



PAWANKA
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EXECUTIVE REPORT

2022



In 2022, as activities transitioned from virtual to in-person, the Pawanka Fund focused on promoting Indigenous Peoples' cultures, knowledge, values, and sustainable practices. The organization increased grant-giving and fostered long-term partnerships to ensure financial stability and growth. By participating in international events, Pawanka aimed to enhance political visibility and support the revitalization of ancestral knowledge and practices. This strategic approach contributed to consolidating interculturality, strengthening Indigenous organizations, and facilitating growth, ultimately promoting intercultural philanthropy and transforming power relations through the revitalization of traditional knowledge and learning systems.

Organizational Strengthening

Pawanka Fund works with two organizations (RSF and CADPI) as sponsors to assist in the implementation of the grants and administration of the programs, and during 2022 both sponsors continued to show flexibility in support to Pawanka.

The Guiding Committee (GC) is composed of ten recognized indigenous leaders from seven regions of the world, with decades of experience on global indigenous movements. They lead and make collective decisions on various aspects of operations, including the strategic plan, annual budget, governance mechanisms, grant-making priorities and issues, and resource mobilization strategies.

The Pawanka secretariat has a transdisciplinary team. Our diversity of backgrounds gives our organization great strength, as we are able to bridge the gap between many local communities and the mainstream. The areas of work:



Grant making
and monitoring
by region



Financial area
and fundraising



Learning



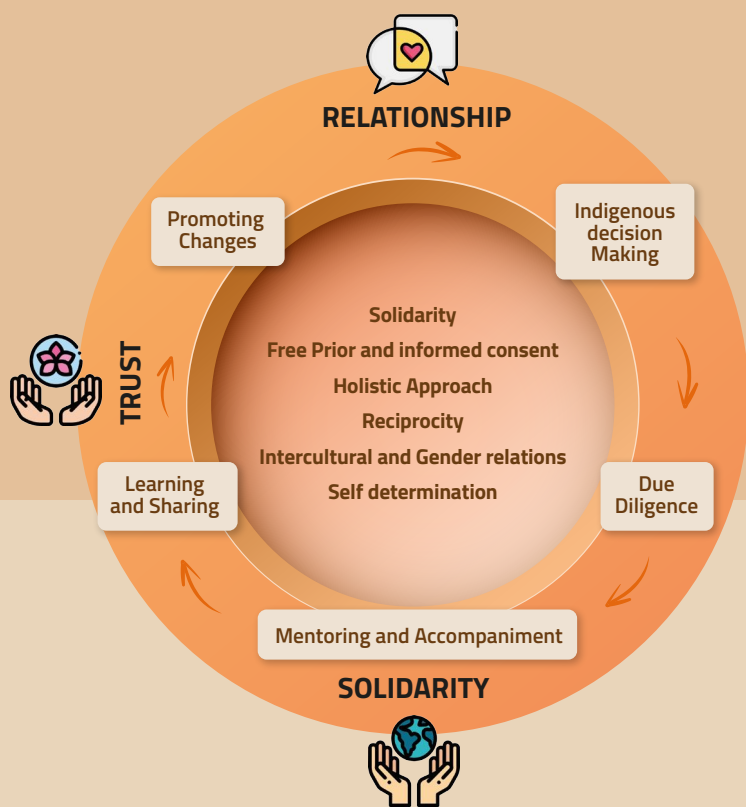
Grant making
and monitoring
by programs



Communication

Mentoring process: A mutual learning experience

The Pawanka Fund fosters joint learning with local partners through monitoring, follow-up, and knowledge exchange processes. By prioritizing mutual learning and dialogue over hierarchical evaluation, the mentoring approach builds trust between the organization and its partners. In 2022, Pawanka held workshops on Indigenous peoples' rights and financial administration systems to strengthen local capacities. This collaborative mentoring process, grounded in indigenous principles, enables Pawanka to understand the challenges and achievements of indigenous communities more effectively.



Pawanka Fund Principles

The Pawanka Fund is committed to building a harmonious, pluralistic world informed by indigenous ancestral values, which play a crucial role in addressing climate change, justice, world peace, and inclusivity. Indigenous knowledge, though dynamic, remains grounded in principles such as:

- Self-determination,
- Reciprocity,
- Human Rights,
- Harmony with nature,
- Holistic approaches,
- Sustainability,
- Intercultural and intergenerational relations, and informed consent.

These principles are integral to Pawanka's work and fosters trust and solidarity in their partnerships.



