



Organization for
Indigenous Outreach &
Conservation

OIOC: Indigenous-Led Global Project for Cultural and Ecological Regeneration

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Kamëntsá Territory, Sibundoy Valley, Colombian Amazon

Introduction

The **Organization for Indigenous Outreach & Conservation (OIOC)** is an Indigenous-led nonprofit working at the intersection of **ecology, culture, and education** to protect the living heritage of the **Kamëntsá people** of the Colombian Amazon — guardians of Yagé (Ayahuasca) and ancestral ecological wisdom.

Through a holistic approach that integrates **language revitalization, Indigenous science, women's empowerment, housing, and forest restoration**, OIOC builds bridges between ancestral and modern knowledge systems, creating a living model of **biocultural conservation** rooted in reciprocity and self-determination.

1. The Problem

The Kamëntsá people of the Sibundoy Valley face **urgent environmental, cultural, and social threats**.

Deforestation, land degradation, and water contamination endanger the **Putumayo River**, a vital artery that sustains 20% of the Amazon Basin's water.

Centuries of colonization and poverty have eroded traditional farming (*chagra*) and medicinal practices, leaving **69% of families below the poverty line**. The **Kamëntsá language** — once spoken across the valley — is now spoken by only **6% of the population**, placing their living wisdom at risk of extinction.

Without intervention, the loss of land, language, and livelihoods will not only affect one community but will weaken the ecological and spiritual fabric of the Amazon itself.

2. OIOC's Integrated Solution



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OIOC's work addresses these interconnected crises by regenerating **land, language, and livelihoods** through five key programs:

A. Amazon Conservation Program

Budget: \$36,000/year

Restoring the relationship between people and the forest.

- **Goal:** Plant 1,000 new native seedlings annually; restore 10 hectares of degraded land; protect water sources.
- **Beneficiaries:** 369 families within the Kamëntsá territory.
- **Actions:**
 - Reforest riverbanks with native species.
 - Build geodesic greenhouses for seed propagation.
 - Maintain a living botanical garden with QR-coded educational signage.
 - Support family *chagras* (traditional gardens) for food sovereignty and biodiversity.

“Every tree planted carries a story, a prayer, and a family's return to harmony with the Earth.”

B. Kamëntsá Language Revitalization School

Budget: \$20,000 for a 4-month intensive (120 students, 4 teachers)

Reclaiming the ancestral voice of the Amazon.

- **Goal:** Ensure the Kamëntsá language is taught and spoken by future generations.
- **Actions:**
 - Operate the community school *Moch Huasginch*.



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- Train new teachers and produce bilingual educational materials.
- Record elders' oral traditions, songs, and medicinal knowledge.
- Integrate digital tools and mobile lessons to reach youth.

“To speak Kamëntsá is to remember the language of the Earth — the way rivers, seeds, and wind speak.”

C. Indigenous-Led Science & Reciprocity Program

Budget: \$10,000 per institutional partner (Universities, Research Centers)

Bridging ancestral wisdom and global science through reciprocity.

- **Goal:** Create equitable collaborations between Indigenous knowledge holders and global research institutions.
- **Structure:**
 - Hybrid educational model: online learning, on-site immersion in Sibundoy, and integration work.
 - Includes 10 international scholars per cohort.
 - Supports direct reciprocity to the community (language, housing, forest restoration).
- **Partners:** Drug Science (UK), Circle of Sacred Nature (US), and academic institutions in EU, AUS, and LATAM.

“This program is a bridge between worlds — where science listens to spirit, and knowledge becomes action.”

D. Root of Dignity Housing Initiative

Budget: \$7,000 for 7 families per year



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Building homes, restoring dignity.

- **Goal:** Support vulnerable Kamëntsá families living in unsafe or overcrowded conditions.
- **Actions:**
 - Provide eco-construction materials and community labor support.
 - Empower families with income-generating skills and small gardens.
 - Integrate water and sanitation solutions for sustainability.

“Every home built is a seed of hope — where children can grow safely and tradition can continue.”

E. Women’s Empowerment & Artisan Campaign – “Hummingbird”

(Integrated within all programs)

Reviving economic independence through ancestral art.

- **Goal:** Support Kamëntsá women in creating and selling traditional crafts inspired by nature and ceremony.
- **Actions:**
 - Provide artisan training, fair trade access, and marketing support.
 - Connect artisans to global buyers through OIOC’s Hummingbird Campaign.
 - Reinvest sales revenue into family housing and education.

“Each handmade piece carries the colors of the forest and the heart of a woman who sustains her culture.”

3. Expected Long-Term Impact (2026–2030)

By 2030, OIOC aims to:



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- Restore **50,000 native plants** and 50 hectares of sacred forest.
- Expand the **Kamëntsá language school** to reach **1000 students and 20 teachers**.
- Create **sustainable income sources** for **100 women artisans** through the Hummingbird Campaign.
- **Rebuild 50 homes** for families in crisis through Root of Dignity.
- Establish **five international academic partnerships** for Indigenous-led research and education.
- Reach **369 families** with regenerative impact across cultural, social, and ecological dimensions.

This initiative will create a **self-sustaining model** for Indigenous-led conservation, education, and cultural revitalization — one that can be replicated across the Amazon basin and shared globally.

4. Total Budget Overview (2026)

Program	Budget (USD)	Annual Impact Summary
Amazon Conservation	\$36,000	1,000 native seedlings, 10 hectares restored, 369 families supported
Language Revitalization School	\$20,000	120 students, 4 teachers, 4-month intensive cycle
Indigenous Science & Reciprocity Program	\$10,000 per institution	10 global researchers, 1 local language & conservation project funded per cohort
Root of Dignity	\$7,000	7 families housed annually with eco-construction & gardens
Hummingbird Women's Campaign	Integrated	100 women artisans empowered, market access, sustainable income



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TOTAL (annual)	≈ \$73,000 – scalable through partnerships	Foundation for full OIOC sustainability
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5. Conclusion

The Kamëntsá people hold one of humanity’s most refined understandings of balance between humans and nature. Through OIOC, they are not only **surviving — they are leading the way** in how we can live sustainably and spiritually with the Earth.

By supporting OIOC’s global project, donors become part of a living movement that restores forests, revives languages, rebuilds homes, empowers women, and reawakens humanity’s relationship with nature.

“Your support helps us remember that healing the Earth begins by healing our roots.”