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# **Progress Report Projects Supported by Horizon Foundation**

Colombia - Bolivia - Guatemala

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## 1. Introduction

This report covers three projects supported by Horizon Foundation (Horizon):

- The TRAD 857/23 project, Environmental and Spiritual Corridors Ette Ennaka, Colombia, has recently been completed.
- The TRAD 905/25 project, Quechua Radio Station Presto, Bolivia (2), has been under implementation since mid-February.
- The TRAD 906/25 project, Cultural Centre Maya School Lake Atitlan, Guatemala, is scheduled to begin in June 2025.

## 2. Financial Summary of Projects

Project	Start Date of the Project	End Date of the Project	Project Budget	Horizon Foundation Instalments (date and amount)	Date and Amount Transferred to the Partners	Available Balance at Traditions for Tomorrow
TRAD 857/23 Environmental and Spiritual Corridors Ette Ennaka, Colombia	01.03.23	30.04.25	USD 62'802	01.03.23 EUR 30'320  03.05.2024 EUR 29'360.50	01.03.23 21'410 USD  30.11.2023 7'137 USD  10.05.2024 21'410 USD  29.11.2024 7'135 USD	535.65 CHF*
TRAD 905/25 Quechua Radio Station Presto, Bolivia (2)	18.02.2025	17.02.2026	USD 15'360	21.01.2025 EUR 14'130	18.02.2025 9'310 USD	3'844 CHF
TRAD 906/25 Cultural Centre Maya School Lake Atitlan Guatemala	June 2025**	March 2026	USD 50'000	09.05.2025 EUR 46'000		43'106.60 CHF

\* The final balance will be confirmed upon submission of the project's final financial report, expected in June 2025.

\*\* This project is due to start in June 2025.

## 3. Projects Information

### 3.1 PROJECT Environmental and Spiritual Corridors Ette Ennaka, Magdalena, Colombia (TRAD 857/23)

Available balance in TRADI accounts: 535 CHF\*

\* The final balance will be confirmed following the submission of the project's final financial report, expected in June 2025.

Narrative report:

The project activities began in March 2023. The first year of the project concluded at the end of February 2024, and the report for the first year was submitted to Horizon on April 24 2024. All activities are now completed. We have just received the project's final report from our local partner Teje Teje, and we will submit the final project report to Horizon by June 2025.

During this fourth and last semester of the project, the main activities carried out were as follows:

1. Final social mapping exercises were carried out across multiple key areas, including Itti Takke, San Fernando, Mariangola, and Valledupar, to systematically identify, document, and validate sacred sites such as water sources, hills, and ancestral cemeteries. These efforts were conducted in close collaboration with traditional authorities and young community researchers, ensuring both accuracy and cultural relevance, and thus completing the work initially undertaken as part of this process.
2. These mapping results served as a key input for the Elders' Congress (March 2025), a pivotal gathering of representatives from 16 cabildos — including senior authorities and grassroots leaders — convened to review the project's progress, prioritize critical sites for protection, organize thematic working groups, and collaboratively develop a preservation and management plan aligned with cultural and ecological priorities. This plan will serve as a strategic roadmap for safeguarding sacred sites, guiding future conservation efforts, informing policy decisions, and strengthening the cultural resilience and environmental stewardship of the participating communities.
3. Community meetings and dialogues were organized to foster intergenerational exchange of knowledge between elders, leaders, and younger community members. These meetings provided an important platform to discuss pressing challenges, including deforestation, encroaching infrastructure projects, biodiversity loss, and the weakening of traditional territorial management practices.
4. Local research and surveys were spearheaded by young female researchers from the Ette Ennaka community, who played an essential role in gathering detailed data on sacred plant and animal species, their cultural and ecological uses, and identifying the most vulnerable areas in need of urgent conservation measures. Young Ette Ennaka researchers gathered audiovisual material, interviews, and surveys on sacred sites. They identified ~40 sacred plants, key sacred animals, and priority areas needing urgent conservation. Findings highlight the cultural, ecological, and spiritual importance of these sites and their fragile state. Videos were produced to engage youth and support intergenerational knowledge transmission.
5. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on April 15, 2025, formalizing the commitment between the governmental authorities and the Ette Ennaka leaders to support the preservation plan, coordinate actions across cabildos, and ensure long-term protection of the identified sacred sites.

