

The Peoples of the World Foundation

Indigenous Education, Knowledge and Science

Annual Report 2023



2023 saw both strides forward and setbacks for indigenous people such as these Bajau fishermen.

Summary

In 2023 we focused on adding new content as well as updating old content on our Web Portal and on our YouTube channel.

Web Portal Strategy

In 2023, we continued to follow our “tic-tac-toe” strategy. “Tic” is keeping our Web portal up to date with the latest information technology trends. “Tac” is publishing new content. “Toe” is design — the user interface and user experience of our Web portal.

Tic. In 2023, we completed the changes to drop support for older web browsers on our Web portal. While some older browsers may continue to work, we recommend always using the latest version.

Tac. 2023 was a “tac” year. We continued to publish our monthly opinion editorials giving an indigenous peoples’ perspective on current events. Our opinion editorials represent independent journalism and are entirely uninfluenced by corporate interests or media advertising.

Our latest opinion editorial is published on the first day of each month and is linked from the *Latest Updates* section of our home page. Our cumulative, year-to-date opinion editorials are always available at:

<https://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/opinionEditorial.jsp?month=january>

Our opinion editorials are archived on the first day of January of the following year at:

[Opinion editorial archives](#)

We also published eleven new short documentary films on our YouTube channel. They can be watched at:

[Indigenous Malaysian Market](#)

[The Last Kazakh Nomads of Mongolia](#)

[Indigenous Peoples of Southeast Asia](#)

[A Thank You from Laos](#)

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[Indigenous Literacy in Cambodia](#)

[Indigenous Rungus Fishermen](#)

[Indigenous Cultural Changes in Southeast Asia](#)

[Tampat do Aman](#)

[First Filipinos: The Aetas](#)

[Ancient and Modern Mayan Peoples](#)

[5 More Places to Visit Indigenous People](#)

Our YouTube channel is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@indigenouspeoplesoftheworld>

We also updated many of our photo-ethnographic essays. The main updates were to the page layout.

These essays were originally written many years ago. At that time, technologies such as high-efficiency image compression, lazy loading and resource caching were not available. They are now standard in website design.

In recent years, we changed the template of our photo-ethnographic essays page to take advantage of these technologies. This allows for larger, higher quality images without sacrificing page load times.

Toe. We made a number of small design changes and optimizations to a few sections of our Web portal.

Social Media

In 2023, we decided to halt our social media presence. While we believe that social media can play an important role for non-profit organizations to communicate, we also believe that social media platforms have

become a net negative asset for the global community.

We currently have no plans to return to social media.

Resources

The resources on our Web portal continued to be used extensively by non-governmental, non-profit and media organizations, interns, government agencies, publishing companies, journalists, students and educators around the world.

Finances

Donations decreased slightly in 2023 compared to 2022.

Table 1 below shows a summary of our 2023 finances (amounts are in US\$).

Income	446
Expenses	(532)
Balance	(86)

Table 1. 2023 financial summary.

We acknowledge all who contributed to our mission in 2023.

Plans for 2024

Our plans for 2024 are not yet finalized.

We will continue to publish new content on our Web portal. We will also continue to update our photo-ethnographic essays.

We will resume our field assignment work.