

## HAPSARI Funding Pitch 2026-2027

### Strengthening Grassroots Women's Movements, Movement Care, and Community Resilience in North Sumatra

*A strategic introductory document for donor engagement and partnership exploration, 2026-2027*

<b>Organization</b>	HAPSARI - a grassroots women's movement in North Sumatra
<b>Pitch focus</b>	Grassroots women's leadership regeneration, collective care, protection of women and children, community resilience, and public accountability
<b>Period</b>	2026-2027
<b>Types of support sought</b>	Program grants, institutional support, action research, strategic partnerships, and knowledge collaboration

This document is not a full proposal. It serves as an umbrella pitch introducing HAPSARI's strategic direction to prospective donors and partners. The five entry points for support outlined below can be further developed into concept notes or full proposals according to the mandate, priorities, and format of each donor or partner.

## 1. Who HAPSARI Is

HAPSARI (Himpunan Serikat Perempuan Indonesia) is a grassroots women's organization and movement in North Sumatra. It has grown through long-term community organizing, critical education, cadre development, advocacy, and the strengthening of women's leadership. HAPSARI works with women in HAPSARI member communities, families, cadres, mentors, young people, and civil society networks to advance gender justice, women's rights, community resilience, and citizen participation in public life.

For HAPSARI, feminism is not merely project language or a policy slogan. Feminism is an everyday practice: women gathering, learning to read their own lived experiences, finding the courage to speak, caring for one another, making decisions, claiming rights, and building change from below. From these experiences, HAPSARI has developed approaches to grassroots women's critical education, collective care, and sustainable community leadership.

## 2. Why Support Is Urgently Needed Now

Grassroots women are facing increasingly layered pressures. Economic crises have intensified care work at home and in the community. Climate and food crises affect the lives of women farmers, coastal women, and low-income families. Civic space is shrinking, while women working on the frontlines of their communities often do so with limited resources, high risks, and emotional burdens that remain largely invisible.

In this context, grassroots women's organizations such as HAPSARI need support that goes beyond financing activities. Support is needed to sustain the body of the movement: cadre development, mentoring, healing spaces, community knowledge, safe documentation, and models of change rooted in women's lived experiences. Support for 2026-2027 will enable HAPSARI to strengthen a new generation of cadres, sustain the movement, and expand models of change grounded in the experiences of grassroots women.

### 3. HAPSARI's Movement Assets

HAPSARI does not start from zero. The organization has social, political, knowledge-based, and institutional assets that provide a strong foundation for donor support and strategic partnerships.

1. **KELAPAMUDA (Kelas Perempuan Mandiri dan Berdaya):** a community-based critical education concept for grassroots women, developed by HAPSARI to strengthen cadre development, leadership, and citizen participation.
2. **Rawat Asa and Collective Care:** an approach to caring for cadres, mentors, women human rights defenders at the grassroots, and the sustainability of the movement.
3. **Community-Based Protection of Women and Children:** HAPSARI's experience in strengthening community cadres/paralegals, safe accompaniment, service referrals, legal education, and advocacy for women and child protection services at village/community level.
4. **Kampung NUSA and Rumah NUSA:** community resilience practices that connect local food, seed houses, climate resilience, and care work.
5. **Anti-Corruption Classes and the Youth Integrity Center (YIC):** HAPSARI's experience in building integrity education, citizen monitoring, and public accountability with women and young people.
6. **Community cadres and mentors:** grassroots women with long experience in education, organizing, advocacy, and collective work in villages and communities.
7. **Grassroots women's knowledge:** experiences, stories, methods, and field-based learning generated from communities that can contribute to broader civil society movements.

#### 4. Five Entry Points for Support, 2026-2027

The following five ideas are not separate, disconnected projects. Together, they form one movement portfolio: strengthening grassroots women so they can care for themselves, care for their communities, protect women and children, lead change, and demand public accountability.

