by local *Kader* (advocate) women, and is currently planning to enlarge its stock to provide a larger variety of goods to supply many more people.

Short questionnaires will be handed to members and customers with the intention of learning and listing down the basic and monthly necessities of families. Activities are currently focused on training the 'Cooperative Society' members on stocking and bookkeeping.



The Cut Nyak Dhien 'Cooperative Society' has been accepted by the community and is now considered very beneficial for the community, staff of the sub district office and its member. This 'Cooperative Society' provides support to the arts and crafts, as well as, goods prepared by the beneficiaries of the Micro-credit project. Some of the proceeds generated are contributed to the further development of the CCFW and its activities.

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(YUM)'s CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE (PKKA)

The official inauguration was performed by the Vice Mayor of Banda Aceh Municipality, accompanied by the Chairperson of TP PKK Banda Aceh Municipality, the Director of JNCSSW, Mr. Chikashi Matsuju; and the Chairperson of YUM, Mrs. Olivia Reksodipetro, together with up to 304 invitees.



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Central Kalimantan is one of Indonesia's least developed regions, and residents suffer from a range of health issues. To address these issues YUM undertakes Health Projects throughout the region.

Malaria Project Evaluation

An external evaluation was conducted in March 2009 to evaluate YUM's current comprehensive Malaria Control Project in its working area of Bukit Batu sub-district, Central Kalimantan. The evaluation aimed to assess the results obtained and to identify the problems in the field during implementation of the project.

As Malaria is severely epidemic in Central Kalimantan, YUM in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Central Kalimantan and the local community is currently implementing a comprehensive Malaria Control Project. This project focuses on activities consisting of the identification and treatment of malaria patient through Passive Case Detection (PCD) and Active Case Detection (ACD) systems, eradication of vector by means of house spraying, distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets and larvaciding, health promotion and recording and reporting.



The evaluation was conducted by experts in the Sub Directorate of Malaria together with local health officials. Based on vector data, the malarimetric survey, and the rate of malaria transmission around the areas previously surveyed, results showed a significant decrease in malaria incidence. Importantly, changes in the attitude and behavior of most community members prove to be very positive, as most of the community has a better understanding about malaria treatment and the importance of the usage of insecticide treated mosquito nets.

Bed Net Distribution

As part of YUM's Malaria Control project, staff in Central Kalimantan have been distributing insecticide treated bed nets to the villages in their project area. These nets are highly effective in protecting people against the female anopheles mosquito (malaria vector).

In addition to preventing the mosquito from contact with humans, the insecticide impregnated in the bed nets repels the mosquitoes and kills them on contact. YUM has already distributed 1,571 bed nets to four of the villages, and is currently beginning distribution in two other villages.



"We always have many mosquitoes in the house, and we have both suffered from Malaria, my child and I, even while we used a mosquito net. But now we use the one from YUM (insecticide treated), and we do not have any mosquito in the bedroom, not even during the day. It is very good!!"

(Ibu Erna resident Suka Mulia, Bukit Batu, Central Kalimantan)

The Buzz in Central Kalimantan



A giant ominous mosquito, standing 1.5m and weighing 50kg, was reported in Central Kalimantan. It had sharp teeth, dangling wings and made a strange buzzing sound that when heard caused an audience to burst into laughter.

An interview was requested with the giant mosquito but he was too buzzing signing autographs. Other actors, including the Dr and the Child, had also become local stars because of their success with fending off the ominous mosquito.

Directed by volunteer Lucy Thallon, the play educated local students about the risks, preventions and treatments for malaria.



Contributed By Stewart Brown - Volunteer for Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta

Students from Bina Cinta Utama offered their impressive acting skills and the show was taken to 7 schools with around 550 people viewing the entertaining and informative performance. Malaria education is YUM's largest project in Central Kalimantan. The project has a number of stages and uses a variety of methods to educate local people about malaria.



For example, YUM has visited 16 posyandu (community health stations) and trained local people about malaria. Local people who have received training are known as Kader and their purpose is to pass their knowledge to people in the community about health issues, including malaria.

The next stage of the malaria project is bed net distribution. During the play, bed nets were portrayed as the item that would save the innocent sleeping child from the giant ominous mosquito.

"Malaria itu berbahaya, Mari Berantas Penyakit Malaria" (Malaria is dangerous, let us come together to fight Malaria)



As part of YUM's Malaria project and YUM's new Health Promotion program, on the 25th of April 2009, YUM for the first time joined the World Malaria Day. This is a day designated by the World Health Assembly to recognize the global effort to control Malaria.

Events were held in Central Kalimantan to both participate in this global celebration and increase the awareness of Malaria within Bukit Batu and to the wider community, as Malaria is endemic in this region.