Belonging nurtures identity changes

The Pawanka Fund's approach nurtures identity changes by respecting indigenous peoples' own objectives and capacities. Fostering mutual learning and trust, the organization has experienced both vertical and horizontal growth, strengthening indigenous communities and promoting a shift from conventional to indigenous philanthropy.

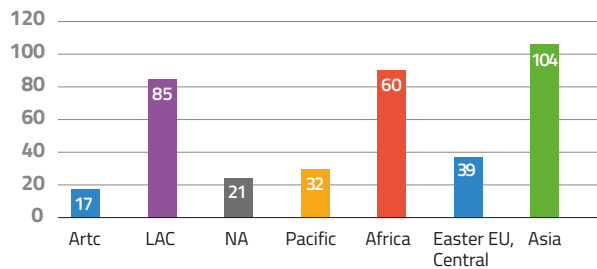
This growth has been culturally relevant, and since 2015, the number of initiatives supported has increased steadily. In 2022, Pawanka exceeded its strategic goals by supporting 127 initiatives and expanding into six new countries, contributing to a more just, equitable, and harmonious global indigenous movement.

Expectations versus achievements

Expanding Local Partnerships

Our strategic goal for 2022 was to expand our support for indigenous organizations to 101 new initiatives. However, we exceeded our expectations and supported 127 initiatives. Thus, we reached the target of 6 new countries in one year, out of which 87 are new initiatives and 40 long-term initiatives of different organizations. This allows us to expand the global network we are building and strengthen existing networks.

Partners per region (2015-2022)



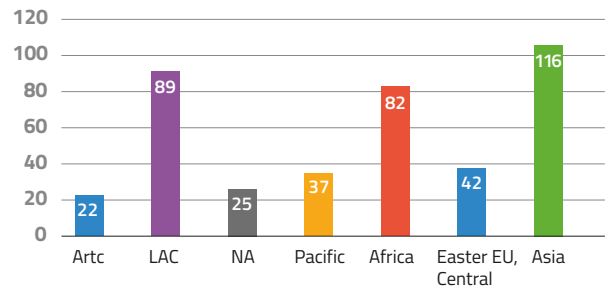
One of the fundamental objectives of the Pawanka Fund is that indigenous organizations have a space in global processes, where they can raise their voices.

The Pawanka Fund enables indigenous organizations to establish networks and participate in global processes, giving them a voice in political spheres. Through strategies such as revitalizing indigenous knowledge, strengthening leadership, promoting art and cultural preservation, adapting to climate change, and employing technology for documentation and territory defense, these organizations contribute to peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and the protection of human and indigenous rights.

6 New Countries

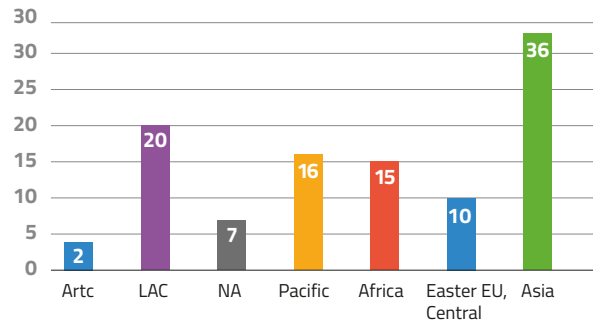
- Rwanda · Tajikistan · Vietnam
- Burkina Faso · Nigeria
- Micronesian Countries

Initiatives per region

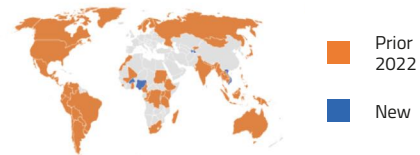


Number of initiatives from 2015-2022: 413 initiatives that Pawanka supports, however, 3 of these initiatives were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, leaving us with a total of 410 initiatives until 2022.