### **Key Results**

- During these most recent field activities, over 20 new priority sites for urgent conservation were identified, including several sacred areas currently under private ownership. This highlights the pressing need for legal and institutional measures to secure these lands for community use and ritual practices.
- Comprehensive documentation—including detailed species lists, audiovisual recordings, and interview transcripts—of sacred plant and animal species has been compiled. These species hold not only ecological importance but also deep cultural, medicinal, and spiritual significance for the Ette Ennaka people. This documentation serves as a foundation for targeted conservation strategies and the revitalization of ancestral knowledge systems.
- Strengthened institutional relationships with key regional environmental authorities, Corpamag and Corpocesar. Through the signing of Memorandums of Understanding, the project has laid the groundwork for coordinated conservation actions, despite acknowledged institutional challenges such as limited resources, staffing constraints, and jurisdictional complexity.
- This MOU has included the development of tailored conservation and restoration plans, led by local communities, environmental experts, and traditional authorities, focusing on key actions such as reforestation, safeguarding critical water sources, and spiritually protecting sacred sites. These plans provide a strategic framework guiding targeted efforts to restore and preserve the territory. Concretely, such a plan will help the rehabilitation of native vegetation and vital ecosystems, which strengthens their natural ability to withstand environmental stresses like drought, deforestation, and climate change. By maintaining healthy habitats and water resources, the territory's ecological functions improve, supporting biodiversity and ecosystem services essential for the community's wellbeing. Additionally, the plan integrates cultural and spiritual values by protecting sacred spaces and

ancestral knowledge, reinforcing the community's identity and connection to the land. Clear roles and collaborative governance mechanisms ensure coordinated and sustainable management, fostering long-term ecological health and cultural integrity across the Ette Ennaka territory.

- Publication and videos were produced to share findings, raise awareness, and promote intergenerational knowledge transmission, ensuring the Ette Ennaka community's voices and perspectives are represented in conservation efforts.

As mentioned above, the project's final report to Horizon will be sent in June 2025.

Financial Report: The project is entirely funded by Horizon, with the initial instalment of funds transferred in March 2023:

Grant received from Horizon: 01.03.2023	(30'320 EUR)	29'956 CHF
Transfer to the project: 01.03.23	(21'410 USD)	20'372 CHF
Transfer to the project: 30.11.2023	(7'137 USD)	6'348 CHF
Grant received form Horizon: 03.05.2024	(29'360.50 EUR)	28'767 CHF
Transfer to the project: 10.05.2024	(21'410 USD)	19'778 CHF
Transfer to the project: 29.11.2024	(7'135 USD)	6'400 CHF
Overheads		5'290 CHF
<b>TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>CHF 535**</b>

\*\* We anticipate a positive balance for this project. The information will be confirmed in the project's final financial report, following a review of the financial details. The report is expected in June 2025.

### 3.2 PROJECT Quechua Radio Station Presto, Bolivia (2) (TRAD 905/25)

Available balance in TRADI accounts: 3'844 CHF

#### Narrative report:

An International Cooperation Agreement was signed between CESTACH and Traditions for Tomorrow on February 5 and 17, 2025, in Sucre and Geneva, respectively. Following this, the first project disbursement of USD 9,310 was made on February 18, 2025, thereby officially launching the project.

The project activities have officially commenced. Initial efforts included a socialization meeting with the municipal authorities of Presto, notably the Mayor and local council women, during which key topics were discussed regarding the operation of the community radio station and the digitalization process of the communication platform. Subsequently, a capacity-building workshop was held for cultural communicators, bringing together both experienced broadcasters and new individuals eager to join the team. This session served to enhance their skills in radio broadcasting and community engagement. Another noteworthy achievement has been the strategic integration of social media as a dissemination tool; leveraging platforms such as Facebook Live and YouTube, cultural communicators have begun to share locally generated content, significantly broadening the project's outreach and creating new channels for community participation and information sharing.

Financial Report: The project is entirely funded by Horizon with the initial instalment of funds transferred in February 2025:

Grant received from Horizon: 21.01.2025	(14'130 EUR)	13'316.11 CHF
Transfer to the project: 18.02.2025	(9'310 USD)	8'140.50 CHF
Overheads (10%)		1'331.61 CHF
<b>TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>CHF 3'844</b>

### 3.3 PROJECT Cultural Centre Maya School Lake Atitlan, Guatemala (TRAD 906/25)

Available balance in TRADI accounts: 69'604 CHF

An International Cooperation Agreement between Traditions for Tomorrow and our partner ASODECA has been drafted and sent for review. The document is expected to be signed by early June. This will enable us to proceed with the first disbursement of funds, allowing construction work on the project to begin. We are planning an initial transfer of USD 24,944 in June 2025.

Financial Report: The project is jointly funded by Horizon and the Hirzel Foundation.

Grant received from Hirzel : 08.04.2025	35'823 CHF
Grant received from Horizon : 09.05.2025 (46'000 EUR)	43'107 CHF
Overheads	9'326 CHF
<b>TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>CHF 69'604</b>

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Geneva, May 2025

#### **Annexes:**

Annex 1: Photos from project **Environmental and Spiritual Corridors Ette Ennaka, Magdalena, Colombia (TRAD 857/23)**

## Annex 1

The Elders' Congress was held on March 8 and 9 in Narakajmanta, with the participation of 16 cabildos, senior authorities, and members of the host community.



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