AMAZONIA INDIGENOUS WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

IMPACT 2023

- 95 Fellowships awarded
- 3123 People directly impacted by projects
- 90 Indigenous organizations engaged
- 72 Fellows influencing decision-making
- $1.3 M in funding for Indigenous women in conservation

PROJECT THEMES

- Indigenous leadership
- Indigenous economies
- Reforestation
- Food sovereignty and medicinal plants
- Indigenous knowledge
- Territorial management

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

- Ecuador
- Peru
- Colombia
- Suriname
- Guyana
- Brazil
- Bolivia

SKILLS GAINED

- Confidence and self-esteem
- Influence as leaders
- Confidence in public speaking
- Financial and project management skills

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITIES

- Increase in women’s political participation
- Recovery of ancestral knowledge
- Bringing youth and elder together for dialogue

1 This amount includes direct funding, mentoring, project extensions and learning.
A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

SKILLS GAINED

- **Fulvia Medina - Bolivia**
  "Now I can influence more women in my organization and other organizations."

- **Elinalda Gama Da Silva - Brazil**
  "Today I can do more with all the knowledge I've gained during this year as a fellow. I have searched for new projects, attended meetings and brought knowledge to my people."

- **Shondell Rodrigues - Guyana**
  "I learned to lead and implement a project successfully in my community based on ancestral knowledge."

NEW PERSPECTIVES

- **Danixa Moreno - Colombia**
  "My vision has changed a lot. I realized that our ancestors did a lot to maintain our forests, our food and our culture. Now it's our time to keep doing important things."

- **Caroline Lima - Brazil**
  "It made me a stronger Indigenous women leader inside and outside my community. I'm thinking more about working on sustainable projects with the community to help my people."

- **Kim Spencer - Guyana**
  "My journey in this fellowship was an excellent opportunity, especially to work with youths at my school. Participating in this program has given me the courage to continue to study the changing environment and conservation of Rupununi."

ENABLING CHANGE

- **Filomena Quispe - Bolivia**
  "The neighbors who did not believe in us were convinced by the results we obtained in the project. Now they want to participate in the training we received, and they want us to teach them."

- **Maria Valdenice Nukini – Brazil**
  "We started with two communities and today the seedlings are being distributed to several other communities. I’m going to continue. I’m going to seek new partnerships because there are a lot of families who want to work."

- **Ana Isabel López - Colombia**
  "There are more women from other communities who come to us to develop their projects, and they are also beginning to see that they need to recover their territories for conservation and cultural valuing."

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

- **Juana Pariamo - Bolivia**
  "The mentoring helped me a lot, especially to be able to implement the activities in my project. I consider the support I had important to strengthen me as a leader."

- **Taynara Caraguí Guajajara - Brazil**
  "It was a very important part of the process. Sometimes we still find it difficult to understand some things that come in technical language. With the mentor it became better, we could ask questions, learn. It helped a lot."

- **Maria do Rosário Baniwa – Brazil**
  "The training part was very important because it enabled us to share our work with other fellows. This exchange of knowledge makes us stronger to face our daily struggle."