

# Engaging Indigenous Youth



**Organization:** Civil Society

**Data Type:** Citizen data, Census, Data for SDG monitoring

**Region:** Local

**Timeline:** 3 years

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## **Sponsoring Organization:**

Ação dos Jovens Indigenas-AJI, Brazil

## **Supporting Organization(s):**

Mission The Indigenous Youth Organization (AJI/GAPK) is dedicated to empowering indigenous youth by promoting their indigenous rights. We commit to utilizing data effectively to transform our actions into impactful outcomes, ensuring the advancement and protection of indigenous rights. Commitment to Data We pledge to harness the power of data to achieve our mission by: Collecting and Analyzing Data: Gathering relevant data to understand the challenges and opportunities faced by indigenous youth. Transforming Data into Action: Using insights from data to inform our strategies and interventions. Measuring Impact: Setting measurable goals and monitoring our progress to ensure our actions have a meaningful and positive impact on indigenous communities. 2024 UN World Data Forum The 2024 UN World Data Forum calls for concrete commitments to leverage data to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our commitments align with this call, focusing on grassroots initiatives that address data challenges at local. From grassroots initiatives to global endeavors, our commitments address persistent data challenges and drive impactful actions to support indigenous youth and their communities. From grassroots initiatives to global endeavors, our commitments address persistent data challenges and drive impactful actions to support indigenous youth and their communities. By embracing data-driven approaches—both qualitative and quantitative—we aim to create lasting, positive change in the lives of indigenous youth. Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches: Qualitative Data: Capturing stories, experiences, and perspectives of indigenous youth to understand their needs and aspirations deeply. Quantitative Data: Collecting numerical data to measure trends, track progress, and identify areas for improvement. Holistic Impact By combining qualitative insights with quantitative metrics, we ensure our initiatives are: Inclusive: Reflecting the voices and experiences of indigenous youth. Evidence-Based: Grounded in accurate and comprehensive data. Sustainable: Leading to long-term benefits and systemic change. Responsive: Quickly adapting to new information and changing circumstances. Through our data-driven approach, we are committed to making a significant, positive difference in the lives of indigenous youth, empowering them to thrive and succeed while preserving and promoting their rich cultural heritage.

## **Objective:**

- **Enhancing Data Representation:**
  - Collecting both qualitative and quantitative data to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and needs of indigenous youth. This data will be used to inform policies and interventions that are tailored to their specific contexts.
- **Addressing Discrimination and Marginalization:**
  - Using data to highlight and address systemic discrimination and marginalization. By identifying patterns and areas of need, we can develop targeted programs that promote inclusion and equity.

- **Improving Access to Opportunities:**
  - Leveraging data to identify gaps in access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. We will develop initiatives that provide indigenous youth with the resources and support they need to succeed.
- **Empowering Indigenous Youth in Decision-Making:**
  - Ensuring that indigenous youth are actively involved in the collection, analysis, and application of data. Their participation in decision-making processes will b

## Description:

Indigenous youth often face significant barriers that hinder their ability to fully realize their rights and potential. These barriers include limited access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, as well as systemic discrimination and marginalization. Additionally, the lack of accurate and comprehensive data on indigenous communities exacerbates these challenges, making it difficult to develop effective policies and interventions.

### Problems Addressed by Our Commitment

1. **Lack of Representation in Data:**
  - Indigenous communities are frequently underrepresented or misrepresented in national and global data systems. This lack of accurate data leads to policies that do not fully address their unique needs and circumstances.
2. **Systemic Discrimination and Marginalization:**
  - Indigenous youth frequently experience discrimination and marginalization in various forms, including cultural erosion, economic disenfranchisement, and social exclusion. These systemic issues require targeted and informed interventions.
3. **Limited Access to Opportunities:**
  - Access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities is frequently limited for indigenous youth. This restriction hampers their ability to achieve personal and community development goals.
4. **Insufficient Engagement in Decision-Making:**
  - Indigenous youth are frequently excluded from decision-making processes that affect their lives and communities. Ensuring their voices are heard and considered is crucial for equitable and sustainable development.

- **Increased Visibility and Representation:** Indigenous youth will be more accurately represented in data systems, leading to more effective and inclusive policies.
- **Reduced Discrimination and Marginalization:** Targeted interventions will reduce systemic barriers and promote social and economic inclusion.
- **Enhanced Access to Opportunities:** Improved access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities will empower indigenous youth to achieve their full potential.
- **Greater Youth Engagement and Leadership:** Indigenous youth will play a central role in shaping policies and initiatives that affect their communities, leading to more sustainable and impactful outcomes.

### Year 1: Foundation and Planning

1. **Initial Assessment and Planning (Months 1-3):**
  - Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify data gaps and priority areas.

- Develop a detailed implementation plan with clear objectives, timelines, and responsibilities.
- 2. **Stakeholder Engagement (Months 3-6):**
  - Engage with indigenous communities, youth leaders, government agencies, and other stakeholders to gather insights and secure support.
  - Form partnerships with organizations specializing in data collection, analysis, and indigenous rights.
- 3. **Capacity Building (Months 6-12):**
  - Provide training for indigenous youth and community members on data collection and analysis techniques.
  - Develop and distribute educational materials on the importance of data in advocating for indigenous rights.

## Year 2: Data Collection and Initial Implementation

1. **Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection (Months 1-6):**
    - Launch data collection initiatives to gather stories, experiences, and quantitative metrics from indigenous youth and communities.
    - Use surveys, interviews, focus groups, and other data collection methods to ensure comprehensive and representative data.
  2. **Data Analysis and Reporting (Months 6-9):**
    - Analyze collected data to identify key trends, challenges, and opportunities.
    - Publish initial reports and share findings with stakeholders to inform policy development and advocacy efforts.
- Program Development (Months 9-12):**
- Develop targeted programs and interventions based on data insights to address identified challenges and opportunities.
  - Design pilot projects to test the effectiveness of proposed solutions in select communities.