Through our grants program, we support projects by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities that promote access to Health and Water and defend their right to maintain traditional ways of living in harmony with Nature. Our allyship also includes advocacy communications to raise awareness about the problems affecting the communities served.

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Azimuth World Foundation is a project by Terry Rockstad and Mariana Marques, two people who believe everything is connected and decided to use their skills, knowledge and means to advance Human Rights.

They established a path for this organization using three reference points: Health, Water and Nature. In the intersection of these pillars, they aim to move away from the atomistic view that isolates social, humanitarian, and ecological issues from each other and instead advance toward a holistic approach that has long been inherent to the cultural matrix of many Indigenous Peoples.

With this in mind, and informed by the reality that Indigenous Peoples have been the most marginalized and the least responsible for the world's urgent problems, Terry and Mariana decided to strive for allyship by creating a US non-profit that funds projects globally, by and for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

Azimuth World Foundation recommends grants to grassroots organizations through a fair, diligent and transparent process. It also focuses on advocacy communications to raise awareness about the issues that affect these communities.

Learn more about the projects we fund and help spread the word about the meaningful work of these organizations. Sign up for our newsletter at azimuthworldfoundation.org.

Our Mission

is to support projects by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and provide advocacy communications to raise awareness about the problems affecting the communities served.

Our Vision

is a world where Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities have their Human Rights fulfilled, specifically the rights of access to Public Health and Safe Water and of living according to traditional ways that guarantee the balance between Humankind and Nature.

“At Azimuth World Foundation, we believe that everything is connected and that recognizing this will help us advance towards a more promising tomorrow for humankind and all life on this planet.”

Mariana Marques and Terry Rockstad
We Fund

projects by organizations led by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the US and globally.

We Believe

the most effective and lasting solutions for the problems IPLC communities face should be designed, developed and implemented by organizations led by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. We are here to support their solutions through our grants program and by raising awareness about the issues that affect them through our advocacy communications.

Learn about our funding opportunities at azimuthworldfoundation.org/grants
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Access to essential health services, information, and resources to prevent and treat disease should be free, universal and equitable. This is why we fund grassroots projects by organizations that know their communities’ health needs and the best way to address them.
Safe Water

Access to safe water is a fundamental Human Right that should be free, universal, and equitable. This is why we fund grassroots projects by organizations that know their communities’ challenges in protecting their water sources and the best way to address them.
Humankind & Nature

A Healthy Environment is a fundamental Human Right indispensable for the exercise of other Human Rights. Access to breathable air, safe water, and a balanced ecosystem that sustains life should be universal. This is why we fund grassroots projects by organizations that defend their communities’ ways of life and territorial sovereignty. Multiple reports and research have shown that land owned or governed by Indigenous Peoples or Local Communities harbors much more biodiversity than other conserved areas. Though they make up less than 5 percent of the global population, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities support about 80 percent of the world’s biodiversity. Protecting the territories and ways of life of Indigenous Peoples equates to protecting all life on Earth.

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.”

Chief Seattle, Duwamish
We are proud supporters of these organizations, our grantees, with whom we want to learn and build long-lasting relationships.

THE BWINDI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

is an institution created to help address the Batwa people’s marginalization in realizing their Human Right to Health. Through the Batwa Outreach Program, supported by our grant, the Batwa of Kanungu District have been empowered to improve their situation. The Batwa were once semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers who lived in the forest. In the 90s, they were removed from their ancestral forests due to fortress conservation projects. Dispossession of land meant being unable to hunt or gather, leading to extreme poverty and a breakdown of social relations. Since their eviction, their rights have been systematically violated, and they suffer grave prejudice and discrimination.

Support the Bwindi Community Hospital
bwindihospital.com

THE FUNDACIÓN SOBREVIVENCIA COFÁN

is an organization dedicated to the survival of the Cofán Indigenous culture and its Amazonian rainforest environment. Cofán people have been combating incursions for over 500 years. Perhaps the most serious threat to their survival is the transnational petroleum industry, which has produced oil on Cofán land since the mid-1960s. Oil opened Cofán territory to massive pollution and extensive non-native settlement, with devastating consequences for Cofán health and subsistence. Because of the colonization of their homeland, the Cofán now make use of only a fraction of their traditional territory. With the support of our grant, the FSC will remobilize the Cofán Park Guards for the Control, Management, and Protection of the Cofán-Bermejo Ecological Reserve in order to protect a key part of legalized Cofán territory from the increasing threat of illegal gold mining, which is decimating environments and endangering health in Amazonian Ecuador.