" Never before have activities been held in Kalimantan for World Malaria Day, YUM are the first to begin!" (Dr Riyan Tangkudung - Kepala Dinas Kota Palangka Raya), Continue page 11

Malaria is dangerous, *continued from page 10*

Whilst the activities were aimed at addressing the whole community of Bukit Batu, the main event was held in Sei Gohong, one of the villages of Bukit Batu, with the theme of "Counting Malaria Out".



'Spiderman' receives bednet

The "Malaria itu berbahaya, Mari Berantas Penyakit Malaria" (Malaria is dangerous, lets us come together fight Malaria) theme was incorporated in all activities carried out during the celebration. To reach the wider community, a Dayak Malaria song specifically composed for this day was broadcast through a local state radio station, a press release on World Malaria Day was published in the local newspaper and banners were also displayed on the main road and in front of the community health center.

The local government television channel attended and reported on the event, drawing further attention to the issue and awareness towards Malaria in Kalimantan.



Distribution of mosquito nets in Suka Mulia for World Malaria Day

Suka Mulia Clean Water Project



YUM started a new Clean Water Project in Bukit Batu Sub-district in March 2009 to improve access to clean water in one of its communities. This village is located in front of Rungan Sari, a housing complex where YUM Central Kalimantan headquarters are located. Most of the people in this area are farmers and stone quarries from Java. With YUM's new initiative, 56 families will benefit from this project.

The support and participation of the community has been very positive. Most of the community have been very helpful during the first steps of the project. The works started with the recovery of an old water well. The water tower, water tanks and the machines room has been successfully installed and is ready to be used.

The next step is to bring the pipes to each house, install the water meters and connect the water service. Negotiations with the local electricity company are taking place to provide electricity to the system. The water service is planned to work by the end of July 2009.





Education levels in Indonesia are amongst the worst in Asia, an issue that we are addressing through YUM Education Projects. We currently have education projects in West Java, Central Kalimantan, & Aceh that enables disadvantaged Indonesians, particularly children, access to educational opportunities.

Educational project in Kalimantan has been launched

YUM is pleased to announce that on February the 11th, 2009, YUM officially launched its integrated educational projects for Central Kalimantan at the Muhammad Subuh Centre in Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan, in conjunction with Yayasan Sekolah Bina Cita Utama ("BCU").

Thanks to the funding awarded by Barclay's Capital - an international investment bank -, YUM was able to launch 3 educational projects: Government School Support, Teachers Training, and Library Resource Center, which were initiated in order to improve and provide life changing opportunities for many youths in YUM's working area.

Library Resource Center Receives Positive Review

Due to financial constraints and limited availability, very few schools in Central Kalimantan have access to books. A Library Resource Centre has been established to provide children in the surrounding areas access to books and educational resources.

By implementing programs and activities such as story telling, role playing and interactive reading games in the center, YUM hopes to stimulate children's reading habits, curiosity and intellectual interest.



The existence of YUM's library in Central Kalimantan is very valuable and useful for me and my friends. Especially that we are still high school students! So we really need a lot of knowledge from a lot of sources, may it be from school books, novels, magazines, comics and so on.

My friend and I feel very happy that we now have a library in this area. This place is very calm, far from all the noises, so it's much easier for us to concentrate when we read or do our homework. Plus, YUM always does positive activities that are very useful for us school children and for the community.

Anyways, we love this library and we hope that YUM continues to be successful and creative. Keep the spirit up!!

Yulia Fransisca, student of SMAN 6 Palangka Raya, member of the Library Resource Center and an active participant of the English club at the library.

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Initiating Change in Central Kalimantan's Educational Approach



M. Maltezos (Overseas trainer for the Teacher Training Program) contributor

The first phase of the Teacher Training programme, starting in February and ending in April, was attended by principals and head teachers from government primary schools in the local Tangkiling/Bukit Batu area. The School hosting the programme, Sekolah Bina Cita Utama, in Rungan Sari, possesses a large central reception area. It

was well suited for the flexible range of activities, a combination of presentations, exercises and discussions, specific to the development of a child-centred teaching approach.

The student-centred method of teaching is still relatively unknown in most parts of Indonesia. In respect to this, the training was prioritized to ensure that all participants had the opportunity to directly experience this approach. They were provided with the opportunity to identify their own process of learning and evaluate the benefits for themselves. This experience will enable teachers to acquire and appreciate the skills and abilities necessary for the facilitation of learning in children.

'Although I have to be honest, at the beginning I did not feel that this training was beneficial and able to make people capable of illustrating something that they felt or experienced; I felt from the start that the activities were simply, or merely, games. However, after returning home, upon reflection I realised that indeed they were games, yet games that truly act upon, and educate us towards something new and practical in implementing the process of teaching and learning.' (Participant)

Participants were keen to know about all aspects of the child-centred approach, and were very grateful for the school visits. These visits enabled classroom observations of teaching practice and consultations with the teachers and principles.

