



THE ISLAND OF LEAVING

Indonesia | 95 minutes | End of Production
Climate Crisis, Poverty Crisis

[Trailer](#)

The dilemma of two men from Sabu, Ose Haga (38) and Iki Kitu (19), forced to leave their home island. They search for a livelihood and navigate their fate in the uncertainty of a foreign land.

Project Background

Indonesia frequently adopts the label "archipelagic state." Still, has the nation indeed considered the viewpoint of the people living on the islands? When nature can no longer sustain life, islanders may be forced to leave their homes and birthplaces.

On Sabu Island, East Nusa Tenggara (ENT), two generations of Lontar tappers face the dilemma of making ends meet. Ose Haga (38), the head of the household and the eldest son in his extended family is forced to gamble by leaving his wife and children to tap palms on another island. Meanwhile, Iki Kitu (19) never dreams of attending college. When the opportunity for higher education arises, he hesitates to leave his source of income for a college seat—where he must start from scratch to catch up.

Islanders prioritize survival at the cost of losing their freedom and opportunity. It's time to see the problems islanders face as 'social justice' issues. This film aims to invite you to join the struggle alongside islanders in realizing dreams from islands that refuse to sink into defeat..

Impact Goal

We want **the islanders to view current limited life choices as a collective issue** through a movement called:

!Island of Dreams

This movement will be established within the communities of the ENT islands (Sabu, Timor, Flores, Sumba, Alor, Rote, and Semaui). We aim for adults and youths on the island to identify the root problem and seek solutions together.



Impact Distribution Strategy

Island of Dreams will come to life through Act!on Lab and Vis!on Lab activities— a combination of film screenings and creative leadership training based on the Active Citizen method, focusing on structural poverty issues and the impact of climate change.

1. Adults in Act!on Lab

- **Mentoring youths** in the Vis!on Lab.
- Forming **Active Citizen groups**.

2. Youths in V!sion Lab

- **Identifying career potentials** suitable for the conditions of the ENT islands.
- **Mapping individual development plans** in formal/non-formal education paths.

Collaboration Wish

1. Acting as **the Facilitator & the Inspirator** in Act!on Lab & V!sion Lab
2. Providing **Funding** for film completion and program implementation.
3. Serving as **the Communication Partner** in creating and managing social media and the website.
4. Become **the Activity Partner** in providing technical aspects and key speakers.

Budget

Program Implementation	USD 15,678
Film Completion	USD 21,203
Distribution	USD 3,165
Human Resources	USD 19,152
Communication	USD 4,589
Total Budget	USD 63,787



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