ELEVATING CONSCIOUSNESS
We view inner work and personal development as a prerequisite for outer effectiveness and societal transformation. In trainings, workshops, and publications, we raise awareness about social and environmental justice issues as well as inspire and empower people to reconnect with themselves, each other, and nature to realize their full potential and co-create real change in the world.

TAKING DIRECT ACTION
We create and implement social and development projects in conflict and crisis areas that empower people to fulfill their rights and to lead self-determined lives in dignity and peace. Thereby, we connect the social, ecological, and economic dimensions of sustainability, and the creation of development possibilities with the protection of the natural world. As a result, we contribute to the global realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS
We develop and execute initiatives and campaigns to create innovative and future-oriented systems that embody a new set of values based on interconnectedness, inclusion, compassion, and courage to promote cultures of peace and justice that contribute to a paradigm shift.

LOVE FOR LIFE's mission is dedicated to creating conscious, sustainable change to empower people and protect nature. We do this through our three spheres of action.
OUR VISION

Our vision is one united world in which all love to live in. A world in which all life is held as sacred and everybody has the opportunity to unleash their full potential and share their unique gift with the world.
Imagine Light

Energy lies at the heart of some of the world’s biggest challenges. **1.2 billion people have no access to electricity.** Lack of electricity remains one of the biggest barriers to development and empowerment, especially for the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, such as Indigenous peoples.

While representing only 5% of the global population, **Indigenous people make up a staggering one third of the world’s 900 million extremely poor rural people** (IFAD 2018). Given that the rural poor form the bulk of those without access to energy, **Indigenous people are a critical demographic that needs to be put at the center of the global dialogue on energy if SDG 7 (ensuring access to energy for all) is to be achieved.**

Within our solar energy initiative, we work together with local partners towards that objective. We build local solar energy infrastructures that create both sustainable access to clean energy and empowerment. We combine the use of smart, regenerative technology and intensive capacity building programs for last-mile populations to ensure local ownership and long-term project sustainability.

Since our work started in 2014 and together with our local partners, we have installed **210 solar home systems.** This allowed us to completely solar-electrify **23 rainforest communities, including schools, community centers, and health posts in five different Indigenous territories** in Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, and Costa Rica as well as set up two training facilities with trained local personnel.

**OUR IMPACT**

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1. Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (2018)
We have empowered **five Indigenous Nations, almost 20,000 people**, that guard and protect more than **4,500,000 hectares of rainforest**. Our initiative adopts one of the most effective ways to protect precious ecosystems and their biodiversity by supporting and strengthening those who have been the stewards of the natural world for thousands of years: Indigenous people. Together with our Indigenous partners we are safeguarding the protection of tropical forests, which absorb **1.4 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide and mitigate climate change**.

In 2018, LOVE FOR LIFE expanded its solar energy initiative to work together with the Cabécar Indigenous people in the Talamanca rainforest, Costa Rica. Working jointly with our local Indigenous partner, Asociación de Desarrollo Integral del Territorio Indígena Talamanca Cabécar (ADITICA), we solar-electrified 80 Indigenous households, four schools, and one community center, directly impacting the lives of approximately 110 families who are now able to have light, power cell phones, as well as other electrical appliances.

As part of our intensive capacity building, in 2018 eight solar technicians were trained on how install, maintain, and, if necessary, repair the solar home systems. A storage house with all the tools and spare parts was built in ADITICA’s headquarters for the long-term sustainability of the project. We also strengthened our local partner by providing close accompaniment and support on project management, administration and accounting, data collection and systematization, among others.
The families directly benefiting from the IMAGINE LIGHT initiative are the most vulnerable and hardest to reach people. They live completely off-grid in the most remote and hardest to access places on earth. Some must walk for seven days to reach the closest road access.

Creating sustainable access to clean and independent solar energy, generates not just benefits in health, education, gender equality, livelihood, and general quality of life, it is also an essential catalyst for empowerment and self-determined development.

The Beam Magazine, issue #7 published a 10-page feature about our solar energy initiative. It tells the story and struggle of four Indigenous Nations from the very beginning of our work in the Amazon, almost five years ago, and their self-terminined movement for the protection of their cultures and ancestral rainforest territories. The first part of the article can be found online at bit.ly/2A7snnX.

