

PROJECT INFORMATION

INDONESIA/HALMAHERA EMPOWERING THE MARGINALISED – HELPING THE TUGUTIL PEOPLE

Your donation will help ensure the preservation of a natural habitat and that the Tugutil can continue to live in harmony with nature in the future.

The Tugutil tribe lives in the forests of Halmahera. Multinational corporations are mining there, destroying the natural environment and thus the Tugutil's livelihood. The Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera (GMIH) has good contacts to the Tugutil and wants to support them maintain their way of life.

The Tugutil tribe has a population of about 1,500 to 3,000 people. It lives a traditional, natural life in the forests of Halmahera. At the same time, multinational companies are mining for nickel and gold in this region. Mining has a devastating impact on the natural environment by clearing whole forests and polluting the rivers. Mining endangers the livelihoods, identity and future of the Tugutil, who live off the natural products of the forest. The GMIH maintains good contacts with the tribal people. The church is empowering the marginalised Tugutil group and, together with the tribal people, is ensuring that the tribe can continue to maintain its culture and way of life in the future.

Comprehensive and integrative support

The GMIH is training members of the Tugutil tribe in sustainable, organic farming. It shows the Tugutil how they can stay true to their roots with handicrafts and finance their lives more independently of nature. It offers legal advice and supports in negotiations with mining companies and the government. It supports infrastructure measures such as building roads, prospecting for drinking water sources and setting up a basic healthcare system. Cultural festivals and language courses help to preserve and develop their own culture. All these measures are tailored precisely to their needs in dialogue with the Tugutil.

Sustainable and forward-looking

To ensure that the work will continue after the project ends, members of the tribe are being trained using the train-the-trainer model to become specialists so that they can continue the project independently. In addition, the church is organising a broad support network consisting of NGOs and government organisations.

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