

Documentation summits in the central mountains of Papua

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The major aim of this project is to improve the documentation of the languages in the Central Highlands of Indonesian Papua. The project team strives to achieve this in two ways: First, already collected data, especially of the languages Eipo and Wano, will be made accessible in an up-to-date format and it will be complemented by new recordings in order to cover a broader range of communicative events. Second, the team will offer an extensive teaching program to local students and staff members of the University of Manokwari. Having attended this program, students will be encouraged to carry out their own documentation projects, documenting their native languages. During these closely supervised projects they will be funded by scholarships. The collected data will be processed according to DoBeS standards and archived in the Language Archive in Nijmegen. By offering local students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in linguistics and field work methods, and by providing them with the technical equipment of modern language documentation, the project hopes to build a sustainable basis for the documentation of endangered languages in the area.

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