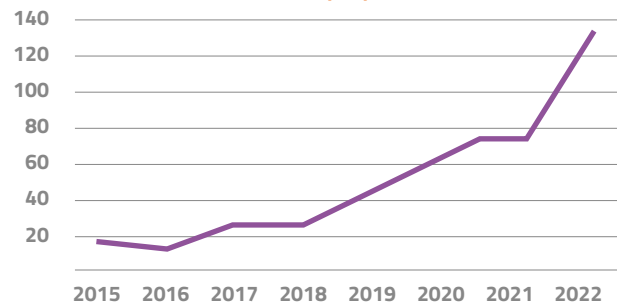
New Partners 2022



Initiatives Worldwide



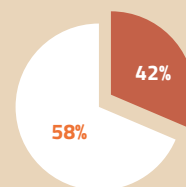
Initiatives per year



Fiscal Sponsors

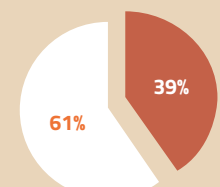
The Pawanka Fund utilizes Fiscal Sponsors to reach isolated indigenous communities that may face barriers in accessing funds directly. Despite these challenges, the organization aims to support communities directly, with 58% of organizations receiving direct support since its inception. In 2022, 61% of initiatives were funded directly, while 39% relied on Fiscal Sponsors. Pawanka has 75 Fiscal Sponsors, allowing these communities to build experience and eventually apply for funds independently.

Number of initiatives with & without Fiscal Sponsor (2015 - 2022)



- Initiatives with fiscal sponsor
- Initiatives without fiscal sponsor

Number of initiatives with & without Fiscal Sponsor 2022



- Initiatives with fiscal sponsor
- Initiatives without fiscal sponsor

Expanding Geographical Areas

In 2022, the Pawanka Fund experienced both horizontal and vertical growth, resulting in internal transformations. Horizontal growth refers to the expansion in the number of countries and partners, driven by the needs of these partners and the goal of extending networks and alliances among indigenous peoples. Vertical growth represents the strengthening and consolidation of existing partner organizations, providing long-term support as strategic partners. Both types of growth are achieved while upholding the principles of the Pawanka Fund and maintaining flexibility.



Expanding Partnership

Pawanka and Lush North America collaborate to scale partner initiatives, securing funding and **supporting 43 global partners since 2021.**

Pawanka partners with Rockefeller Foundation to fund a **\$498,813 project for Indigenous Food Systems Solutions Lab Pilot**, supporting five cohorts from Kenya, Nigeria, Canada, Brazil, and Fiji over 18 months.

Pawanka partners with TIDES and APIB for a 12-month, **\$325,000** project to strengthen Brazilian Indigenous peoples' advocacy for rights and climate issues from February 2022 to January 2023.

Pawanka collaborates with Health In Harmony on the "Rainforest Exchange" initiative, developing an app connecting indigenous organizations and donors for online fundraising opportunities.

Since November we are part of BASE (Building Approaches to fund local Solutions with climate Evidence), an initiative being promoted by - AVINA Foundation

| Strategic Objective | Achievements in 2022 |
|--|--|
| Ensure the long-term sustainability of Pawanka Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 127 grants with 40 renewals and have local partners in 6 new countries. |
| Strengthen learning and documentation processes to identify and share different Indigenous Peoples' ways of knowing and learning, traditional knowledge, innovation practices, challenges, and lessons learned, and then advocate in philanthropic processes to strengthen the Intercultural approach. | <p>Pawanka has developed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 stories on the revitalization of indigenous languages. • 7 stories on biodiversity initiatives and the protection and struggle for indigenous territories. • 7 stories on traditional water management with indigenous peoples. • 7 stories on indigenous governance and leadership. • 1 Briefing paper for language. • 1 Briefing paper for biodiversity • Report on language. • Report on climate change adaptation and resilience. • Report on indigenous philanthropy. • Systematization of the impacts of development models in the Latin American and Caribbean region. • Systematization of Indigenous peoples confronting land tenure rights in Africa. • Systematization of traditional Food Systems and water conservation in Pacific. • Systematization of traditional governance and institutions for indigenous peoples in the Asia region. |
| Strengthen Pawanka Fund's structure, enhancing the roles of CADPI, Guiding Committee, RSF, donors, and alliances with local partners. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2022 we begin with structural changes in the Pawanka Fund that respond to the growth in the quantity and quality of information and the increase in the number of partners, new countries and indigenous peoples. • Development of reliable and rapid data processing systems. • Each Program Officer developed a regional database based on Pawanka cultural indicators. • We developed a Pawanka Fund functions manual that allows understanding the structure of each area of the secretariat. • Increase of specialized and trained personnel in each area. • Development of an exclusive communication area that improves our image and makes the work of our partners more visible. |



