



## YDML & GPI GOES TO KAIMANA



### YDML DIRECTOR REPRESENTS GPI PAPUA GOES TO KAIMANA FOR YOUTH IGNITES GREEN SPIRIT TO PROTECT GOD'S CREATION

Under Kaimana's blue sky, the call for environmental preservation echoed strongly on Day 2 of the "GPI Goes to Kaimana" event. Hosted at GPI Papua Alfa Omega Batu Putih on May 8, 2025, the "Youth Go Green" training united church youth in a movement that blends ecological awareness with spiritual responsibility.

#### A Sacred Call to Protect the Earth

Esther Telaumbanua (Secretary of GERMASA Commission) declared, "The environmental crisis is a test of faith."

With 12 congregations spread across Indonesia's most biodiverse frontiers, GPI envisions respecting and protect God's creation for the well-being of humankind. Through "GPI Youth Go Green," GPI youth are encouraged to be pioneers of environmental love, to halt environmental destruction, and to bring real change.

This initiative aims to:

- Reduce ecological footprints through mindful living through eco-friendly goods uses, saving energy, and reducing waste.
- Stop large-scale forest exploitation.
- Promote tree planting as an act of gratitude and restoration.

"Our small actions today are prayers for the Earth's future." Emphasized Mrs. Esther.





### The 4M Commitment for a Greener Future:

- Building Awareness
- Increasing Capacity
- Expanding Participation
- Strengthening Networks

This spiritual and social movement calls on all to join in the divine mission of environmental care. "If not us, then who? If not now, when?"



Group Leaders



The trainers



Determination of environmental issues by groups to be used as environmental advocacy material



One of the advocacy issues is sand mining.



**THROW GARBAGE IN ITS PLACE**





## ROUTINE MONITORING BY ECONUSA TO YDML TO EVALUATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Following their Carbon Economic Value Program held on May 14 – 15, 2025, at Swiss-Belhotel Merauke, the EcoNusa Foundation conducted an M&E visit to YDML's Gallery. The visit aimed to review the progress of the collaborative program between the two organizations, including preparations for the 2025 strategic plan.

Represented by Regional Leader, Mr. Mario Sannudin and team, EcoNusa held in-depth discussions with YDML about this year's program plans, including achievements related to Indigenous community capacity building and sustainable natural resource management. The discussion also focused on strategies for mentoring local communities to enhance the economic value of priority local products.

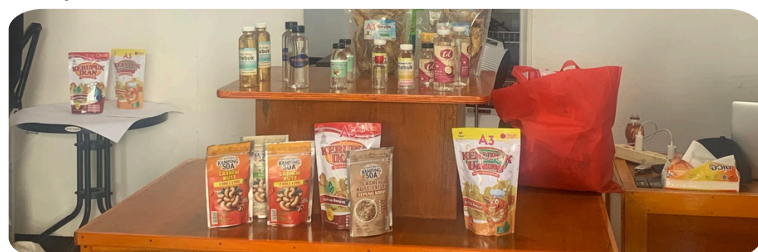
This meeting resulted in several points, including:

- Strengthening Indigenous community capacity.
- Sustainable natural resource management.
- Enhancing the economic value of forest products.

EcoNusa evaluated the achievements of programs implemented so far, including challenges faced and solutions to accelerate on-ground implementation. YDML, in turn, presented updates on community empowerment activities, particularly in the management of non-timber forest products. Specifically, Econusa advised improvements in product quality, packaging, and marketing. YDML's curated products, such as cashews, VCO, chips, and crafts, are set to reach broader markets, including the Sorong region in Southwest Papua.



YDML's Director, Johan Andres Serhalawan, stated, "This visit strengthens our collaboration between EcoNusa and YDML in promoting sustainable economic growth in Papua. Both parties agreed to maintain close coordination to ensure program effectiveness and direct benefits for Indigenous communities."