In September 2018, we were selected to be a member of Hatch CoLab, an accelerator program that focuses on teams that solve Humanity’s Grand Challenges and drive sustainable change. Our big final pitch will take place on March 28th, 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland. Love for Life will take the stage in front of a selected audience of industry experts, press, investors, impact seekers, supporters, corporates, UN stakeholders, and more to present the solar energy initiative IMAGINE LIGHT.
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT ‘OKIYENANI’

_Okiyenani_ means ‘women united’ in the Waorani language and is the name of our women’s empowerment project. It supports Waorani women living deep in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest to become leaders, advocates, and entrepreneurs, creating sustainable, economic alternatives for their families and communities, which allows them to free themselves from dependence on industrialization and regain control of their families, their forest, and their own ways of protecting their health and lives. The project is still small in size, but already life-changing for the women we work together with. It combines the revival of their traditional handcrafting with the creation of income-generating opportunities.

Over the course of the last four years, we have built close relationships with the Waorani and established a small women’s cooperative of female Waorani artisans. Together we have developed a beautiful product line that reflects the taste of European consumers and evolving market demands while reviving and celebrating the unique Waorani craftsmanship.
THE GREEN HEART PROJECT

The Green Heart project is located in the historical oil boom area in the northeastern Amazon of Ecuador, which is known for the biggest man-made environmental disaster in history: Lago Agrio. There, Indigenous communities have been living amidst petroleum-contaminated waters and soil for over 50 years.

The Green Heart Project’s main objective is to raise awareness on the urgent need for conservation in the Amazon jungle, while providing practical solutions for alternative livelihoods that coexist with the natural world, as well as hands-on programs on soil regeneration and ecosystem restoration.

Years of research and development at Amisacho Rainforest Restoration Center – our local partner for this project – is being shared at local schools, institutes, and social justice and environmental organizations. In 2018, 130 agro-ecological farmers, women, and Indigenous people attended various hands-on programs with topics ranging from rainforest preservation to elaboration of sustainable products and livelihoods.

The Green Heart Project has been growing relationships for a year and strengthening the outreach into the Sucumbios region of Ecuador directly, through capacity-building programs, educational tours, and practical workshops. Amazonian gastronomy events have been presented throughout the region and won a respectful food security competition in Lago Agrio allowing our local partners to share the value of mushroom cultivation to convert agricultural waste products into nutritious, delicious, and sustainable products for food, medicine, and earth healing.
OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH

When it comes to creating local empowerment and protecting nature, LOVE FOR LIFE’s overall strategy is based on a bottom-up approach that focuses on five key pillars that guide our work:

1. We focus on **the most vulnerable and hardest to reach people**, often a multiple-day trip by canoe or foot away from the nearest road access. The average daily income per person per day of our target groups is $0.28 USD, significantly under the international poverty line of $1.90 USD.

2. We collaborate and partner up with **local, community-based organizations** who are committed and have the courage to go further. We recognize the true experts are the local people themselves.

3. We emphasize on **participatory community processes** where the members’ needs, opinions, work, culture, and wisdom are the guiding principles of our projects.

4. We establish **long-lasting, strategic partnerships** with governmental authorities for project ownership at a national level, as well as with other key stakeholders for project sustainability.

5. We combine **innovative technology with a focus on holistic, capacity-building programs** so external support ceases to be needed. This includes setting up local training facilities and workshop spaces as well as strengthening local capacity at four interconnected levels: Organizational, regional, communal, and end-user level.
MEET OUR LOCAL PROJECT PARTNERS

Through long-term accompaniment and capacity-building, LOVE FOR LIFE contributes to building up and strengthening the work and impact of its local partners. The work has enabled a regional exchange of experiences, knowledge, and ancestral cultures among the people we have trained and worked closely together with.