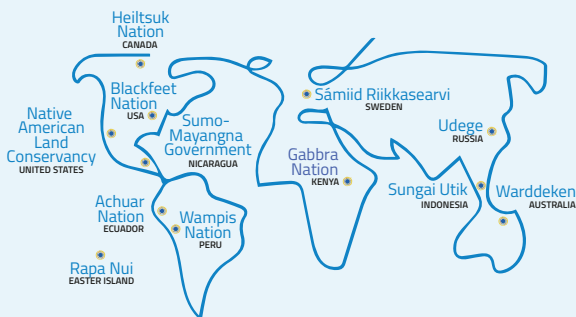
Wayfinder Circle

“The opportunity to create a new path for humanity”

The Wayfinders Circle is a new collaborative initiative and platform created by the Pawanka Fund and Nia Tero, with the guidance of the Council of Elders of the World Union of Indigenous Spiritual Practitioners (WUISP). The Wayfinders Circle will support and gather together Indigenous guardians from around the world who protect their lands, waters, and territories. The Wayfinders Circle is a learning network dedicated to investing in Indigenous Wayfinders and sharing possible pathways for human societies to achieve ecological, social, cultural and spiritual harmony.

This network was initially integrated by 12 indigenous members worldwide (see below list of members). This year 2022, marks the growth of Wayfinders Circle with two new members: Hin Lad Nai from Thailand, winners of The Forest Hero Award from United Nations Forum on Forest (UNFF); and Lhoba Peoples from Nepal adding spirituality and strong governance in highlands; increasing the diversity and reach of Wayfinders Circle.

■ Initial members of the Wayfinders Circle



Members of the Wayfinders Circle

- Nacion mayangna - NICARAGUA
- GabbraNation - KENYA
- Sâmiid Riikkasearvi - SWEDEN
- Sungai Utik - INDONESIA
- Native American Land Conservancy - USA
- Udege Community Bikin Park - RUSSIA
- Rapa Nui - EASTER ISLAND
- Achuar Nation - ECUADOR
- Blackfeet Nation - USA
- Heiltsuk Nation - CANADA
- Wampis Nation - PERU
- Warddeken - AUSTRALIA
- Hin Lan Nai - THAILAND
- Lhoba Peoples - NEPAL

Wayfinders Circle members participated in a virtual "Participatory Leadership & Storytelling Training" course by "If Not Us Then Who?" from February to November 2022. The course focused on developing audiovisual material to decolonize communication within Indigenous communities, offering new strategies for Indigenous people, particularly youth, and supporting the documentation of traditional knowledge.

In October 2022, Wayfinders Circle members convened in the Ecuadorian jungle for a face-to-face meeting, aiming to strengthen ties and support the global indigenous movement. Despite sharing a colonial history marked by the denial of their identities and imposition of Western education, the indigenous peoples in attendance have preserved their knowledge and resources. The gathering enabled participants from various continents and cultures to exchange experiences, discuss their diverse realities, and collaboratively address common challenges faced by indigenous communities worldwide.



Partners Capacity Building, Linking local to global processes: The Lōkahi Fund

As an Indigenous Led Fund, our goal is to empower indigenous peoples to represent themselves and address issues affecting their lives. We aim to strengthen indigenous organizations, enabling them to learn from global processes, influence decision-making, and form strategic alliances. The fund supports participation in global events, organizational development, and institutional strengthening. In 2022, Pawanka backed 19 initiatives with an average investment of \$2,000 per initiative, totaling \$33,811.

Participation in Global Process

Indigenous peoples benefit from participating in global events, as these forums enable them to voice concerns, forge alliances, and strengthen social organizations. In 2022, Pawanka engaged in various events related to indigenous interests, such as UNPFII, the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages, Coalition on Indigenous Peoples Food Systems, WIPO, Slow Food – Madre Terra, Human Rights Council, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15).



Learning and Sharing Revitalization of Indigenous languages

In line with the United Nations-proclaimed International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages (2022-2032), the Pawanka Fund actively supports indigenous organizations working to revitalize, revalue, and strengthen indigenous languages. They have facilitated congresses, developed strategies, and participated in international events. The loss of indigenous languages, stemming from historical colonial processes and discrimination, has fractured communities and identities, making the revitalization of these languages essential for preserving cultural heritage.

The Pawanka Fund views the revalorization and revitalization of indigenous languages as a healing process for both individuals and collectives, enabling a paradigm shift and the rejection of imposed cultural hierarchies. Between 2017 and 2022, the fund supported 52 indigenous language initiatives across 28 countries, involving over 30 indigenous peoples and investing \$1,402,129. Pawanka emphasizes trust and recognition, allowing indigenous communities to develop their own strategies without imposing projects or methodologies.