Active Learning, innovative, creative, effective and enjoyable, is a method or approach that demands active participation of the student in following learning activities, therefore it is hoped that the student can possess skills and abilities in understanding the learning concepts that have been taught. '... Learning by doing is a way, or system of learning that is extremely relevant to the student's culture and environment. For example, a student is given the task of completing a given project, such as agriculture, or building construction. The student is guided towards these matters, from that which is abstract to that which is concrete.' (Participant, a head teacher)

Providing Schools with Education Facilities

The Government School Support project, which began in May, is designed to address the common yet grievous problem of lack of resources and facilities in schools. Many schools in Central Kalimantan are economically unable to provide very basic school resources and facilities.

Thanks to Barclay's Capital, YUM was able to provide 200 school book packets (the 5 basic school subjects), 7 teachers reference packet books, 725 school bags, sports equipment, 22 world



maps, 110 chairs, 55 desks and 8 bicycles for seven government elementary schools in six villages in the area of the Bukit Batu sub district. Head masters, teachers, and many

students were thrilled and enthusiastic when YUM came to deliver.

Free General Check Up For Sponsorship Beneficiaries

YUM initiated its first Biannual General Check Up program in June 2009. As part of YUM's Sponsorship program, this additional service is designed in cooperation with Yayasan Balita Sehat (YBS) to offers beneficiaries medical check ups, free consultative advice on the health of the child and the availability of affordable multi vitamins.



dr. Grace Ann & dr. Elsa Intan, health educators from YBS give free medical check-up to a sponsored child

Yes, this program is very important! It's necessary that families, mothers especially, are made aware of the importance of basic health care early on so that they are able to better monitor their children's development.

Dr. Elsa, Health Educator. Yayasan Balita Sehat (YBS)

In February 2009, YUM has provided up to 30 children with birth certificates, and are currently preparing 10 more for its newly sponsored children in Cipanas. Many of these sponsored children lack a birth certificate, which meant continued hardship for the child throughout their life – as government institutions and programs, including schools, require a birth certificate to participate.



Erna - YUM Sponsorship Coordinator (right) hands over a birth certificate to a parent (left) of a sponsored child

Activities that are educating in nature are also implemented as part of the program. Bimonthly meetings for parents are conducted and made compulsory. Parents/guardian are educated and made aware of issues related to child care and child welfare.



Ibu Tri and her daughter, Zachfiah

Alhamdulillah, we feel very much helped with this program. The illuminating sessions that we receive, in my opinion, are very useful and educational. I have always noted down the sessions and then discussed them together with my husband and children. We have changed as a

family! We have started to leave all our old habits of buying unhealthy food outside, as we now know that they are very unhealthy for us, especially for my children.



New Vocational Training Center Is On The Go

YUM is delighted to announce that its new Vocational Training pilot project will commence in August 2009. Supported by **MAST Industries**, this project aims to provide valuable trainings to young adults, equipping them with the tools needed to be able to compete in the highly competitive job market.

The Vocational Training Center, located in YUM's Children's Village, offers trainings in English, Sewing, Computer, Job Seeking Skill and Advance Hotel Management. Participants of this training are the young adults living at the Children's Village and some from the surrounding area.



Ex TB Clinic now renovated into the new Vocational Training Centre

This project was initiated in recognition that after completing high school education, many of the children around the area are incapable of obtaining employment. Due to the limited employment opportunities, competitive job markets, and the children's lack of skill, most of them end up back to square one – unemployed, ultimately poor.

To ensure the success of the training, cooperation with private enterprises has also been constructed so as to provide venue for practice. It is planned that upon completion of the course, participants will be given the opportunity to undertake work experience.

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The road to access YUM's land at Km 30

In a region where a large part of the population subsists partially if not entirely from agricultural activities it is important to establish ways of cultivating both types of existing soils in a manner that is both organic and accessible to an average local family and that will provide a complete and nutritional diet that may be adapted to the preferences of the different families.

At present, the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is abundant; the vegetables grown in soils lacking minerals and animal husbandry (especially poultry) are based on feed and hormones for fast growth.

Although some examples of home gardens still persevere, the yield is low and in general they could hold more variety of crops, in order to provide a better diet.

Therefore, the agricultural pilot projects that YUM aims to establish on both sites with the goal of achieving agricultural and animal husbandry production using sustainable and organic practices and following a low energy input concept is a very valuable and positive initiative and a real need for the region and its populations.

We give thanks to Almighty God for allowing the project at Km30 to have started and we pray that He may grant His blessings and guidance upon those implementing the YUM agricultural projects in Kalimantan.

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How Can You Help

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Donating: Donate financially or in kind support to any, or all, YUM projects.

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