



Cinta

On the 9th February our team in Nyaru Menteng received information from two residents of Tumbang Jalemu village, that they had found an orangutan and wished to send it to our center.

The BOS Foundation Team immediately coordinated with the Central Kalimantan Natural Resources Authority (BKSDA) to rescue the orangutan and early morning of February 14th, a small team consisting of BOS Foundation Nyaru Menteng staff and BKSDA departed for the Tumbang Jalemu village.

After a four hour journey by car, the team arrived at the village. One of the residents who reported the orangutans presence initially, together with several others met with the team and immediately took them to where the baby orangutan was being kept.

According to the local people, the orangutan was found by an area which used to be covered by pristine rainforest and populated by orangutans. However, the land had been cleared by an oil palm company leaving almost nothing behind.

When found, the young orangutan was apparently motherless, screaming and shivering. The person who found the infant took her home.

The orangutan was placed on a jacket and an old towel was used as a blanket to wrap the baby in. BOS Foundation veterinarian, Barlian Putra checked the infants condition and found that the infant was female and aged only around 3-5 months. She was skinny but clean with very long hair.

Whilst our team were attending to the baby, BKSDA officers completed the official handover report with the community and discussed with the village the laws related to orangutan protection.

Once the team arrived back at Nyaru Menteng the vets conducted a full check on the tiny baby. She was indeed around 5 months old and weighed 2 kgs. A special guest, former president of Indonesia, Megawati Soekarnoputri, was visiting Nyaru Menteng at the time and named the new baby Cinta. Cinta means love in Indonesian and we have a huge amount of love to give Cinta who was rescued on Valentines Day. We know we cannot replace your mother, but we will do our best to love and nurture you until one day you can return to the forest.