Support the Cofán Survival Fund cofan.org
THE JAMII ASILIA CENTRE (JAC) & THE GLOBAL WISDOM COLLECTIVE (GWC)

is a youth-led Indigenous Peoples organization founded to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous peoples in Kenya. Its activities relate to socioeconomics and sustainable, culturally relevant development. The JAC aspires to provide a voice to champion inclusion and equity towards a coordinated and systematic front. The GWC supports Indigenous and endangered communities in preserving the wisdom of their people for generations to come. They serve as a bridge for native nature-based societies so that the human connection to Earth is given voice, preserved and protected in a way that honors the core integrity of all communities.

With the funds from our grant, they will implement phase I of the project **Revitalize the Roots: Bikaptorois** to protect the traditional knowledge of the Endorois of Kenya. They will record a minimum of 15 elders alongside 30 youth, build a digital platform and conduct core aspects of community assessment, training, workshops, and consultations.

Support The Jamii Asilia Centre  [jamiasilia.org](http://jamiasilia.org)
Support The Global Wisdom Collective  [globalwisdomcollective.org](http://globalwisdomcollective.org)

THE NATIVE CONSERVANCY

is an organization established in 2003 to empower Alaska Native peoples to permanently protect and preserve endangered habitats on their ancestral homelands. They strive to maintain and secure titles to Native lands in conservation trusts to strengthen inherent rights of sovereignty, subsistence, and spirituality. Through our grants program and the support of other funders, they were able to secure funds for the project **Rebalancing Native Diets with Subsistence Foods in Cordova, Alaska.** This work will allow them to restore the historic and cultural relationship of the Native Village of Eyak to the environment through monthly deliveries of sustainably harvested customary Native foods.

Support the Native Conservancy, go to  [nativeconservancy.org](http://nativeconservancy.org)

ALIANZA CEIBO

is an alliance of four Indigenous nations from Amazonian Ecuador — A’i Kofan, Siekopai, Siona, and Waorani — who decided to join efforts to work for the protection of their territories and forest. With the funds from our grant and the support of other funders, they will implement a **Land Defense Training School for Indigenous Land Patrols in the Upper Amazon, Ecuador,** in order to scale their model of Indigenous-led territorial monitoring regionally to protect 1,000,000 hectares of biodiverse rainforest territories. This project strengthens the capacity of their land patrols across the region and provides a space for knowledge exchange that spurs collective action across stakeholder communities.

Support the Ceibo Alliance, go to  [alianzaceibo.org](http://alianzaceibo.org)
THE SACRED PIPE RESOURCE CENTER

is a North Dakota organization committed to maintaining a home-away-from-home for off-reservation American Indians living in the area. Their mission is to address the socio-cultural, emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical needs of Native people living in the Bismarck-Mandan area, to foster strong, self-sufficient individuals and families, and to provide a bridge between Native and non-Native people to foster a cohesive community. Through our grants program and their fundraising efforts, they’ll be able to implement the Medicine Stone Health Project. This project aims to help address the public health weaknesses of the Native American Urban Tribal population and prepare for future public health threats by reclaiming traditional health views and Medicine Wheel teachings. Additionally, they will utilize the project’s activities to advance the foundation of an urban Indian Health Center with the capacity to address additional public health care needs.

Support the Sacred Pipe Resource Center sacredpipe.net
We provide advocacy communications to raise awareness about the issues that affect the communities we serve with our grants program.

CONNECTING THE DOTS — Our Podcast

With the help of our guests, we connect the dots between matters of access to Health and Water and of defending the right to maintain traditional ways of living in harmony with Nature for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

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Join the conversation. Be part of the movement.

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Azimuth’s advisory committee is a collection of unique individuals who contribute expert knowledge and skills—NGO executive roles, science and conservation, Indigenous leadership and multimedia production and directing. Their strategic advice, opinions and recommendations guide AWF’s decisions regarding what projects to support, helping the organization navigate the various dimensions that dictate what a solid project is in order to have a profound impact within the scope of the foundation.

At azimuthworldfoundation.org you can get to know us better.
The reason we chose Azimuth as the name of our foundation is related to this notion of direction, true north, understood from three reference points. For us, finding and pursuing the true north should be the core purpose of human life. What true north means to us is a better world for all. The reference points we’ve set will guide us and help us shift from the atomistic view that isolates economic, social and ecological issues from each other and the whole planet and advance towards a holistic approach for a more promising tomorrow for humankind.

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the position of an object in the sky, expressed as an angle related to a distance on the horizon of the Earth
(Cambridge Dictionary, "Azimuth.")