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BRIDGING IMPACT

DIGITAL ENGLISH CLUB



Anambas Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of communities across the Anambas Islands, Indonesia. From environmental conservation to educational initiatives, we aim to create sustainable, community-driven change. Our mission is to empower local communities by equipping them with the tools and resources they need to build a brighter, more resilient future. One of our community development projects, the Digital English Club (DEC), represents our commitment to opening new opportunities for youth through English lessons.

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Digital English Club

The Anambas Islands are a beautiful, remote archipelago in Indonesia, and have increasingly become a popular destination for tourism, which boost economic activity. However, despite the rapid development, the local community faces a significant challenge: limited access to English education that hinders their ability to participate in the growing economic opportunities.

In 2019, during our initial assessments in the villages of the Anambas Islands, a consistent need emerged: head of villages and community members highlighted the importance of English language skills for their children's future. In response, Anambas Foundation set up digital English classes for elementary and middle school students, partnering with an Indonesia-based language-learning platform. While we recognize that offline language learning is often more effective and engaging, the remote location of the villages makes online classes the most practical way to reach students at this time.

Beyond language skills, Anambas Foundation integrates lessons on environmental conservation and waste management in DEC classes, instilling sustainable practices and values in young learners. At the moment, the DEC program is being implemented in five villages, with plans to expand to two additional villages.





Kiabu Village, one of the most remote communities in the Anambas Islands, faces challenges due to limited infrastructure. Situated four hours by boat from the regency capital, the village relies mainly on fishing for livelihoods, and education is available only up to middle school. Access to electricity and the internet is unreliable, posing daily challenges for students. Kiabu attracts international tourists drawn to its natural beauty and cultural heritage, making it an ideal spot for ecotourism. However, local young people often lack English skills, leaving them unprepared to engage in tourism activities or benefit fully from the growing industry.



OPPORTUNITY AND NEED



Kiabu's remote location presents both challenges and opportunities. The lack of schooling options beyond middle school and limited digital connectivity restricts young people's educational opportunities. DEC aims to bridge this gap by bringing English education to Kiabu, equipping middle school students and local youth with the skills to become key players in the growing tourism sector. A reliable internet connection, such as through a satellite-based internet service, would significantly expand educational access and the chance for students and local youth to connect with resources beyond their village.

However, beyond digital access, Kiabu's students and youth would benefit immensely from an on-site English teacher. Having English-speaking volunteers live in Kiabu would provide hands-on language immersion that digital classes alone cannot offer. Daily interactions and consistent lessons from these volunteers would help students gain confidence and fluency in English—skills essential for future opportunities in tourism and beyond. By learning English directly from volunteers embedded in their community, students and local youth would receive both structured education and valuable real-world practice, giving them a solid foundation to engage meaningfully in the tourism economy.

TO BRING OUR VISION FOR DEC IN KIABU VILLAGE TO LIFE, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:



VOLUNTEER TEACHING PROGRAM

We are seeking volunteer English teachers who can commit to teaching in Kiabu for six months to one year. Volunteers will be provided with lodgings, daily meals, and round-trip transport from Batam to Kiabu. In this role, teachers will bring crucial language skills to young learners, equipping them with English language skills for further education and work opportunities.



INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SOLUTION

Installing a satellite-based internet terminal in Kiabu would be a transformative step, providing the village with reliable internet access, giving the village residents access to information, education, and economic opportunities.

BENEFICIARIES

The primary beneficiaries of DEC Kiabu are the students and young people of Kiabu, who will gain the skills to engage in the tourism industry. Additionally, the entire village stands to benefit from improved digital access, which can support further learning and economic growth.

Through DEC Kiabu, we invite you to help us bring language skills and digital access to Kiabu Village. Join us in empowering the youth of Kiabu Village by supporting DEC Kiabu.



YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP BUILD PATHWAYS TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF ANAMBAS ISLANDS

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