Exchanges, Indigenous Voices on Justice and Peace

| Region | Theme | No. of people registered | Date |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Latin America and Caribbean | Indigenous Peoples building the "Living Well": Impacts of development models in the Latin America and Caribbean region. | 32 | Aug. 25, 2022 |
| Africa | Indigenous peoples confronting land tenure rights. | 22 | Sep. 13, 2022 |
| Pacific | Traditional Food Systems and water conservation. | 26 | Sep. 28, 2022 |
| Asia | Traditional governance and institutions for indigenous peoples in the Asia region. | 33 | Nov. 10, 2022 |

Climate and adaptation resilience

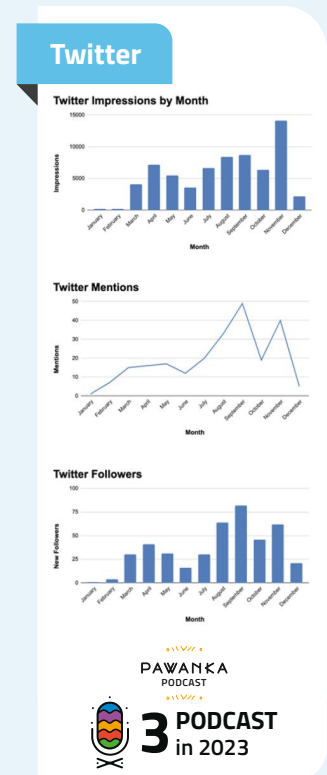
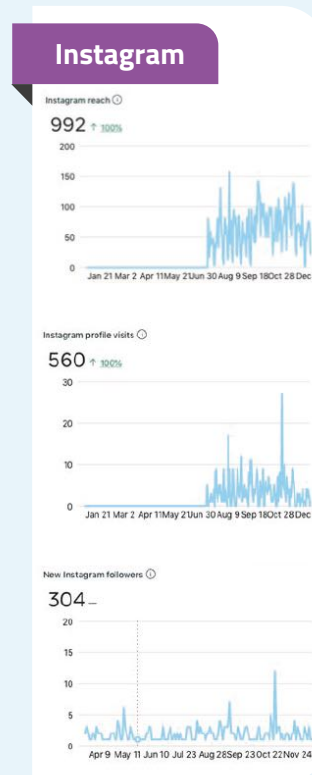
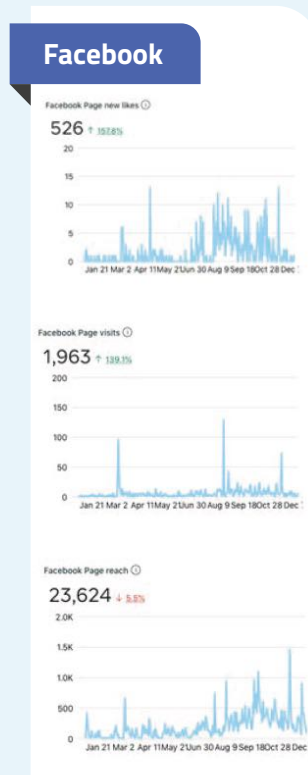
Pawanka Fund recognizes the vital role indigenous peoples play in combating climate change and preserving biodiversity. In 2022, the fund participated in key global events like COP27 and COP15 to emphasize the importance of indigenous knowledge in addressing climate change. Indigenous communities face severe impacts from climate change, including health issues, malnutrition, and climate-related catastrophes, leading to migration and loss of traditional territories. Since 2015, Pawanka has supported climate change adaptation, mitigation, and resilience initiatives, strengthening local capacities and advocacy efforts. The fund focuses on various indigenous organizations, including those for women, youth, and people with disabilities. From 2021-2022, 25% of their overall program budget was dedicated to these efforts. In total, they have invested \$1,813,798.55 in 69 climate change initiatives between 2015 and 2021.

Stories

In an effort to uplift indigenous communities and showcase their work to revitalize knowledge and culture, Pawanka has developed a series of stories highlighting their initiatives, challenges, and achievements. Over the past year, Pawanka supported the creation of 28 stories, focusing on various topics such as indigenous language revitalization, biodiversity initiatives, traditional water management, and indigenous governance and leadership. These stories emphasize the unique experiences and perspectives of indigenous peoples while promoting their cultural heritage and accomplishments.

