



# **Meyuns Ngara Yaml**

Traditional Community Leaders
Benedicta Mechol
Bedebii Sadang

### Main Activities

- Reviving the mesei (taro patch)
- Providing support for the community
- Maintaining the Meyuns watershed
- Helping elderlies



#### Background of Establishment

The women of Meyuns established this organization after World War II.

# Purpose

This organization exists to serve the community in any way possible. The members help fix roads, clean the villages, and maintain the taro mesei. They base their decisions on cultural traditions.

#### Member's Voice Ms. Benedicta Mechol

When my mom passed away, I took over the leadership. Currently, we have 187 members, and our organization consists of women who are from Meyuns, married to a Palauan from Meyuns, or simply women living in Meyuns. They can join after high school, so we train our daughters to take on this tradition and follow in our footsteps. We meet in the bai or at the youth centers to discuss our projects and decide what needs to be done in the community. If there is a problem in the community or schools, we meet and find a solution.

One of our main projects is the revival of the two mesei in Meyuns for food security and preserving traditions. However, the roads leading up to the mesei are steep and hard to access, and they are not safe for the elderly. We have the outlines for the road but we are short on manpower and funds. Moreover, the younger generation is not interested in this project compared to working in the office.

Another project we focus on is the watershed called the Ididiong in Meyuns from the wartime built by the Japanese, that we continued to maintain. We call the rubaks and the youth to help us, and it feels good to know that the kids already know the importance of this shed. During the drought, everyone from Koror and Meyuns come and use it. It is small, but the water has never stopped.

We would love to have more opportunities for collaboration and receiving funds so we can continue our work. However, the lack of funding will not stop us from what we want to accomplish.

# **Contact Information**