# THE SAMDHANA INSTITUTE REVIEWS NLGF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

On June 15, 2025, The Samdhana Institute' team visit YDML to monitor the YDML-led climate action project in Sanggase Village, Okaba District, Merauke Regency, under the NLGF-VCA initiative. Dialogue addressed project progress, community challenges, and recommendations for improvement.

The visit was attended by representatives from The Samdhana Institute such as Mrs. Nurul, Mr. Malik, Mr. Anggit, and Ms. Ayu while YDML was represented by Director Johan Andres Serhalawan, Program Manager Izzudin Arafah Irawan, Field Officer Judica Salu, and Internship Staff Justin Lamarubun. This visit aimed to monitor the progress of YDML's climate action program and to discuss project achievements, challenges, and ongoing implementation.

YDML expressed the hope that each climate initiative would be sustained to provide ongoing education to Indigenous Papuan communities. In return, The Samdhana Institute representative provided input and suggestions to optimize the program's effectiveness and outcomes. The visit included with a group photo celebrating shared commitment to climate action.





# FROM LOCAL WISDOM TO REAL ACTION: SANGGASE COMMUNITY UNITES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE



On June 18, 2025, the Climate and Disaster Adaptation Training in Sanggase for a two-day-long training brought powerful stories and urgent determination. This initiative is part of the Next Level Grant Facility – VCA Indonesia (NLGF-VCA) Project, funded by Voice for Just Climate Action (VCA) through The Samdhana Institute, aimed at strengthening community-based climate action. With full support from Village Head Mr. John Kilay, YDML invited the Indigenous Imo Sanggase community to reclaim traditional wisdom as a weapon against the climate crisis.

Attended by 75 villagers, the training featured Mr. Gaspar C.H. Silubun, S.STP., MAP, from the Merauke District Disaster Management Agency (BPBD). He shared strategies for disaster mitigation based on traditional knowledge. Residents practiced building natural barriers with mangrove roots, flood-resilient farming techniques, and early warning systems based on natural cues such as changes in wind or bird behavior, once used by their ancestors.

This event was further enlivened by Epen Cupen, a Papuan creative group that produced a comedy film about climate change adaptation. Through typical Papuan humor, they delivered serious messages about tree planting, waste reduction, and coastal protection.



Customary Concil member Mr. Siprianus Gebze stated “with mangrove sapling in hand, whispered. This is for my grandchildren, so they can see our land.” Chief John Kilay added “Sanggase proves that when tradition meets science, nature survives.”

As the sun set on the second day, participants embraced and pledged to uphold their commitment. The NLGF-VCA Project was not merely a training session, but it sparked transformation that placing Indigenous people at the center of climate action.







# YDML PARTICIPATES IN G20 BALI GBFA DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

The Director of YDML, Johan Andres Serhalawan, represented the foundation at the G20 Bali Global Blended Finance Alliance (GBFA) Dialogue titled “New Era Bali Kerthi Roadmap: Quantum AI, Innovation and Blended Finance for Better Business, Better World” in Kura Kura Bali Special Economic Zone (SEZ). This event was attended over 100 stakeholders from government, businessman, academia, and civil society.

Tantowi Yahya, a President of the United In Diversity (UID) Foundation officially opened the event. During his speech, he noticed the collaboration among stakeholders toward Bali’s economic transformation.

The roadmap focuses on key sectors such as healthcare, digital economy, green-blue sectors, sustainable finance, integrative infrastructure, and quality tourism. The vision is designed to attract investment and talent while preserving culture and nature.



## Key Pillars of the Dialogue:

- **Scaling blended finance initiatives with family office investment.**
- **Knowledge, innovation and technology ecosystem development.**
- **Sustainable hospitality for longevity and wellbeing.**
- **Green and renewable energy transition.**
- **Regenerative agriculture and food systems.**

Regenerative agriculture became a key highlight in Indonesia’s efforts to address environment and economic challenges. This practice aims to restore ecosystems while empowering small-scale farmers through sustainable productivity improvements. The government also promotes policies to strengthen food security and climate adaptation.

Through this event, YDML remains committed to sustainable development through global partnership aligned with the SDGs and Tri Hita Karana.