Entry Point	Problem Addressed	HAPSARI Assets	Expected Results
<b>1. Collective Care for Women Human Rights Defenders at the Grassroots</b>	Cadres, mentors, and women human rights defenders at the grassroots work under high pressure, yet spaces for recovery and movement care are often unavailable and unfunded.	Pos Rawat Asa, mentoring for cadres and mentors, organizing experience, and networks of women in communities.	A movement care system that protects the safety, resilience, and regeneration of grassroots women's movements.
<b>2. Community-Based Protection of Women and Children</b>	Women and children in grassroots communities continue to face violence, injustice, and limited access to safe, timely, and survivor-centered protection services.	Community organizing experience, community cadres/paralegals, safe accompaniment, service referrals, legal education, and protection advocacy at village/community level.	Strengthened community capacity to identify violence, accompany survivors safely and ethically, build referral mechanisms, and promote accountability in women and child protection services.
<b>3. Kampung NUSA/Rumah NUSA: Climate, Food, and Community Resilience</b>	Climate, food, and economic crises increase the burden on women in villages, coastal areas, and low-income communities.	Kampung NUSA/Rumah NUSA, seed houses, local food, and the experiences of women farmers and coastal women.	A community resilience model that connects local food, seed houses, care work, and women's leadership.
<b>4. Women and Young People Against Corruption for Public Accountability</b>	Public services and budget governance are often distant from citizens' lived experiences, while women and young people are not sufficiently involved in public oversight.	Anti-Corruption Classes and YIC, citizen monitoring experience, integrity education, and youth networks.	Increased capacity of women and young people in civic education, accountability monitoring, and public service advocacy.
<b>5. Critical Education/KELAPA MUDA for Grassroots Women's Leadership Regeneration</b>	Women's movements need leadership regeneration, community leadership, and critical education rooted in women's own experiences.	KELAPA MUDA, critical education modules/methods, HAPSARI cadres and mentors, and long-standing organizing experience.	The emergence of grassroots women cadres who can lead, analyze injustice, organize communities, and build democracy from below.

## 5. HAPSARI's Approach to Change

HAPSARI offers an approach that combines the strength of grassroots women's movements with accountable program governance. Every form of support will be directed not only toward producing activity outputs, but also toward building longer-term change at community and organizational levels.

- **Rooted in grassroots women's experiences:** problems, strategies, and learning emerge from women's lives in their communities, not from external assumptions.
- **Participatory and safe:** women, cadres, mentors, and young people are involved as knowledge holders and decision-makers, with attention to safety, ethics, and confidentiality of community experiences.
- **Building leadership, not dependency:** every activity is directed toward strengthening the capacity of local cadres and mentors so the movement can continue after projects end.
- **Connecting care and accountability:** HAPSARI sees care work, community resilience, and citizen democracy as part of a gender justice agenda.
- **Measurable but not dry:** program results will be documented through simple data, stories of change, community learning, and advocacy recommendations that can be used by donors, partners, and the public.

## 6. Support Sought

HAPSARI welcomes partnerships with donors, philanthropic institutions, civil society organizations, research institutions, embassies, and strategic partners that are committed to gender justice, protection of women and children, grassroots democracy, community resilience, and the sustainability of women's movements.

Type of Support	Need	Examples of Use
<b>Program grants</b>	Funding for 12-24 months of activities supporting one or more HAPSARI entry points.	KELAPAMUDA, collective care, protection of women and children, seed houses, action research, civic education.
<b>Support for protection of women and children</b>	Strengthening the capacity of cadres/paralegals, referral mechanisms, safe accompaniment, case documentation, and advocacy for protection services.	Community-based services, community legal education, service referrals, village advocacy, and accountability of women and child protection services.
<b>Institutional support</b>	Strengthening organizational capacity, documentation systems, communication, finance, and learning.	Mentoring systems, knowledge documentation, secretariat strengthening, data security.
<b>Participatory action research with grassroots women</b>	Support to produce knowledge from grassroots women's experiences.	FPAR on climate-food-care, community studies, stories of change, policy briefs.

<b>Strategic partnerships</b>	Program collaboration, subgrants, consortium work, or joint work with national/international networks.	Public accountability, integrity education, service advocacy, knowledge campaigns.
<b>Knowledge collaboration</b>	Support for publications, modules, stories of change, training, and learning forums.	KELAPA MUDA modules, collective care guides, movement archives, advocacy materials.

## 7. Why HAPSARI Is Worth Supporting

HAPSARI brings together a combination that few organizations possess: a community base, long experience in grassroots women's movements, cadre leadership, the capacity to facilitate critical education, and the ability to translate local experiences into learning that is relevant to the public. Supporting HAPSARI means supporting movement infrastructure that has grown from below and continues to nurture spaces for grassroots women to lead change.

For donors and partners, HAPSARI offers a strong entry point to work on gender, democracy, community resilience, climate, food, protection of women and children, and public accountability in a way that does not separate programs from movements. HAPSARI understands that social change cannot be built through one-off activities alone; it requires relationships, trust, cadre development, knowledge, and sustained collective care.

## 8. Organizational Contact and Information

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<b>Note</b>	This document is an initial pitch. Concept notes and full proposals can be adapted to the mandate, format, and funding cycle of each donor or partner.
<b>HAPSARI believes that grassroots women's movements can only continue to live if their knowledge, leadership, and care work are also supported. Supporting HAPSARI means helping to sustain change that grows from below.</b>	