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Transcript of conversation with Joy Bulkanhawuy:

NI: Remember when we were working together on that disaster management project? Could you explain a bit about your experiences about working with us and the Northern Institute on that project?

JB: Yow! Working with Michael Christie *ga nhe* (and you) on that project was really *manymak mirrithirri* (excellent). That was a really important experience for me, and also for those people we visited when we were doing that research.

We were sitting with them, and they could tell us their stories. The research was getting ideas and putting them together, giving out to the people and the people were getting some education as well, and that is an important thing.

Even though they, like when sometimes they get lost, they need some education as well. They just need to review their memories, and the research helped with that. It was important that I have gone through that experience of that *djäma* (work) like that, it was a really *manymak* (good) experience for me to have. It was very, very *manymak* (good) for everyone. *Yuwalk!* (for real!).

It is learning like both ways, *bala-räli* (this way and that way). It is everybody working as a team, *ga balanya* (in this way), in the one boat. It is very, very important *djäma* (work) and very important experience *narraku* (of mine) to have been through this.

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