

The Peoples of the World Foundation

Indigenous Education, Knowledge and Science

Annual Report 2021



In 2021 the west coast of Iceland was much like it would have been in 1021. That was the year when Vikings first arrived in North America, completing human migration around the world.

Summary

In 2021 we were unfortunately unable to resume our field assignment work as we had hoped – due to the continued global Covid-19 pandemic. However, we made major changes to our Web portal and added new content.

We awarded an institutional educational grant to support indigenous education in Thailand. We engaged our followers on social media.

Governance

In 2021 Teodora Corina Hasegan resigned from her role as Director of Research and Development. We thank her for her eleven years of service in that role and wish her success in her future endeavors.

Web Portal Strategy

Our “tic-tac-toe” strategy, first adopted in 2015, has served our mission successfully for the last seven years and we decided in 2021 to continue applying it for the foreseeable future. “Tic” means keeping our Web portal up to date with the latest information technology trends. “Tac” means publishing new content. “Toe” is design — the user interface and user experience of our Web portal.

Tic. 2021 was a “tic” year. We upgraded our platform to newer, faster and more secure hardware and software. We also had a custom digital security certificate issued so that our Web portal now uses the latest secure (https) World Wide Web communication protocol (TLS version 1.3).

We also made many optimizations on our platform for faster transfer of content to our visitors. Our analysis shows that, for the average viewer, pages are now transferred between two and three times faster than before. For image-intensive pages, the increase is up to ten-fold.

Tac. We continued to publish our monthly opinion editorials giving an indigenous peoples’ perspective on current events. Our latest opinion editorial is published on the first day of each month on our home page. Our cumulative, year-to-date opinion editorials are always available at:

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

They are archived on the first day of January of the following year at:

[Opinion editorial archives](#)

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

[Ruk'u'x Indigenous Art and Music Festival, Guatemala](#)

[History of the Maya People](#)

[Indigenous Cultural Changes in Southeast Asia](#)

[Establishing and Promoting Indigenous Literacy in Cambodia](#)

[The History of Indigenous Customs in Southeast Asia](#)

[Kazakh Wrestling in Mongolia](#)

[The Coronation of the Queen \(Reina\) in San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala](#)

[Indigenous Ixil Maya Migration to North America](#)

[Capturing Carbon in Iceland to Reduce Global CO2 Emissions](#)

[Living by Garbage in the Philippines](#)

[Populating Southeast Asia](#)

[Quichua Mountain and Jungle Cousins](#)

Our YouTube channel now has 25 short documentary films which are available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCud7xda-NeHbFRJo2Tfs8ig>

We also published a new photo-ethnographic article about the Kreung people. It is available on our Web portal at:

[Indigenous Peoples of the World – The Kreung](#)

We also published two new travel narrative stories, in collaboration with Simon Goodinson, under our “Publish your Work” program: *Travel and Indigenous Knowledge in Northern Laos* and *Life on the Mekong River*. They are available on our Web portal at:

[Travel and Indigenous Knowledge in Northern Laos](#)

[Life on the Mekong River](#)



A Kreung Lady Spinning Yarn, Cambodia.



*Making Rice Paper in the Mekong Delta.
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A Tai Dam Lady Carrying Firewood, Laos.

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Toe. We re-designed the user interface and user experience of many sections of our Web portal. This included a major re-design of our home page. This re-design makes our Web portal easier to use on all devices. It also makes our Web portal more accessible to visually and physically challenged viewers.

Social Media

Throughout 2021 we continued to update our Facebook page with announcements of new content at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Peoples-of-the-World-Foundation/243657765700765>

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.

Programs

In 2021 we awarded the second installment (\$500) of a \$1,000 grant under our *Institutional Educational Grants* program to *The Karen Hilltribes Trust* in Thailand. This grant continued to help fund that organization's educational programs which benefit education of indigenous Karen people in northwest Thailand. An updated report is available on our Web portal at:

[Indigenous institutional educational grants](#)

Finances

Donations increased significantly in 2021 compared to 2020.

Table 1 below shows a summary of our 2021 finances (amounts are in US\$).

Income	1480
Expenses	(1015)
Balance	465

Table 1. 2021 financial summary.

We acknowledge all who contributed their expertise, time, energy and resources to our mission in 2021.

Plans for 2022

Our plans for 2022 are not yet finalized because of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

We will always continue to publish new content on our Web portal and to be active on our social media channels.

We hope to resume our field assignment work, but that will depend on the extent to which indigenous people are protected from Covid-19. Our latest assessment indicates that this may not be possible until 2023.