Communication

In 2022, Pawanka Fund significantly improved its communication channels, allowing indigenous organizations to share their work with broader audiences through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Facebook experienced a 139.1% increase in page visits and a 157.8% increase in likes. Instagram saw a 100% increase in reach and profile visits, as well as 304 new followers. Twitter experienced peak impressions of 14,100 and a peak of 82 followers in September. Additionally, the fund developed three podcasts featuring members of the Pawanka Guiding Committee discussing current issues relevant to indigenous peoples, such as revitalization, governance, and environmental concerns.



Lessons learned

Pawanka Fund's 2022 growth highlights refined data collection, strengthened relationships, and increased communication with indigenous organizations, emphasizing protection of territory, cultural diversity, and innovation in traditional knowledge.

Language

Each indigenous language contains a unique and valuable knowledge of relationships between humans and with the environment that surrounds us. Indigenous languages are not only means of communication, but they are also codes of knowledge developed over thousands of years. We now know that the territories with the greatest linguistic diversity coincide with the greatest biodiversity because indigenous peoples have managed their resources, enriching their environment. We cannot think of cultural and biological diversity without the knowledge and languages of indigenous peoples. Strengthening the knowledge of indigenous peoples implies the possibility of thinking of a plural world in terms of cultures, languages and biodiversity.

Climate Resilience

Climate variability and global warming greatly affect Indigenous Peoples around the globe. However, indigenous peoples have a way of life in which resources are preserved for their regeneration. It is impossible to think of curbing climate change without the actions of indigenous peoples who are the preservers of biodiversity and the lungs of humanity. The evidence that indigenous peoples are the best caretakers of the earth is unquestionable. According to the UN, the indigenous population in the world is only 6% but is present in more than 90 countries, they protect 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity, manage 20% of the land, but only 10% have legal recognition. 90% have no legal recognition or protection. Indigenous peoples are the ones who protect nature and know the ways to adapt to mitigate the effects of climate change and damage.

Intergenerational transmission of knowledge

Indigenous peoples have systems for protecting their territories and their biodiversity. They take care of ecosystems that are often fragile, but they know how to maintain a balance with the environment. We have learned that the heart of this care is the intergenerational transmission of indigenous knowledge because the new generations receive the wisdom of their ancestors and keep traditions alive. Indigenous youth, in addition to traditional learning channels, are utilizing modern tools such as television, radio, phone applications, social networks and others to document, disseminate, and keep their culture, knowledge, and traditions alive.

Annexes

Pawanka's governance model ensures that the themes approved annually are present in the 7 socio-cultural regions where Pawanka works. Starting from the heart of Pawanka's work, which is the revitalization of the ancestral knowledge of indigenous peoples, the entry points in the initiatives address at least three of the themes presented below.

| Pawanka Initiatives Themes / Programmatic axes / Support areas | Region socio-cultural | | | | | | | | | Total |
|--|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | |
| Celebrating dynamic and innovative ways of youth: Indigenous knowing and learning through Intergenerational transmission. | | 12 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 25 | 63 |
| Promoting of knowledges and practices concerning different form of natural heritage conservation: Forest, Mountains, Volcanos, Rivers, Lakes, Ponds and Sacred Places / Indigenous Peoples guardianships of water and vital Ecosystems especially in coastal and marine zones. | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 36 |
| Innovation Indigenous Art and performance / Indigenous Languages. | | 0 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 22 | 54 |
| Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Traditional Institutions. | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 14 | 8 | 49 |
| Initiatives for climate Resilience of Indigenous Peoples at the Local level / Indigenous Peoples traditional knowledges systems and Climate Change. | | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 56 |
| Initiatives for Strengthening Indigenous Economic empowerment and traditional livelihood. | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 14 | 37 |
| Health, well-being and Indigenous food Systems / Initiatives for Strengthening Indigenous Food Systems / Indigenous Food Systems and Economic Recovery / Health, healing and well-being. | | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 21 | 71 |
| Intercultural and Intergenerational Dialogues on Traditional knowledges and practices / Traditional knowledges, Leadership and Governance. | | 3 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 44 |
| | | | | | | | | | Total | 410 |

Budget

2022

| Activity | Budget | % |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Grant Making | 4,842,811.00 | 85.14% |
| Program and Administration | 845,002.00 | 14.86% |
| Total | 5,687,813.00 | 100.00% |

2023

| Activity | Budget | % |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Grant Making | 4,754,813.50 | 86.81% |
| Program and Administration | 722,417.96 | 13.19% |
| Total | 5,477,231.46 | 100.00% |