



NUSANTARA FUND

In December 2023, the Nusantara Fund (NF) launched the Cycle 1 call for proposals of direct funding mechanisms for Indigenous Peoples, Peasants and Fisheries Organizations, Local Communities, Youth and Women Groups to submit their proposal for fulfilling 5 main targets aimed by NF.

In one decade, NF aims to directly impact at least 30 million peoples (1/9 of Indonesia's total population) and 30 million hectares of forest and territory (1/6 of the country's total land area) through achieving the main targets: (1) Increased mapping of indigenous territories, community managed areas, and Priority Agrarian Reform Locations of 20 million hectares, (2) Protection and recognition of 7,8 million hectares, (3) Rehabilitation and restoration of 3,5 million hectares, (4) Realization of sustainable models of production, distribution, and consumption, (5) Establishment of "Peoples' Education" centers to revitalize, restore, innovate, and collaborate to increase capacity, quality of knowledge, and skills in protecting and managing lands, territories, and resources.

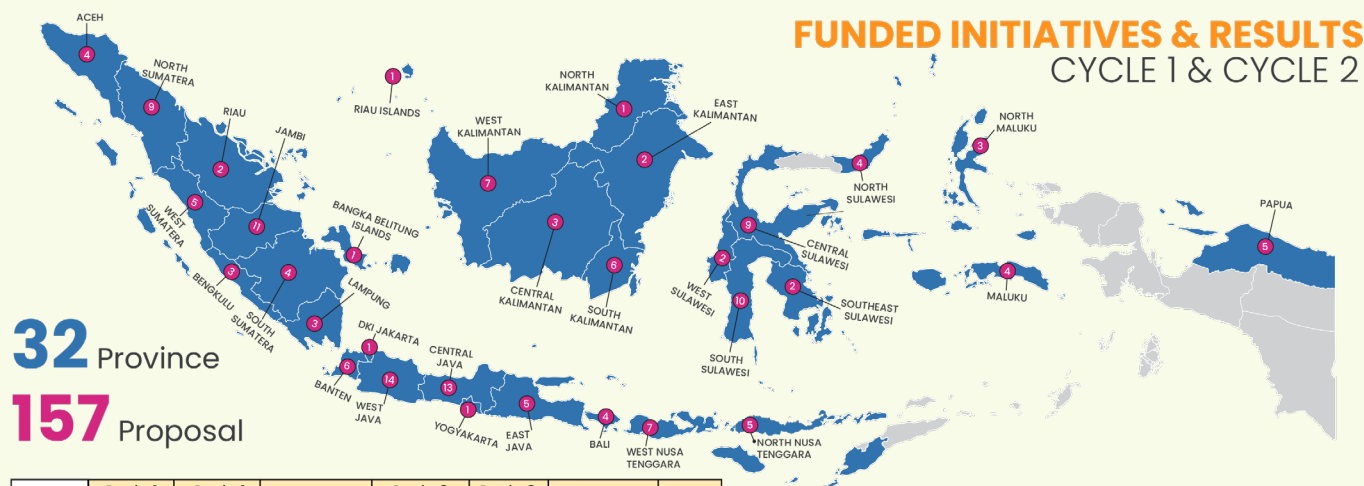
For cycle 1, in 1 month of the call for proposals, NF received 384 proposals from communities in 36 provinces around Indonesia. After being reviewed by the selection committees from AMAN, KPA, WALHI, on 31 January 2024, NF funded the 76 selected proposals from 30 provinces that get direct funding with support range from 35 million IDR (2,258 USD) to 100 million IDR (6,452 USD), and 1 proposal funded as a consortium of AMAN, KPA, WALHI, for defending of 5 communities in Riau Islands from land grabbing gained support 300 million IDR (19,355USD). The total direct funding delivery of Nusantara Fund in cycle 1 was 6,4 million IDR (427,778 USD) supported by Packard Foundation, Thousand Currents, and Ford Foundation. Open Call of Proposal can't use again due to Nusantara Fund doesn't want to promote the competition value among the communities.

For cycle 2, in May 2024, the 81 proposals selected proactively based on the constituent of the AMAN, KPA, WALHI and the communities from strategic network outside the three organization as the solidarity (external) allocation were 11 % of total proposal funded in this cycle (9 from 81 proposals). The distribution of initiatives funded this cycle at 32 provinces with support range from 50 million IDR (3030 USD) to 130 million IDR (7879 USD). Total direct funding delivery of Nusantara Fund in cycle 2 was 7,8 million IDR (520,363 USD) supported by Packard Foundation, Thousand Currents, and Ford Foundation.

