

PROJECT TITLE

“Promoting Inclusive Village Policies Through the Empowerment of Women, Children, and Persons with Disabilities in Indigenous Communities of Sigi District”

BACKGROUND

The **Village Governance Strengthening Program (PATAKA)**, also known as **ESTUNGKARA**, aims to promote inclusive village policies by empowering women, children, and persons with disabilities in Indigenous communities of **Sigi District**. From 2022 to 2024, ESTUNGKARA has supported and strengthened nine villages across three subdistricts that face social discrimination. This program positions Indigenous communities as independent key actors in advocating for their rights to social services, public policies, and living spaces, contributing to improved economic well-being.

Over the past three years, key efforts have included:

- Capacity building for village governments, forums, local cadres, and communities with a GEDSI (Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion) perspective
- Policy facilitation at the village and district levels, including village regulations on customary forest management in **Marena and Masewo**, and a district regulation on the protection of persons with disabilities in Sigi
- Establishing women’s forums in nine villages to ensure that women’s and marginalized groups’ voices are included in village planning
- Forming seven economic groups—five in social forestry, one in women farmer groups, and one women’s savings and loan cooperative—focusing on honey, coffee, and weaving
- Gaining legal recognition for these groups through village decrees, enabling access to government economic assistance
- Mapping and submitting **two villages (Pelempa and Banasu)** as customary territories, followed by advocacy for official recognition through a Regent’s Decree (SK Bupati)

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of ESTUNGKARA through 2025 is to realize **empowered and inclusive rural communities** through:

- Strengthening of social structures
- Reforming village and supra-village policies
- Improving the economic welfare of Indigenous communities

OUR FOCUS

Assistance is concentrated on **five key villages** still in need of support:

- **Lonca Village** (Kulawi Subdistrict)
- **Peana, Pelempa, Banasu, and Masewo Villages** (Pipikoro Subdistrict)

The other four villages (**Toro, Marena, Moa, and Porelea**) are considered to have achieved independence and no longer require direct intervention.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Community Assistance & Organizing

- Enhancing the capacity of Indigenous peoples and women through training, dialogue, and hearings with village and district governments.

Village Policy Advocacy (RPJM-Desa)

- Ensuring the participation of women, children, and persons with disabilities in village planning processes to promote inclusive policymaking.

Customary Forest Management (Pampa) Advocacy

- Involving women in the development of Customary Forest Management Plans (RKPS) through GEDSI training and customary discussions.
- Establishing **KUPS** (Social Forestry Business Groups) as a platform for women's access and control over natural resources.
- Developing a “**Pampa School**” model with **Tadulako University** to revitalize traditional women-led agroforestry practices.

Disability Policy Advocacy

- Drafting a **Regent Regulation** for the respect, protection, and fulfillment of disability rights.
- Developing a **Regional Action Plan (RAD)** for Persons with Disabilities integrated into district planning and budgeting.

Enterprise Funding and Agricultural Assistance

- Facilitating applications for economic aid to local and provincial governments.
- Providing **Montong Kani durian seedlings** from Sausu, Parigi Moutong, to Indigenous women in five villages, affirming and strengthening the *pampa* agroforest.

Customary Law Community (MHA) Study

- Documenting best practices in customary forest management in Sigi District.
- Analyzing customary institutions and power relations between the state and Indigenous communities, in collaboration with **Tadulako University**.

WORKING AREAS

2022–2024 (9 Villages)

- **Kulawi Subdistrict:** Lonca, Toro, Marena
- **South Kulawi Subdistrict:** Moa
- **Pipikoro Subdistrict:** Porelea, Peana, Pelempea, Banasu, Masewo

2025 (5 Villages)

- **Kulawi Subdistrict:** Lonca
- **Pipikoro Subdistrict:** Peana, Pelempea, Banasu, Masewo

All are located in Sigi District.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

- **Sigi District Government**
- **Village Governments & Village Consultative Bodies (BPD)**
- **Customary Institutions & Women's Forums**
- **Farmer Groups & CSOs focusing on GEDSI issues**
- **Disability Organizations** (PPDI, Pertuni, HWDI)
- **Tadulako University**

BUDGET

- **2022:** IDR 500 million
- **2023:** IDR 650 million
- **2024:** IDR 892.38 million
- **2025:** IDR 850 million

Total (Cumulative): IDR 2.892 billion

DURATION

Phase I: 2022–2025