All proposals can target more than one Nusantara Fund main target in each proposal. Of the 157 proposals from 2 cycles, the most frequently proposed targets were sustainable production, distribution, consumption models, and building "People's Education" centers. These funded proposals significantly involve customary councils, women's groups, indigenous youth, also directly fund coastal communities, highland communities, forest peasants groups, peasants and fisherman unions, and indigenous communities, People Organizations, communities threatened by territorial conflicts and natural resources. The sectors that most threaten communities include: plantations, mining, and forestry, infrastructure projects and national strategy programs, coastal reclamation and tourism industry in the coastal area.

The 157 funded initiatives also demonstrate the resilience of Indigenous Peoples, People Organizations, and communities in collaboration with AMAN, KPA, and WALHI members in the regions through activities:

- (1) participatory land mapping,
- (2) advocacy for community rights to their territories,
- (3) ecosystem restoration through agroecology, replanting various types of plants for animal biodiversity, horticulture, as an effort to solve climate change
- (4) increasing the effectiveness of sustainable production models as a solution for community



	Cycle 1 Constituents	Cycle 1 Solidarity	Consortium	Cycle 2 Constituents	Cycle 2 Solidarity	Consortium	Total
	21	2	-	24	2	-	49
	23	3	-	24	4	-	54
	24	2	1	24	3	-	54

In a decade, Nusantara Fund targets will directly impact at least **30 million peoples** or at least 11% of the total population of Indonesia and impact **30 million hectares** of forest and territory, or 1/6 of Indonesia's total land area

PROGRESS RESULTS:

Target 1 Increase mapping of Indigenous Territory, Community Managed Areas, and Priority Agrarian Reform Location by 20 million hectares from the currently mapped.	Target 2 Increasing protection and registration of IPs & LCs and territories by 7.8 million hectares from the existing recognized.	Target 3 Rehabilitation and restoration of 3.5 million hectares of IPs and LCs land and territories	Target 4 The realization of various models of production, distribution and consumption that are just and sustainable in accordance with IPs and LCs principles.	Target 5 The establishment of "Peoples Education" centres that function to revitalize, restore, innovate and collaborate to increase the capacity, quality of knowledge and skills of IPs and LCs in protecting and managing.
279,909 Ha 49 People Organizations	57,376 Ha 19 Documents Proposed for Recognition	32,261 Ha 38 Proposals	115 Business Units 86 Proposals	58 Locations 9,897 People Involved

- livelihoods and resistance to corporate occupation,
- (5) "people's education" centers such as:
- peasants and fishermen build the capacity of peasants and fishermen unions and networks in fighting for the right to recognize their territories,
 - women peasants learn environmentally friendly ways to deal with pests,
 - women weavers increase their knowledge about sustainable production and distribution,
 - indigenous schools increase capacity of teachers and indigenous leaders on how to manage and defend their customary and land rights,
 - learning centers for indigenous communities to revive their traditions to manage customary forests, customs, and land resources, and defend themselves from corporate occupation;
 - learning center as a place for young people to learn customs, ecological justice, and increase youth action in saving the environment and biodiversity.

From the analysis of monitoring results in the community, and reporting of cycle 1, it can be concluded that progress of the 5 targets achieved by the Nusantara Fund:

- Target 1** has been achieved 279,909 hectares of area that has been successfully mapped;

- Target 2** has been achieved 57,376 hectares of indigenous peoples and communities areas proposed for recognition of ownership and community management;
- Target 3** has been achieved 32,261 hectares of areas where rehabilitation and restoration of critical land has begun;
- Target 4** has been achieved 115 groups of collective economic units that have been established or new;
- Target 5** has been achieved 58 locations of people's education.

So far, these progress of 2 cycles have impacted more than 3 million people, with a total area that has been successfully intervened of 1.1 million hectares. This number will increase if there is reporting of cycle 2. We are optimistic that long-term targets can be achieved.

Nusantara Fund (NF) still needs more fundraising to ensure more communities get this direct funding support. NF will improve the data and knowledge management, more support for increasing the capacity of indigenous peoples and communities, and learn the financial strategies to manage the endowment fund for increasing resource mobilization.



NUSANTARA FUND is a commitment from three national organizations, namely: AMAN, KPA, and WALHI, founded in May 2023, to support various efforts and initiatives from Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at the ground level (such as Peasants, Fishermen, Women, Youth, etc.) in fighting for rights and improving quality of life with independent, socially just and sustainable management of natural resources, agricultural resources and the environment. This collaboration aimed to accelerate local-level change and contribute significantly to global emission reduction. NF uses a simple administrative mechanism but still adheres to accountability standards.