ASOCIACIÓN DE DESARROLLO INTEGRAL DEL TERRITORIO INDÍGENA CABÉCAR (ADITICA)

ADITICA (Asociación de Desarrollo Integral del Territorio Indígena Cabécar) is our local partner organization in Costa Rica. Legally the association represents and is responsible for managing the Indigenous Cabécar Territory of Talamanca, which is home to about 3,000 people. The organization promotes social, political, economic, cultural, and ecological development and the protection of the Cabécar. The principle of sustainability for the protection of Indigenous territories and future generations, as well as the use of natural resources in harmony with nature, is deeply rooted in its Indigenous world view. ADITICA also works closely with the local government, communities, and other public and private institutions to ensure the well-being and self-determination of the Indigenous Cabécar.
ALIANZA CEIBO

The Alianza CEIBO is an Indigenous-led, non-profit alliance of four Indigenous peoples – including the A’i Kofán, the Siekopai, the Siona, and the Waorani – that is building a holistic movement for the cultural survival of peoples and the protection of the northern Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. Together, the peoples formulated a clear, self-determined vision of their future. This mission includes different strategies and programs to support their struggle for the preservation of their cultures and the protection of their natural habitat. Through long-term accompaniment and capacity-building, LOVE FORE LIFE is strengthening the Alliance’s impact and reach. As local partner for the provision of sustainable access to clean electricity for the rainforest communities, the CEIBO Alliance is also strongly committed in the fight against pollution and deforestation, as well as to the recovery and maintenance of the health of its communities and ecosystem.

AMISACHO

AMISACHO is a rainforest restoration and educational center that works towards raising awareness for the restoration of the Amazonian rainforest by providing the community with educational opportunities, permaculture crops, and natural products to maintain human and forest health. Amisacho is located in Lago Agrio in the northeast of the Amazon region of Ecuador and comprises about 9 hectares reforested in the midst of deforestation and oil extraction. Amisacho is a place where it is demonstrated that it is possible to restore the tropical forest after having been exploited and degenerated its soil by the oil exploitation, agriculture, and cattle ranching.
FINANCE & PROJECT SUPPORT

INCOME 2018

- PUBLIC GRANTS: 140,653,39 €
- FOUNDATIONS: 65,160,00 €
- CORPORATIONS: 58,530,00 €
- INDIVIDUALS: 9,587,00 €
- IN-KIND DONATIONS: 145,647,00 €
- REVENUE FROM SALES: 19,00 €
- TOTAL INCOME: 419,596,39 €

- PUBLIC GRANTS: 35%
- FOUNDATIONS: 33%
- CORPORATIONS: 14%
- INDIVIDUALS: 16%
- IN-KIND DONATIONS: 2%
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**EXPENSES 2018**

- MATERIALS 31%
- SITE ACCESS 34%
- TRANSPORT 12%
- MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT 9%
- TRAVEL EXPENSES & OTHERS 10%
- GENERAL 2%
The use of electricity allows the replacement or more effective management of time consuming rural activities, especially for women and children who carry the biggest burden of energy poverty. Creating energy access contributes significantly to women’s empowerment and gender equality.

67% of the families report that having solar home systems decreases women’s house chores burden, and are able to do the tasks safely and without the stressful rush to finish before it gets dark.3

83% of the families affirm that with the solar home systems they can invest more time on taking care of their children, domestic tasks and productive activities.4
“Now, I, like the other women in my community, can use the hours of daylight to calmly dedicate time to my family, to do the household chores, and to collect the materials for our handicrafts, without worrying and rushing to get it all done before the sun sets and the darkness caves in.”

– Onguime Toña from the Waorani community Nemopare, 49 years old

“I am very thankful for the support of the IMAGINE LIGHT project. More so, I am grateful for my daughters and the benefit it brings to the whole community. Your support has provided something we desperately need in the community. For me, and for us, it is something really special. Now that we have solar energy systems that give us access to electricity, I am very happy. Also for the wellbeing of my daughters, because they are going to be able to walk safely at night. And for my daughters’ studies, I am very happy for that, too. What you have given us is a treasure.”

– Karina Ahua from the Waorani community Acaro, 23 years old
“I feel proud because for me the solar home systems are a legacy that I leave as being a part of this great project. I not only participate in bringing light and happiness to remote homes in my region, I also feel the satisfaction of seeing all those smiling and happy faces when they are able to see at night. I enjoy learning how to serve others and I treasure this amazing experience in my heart.”

– Jeffry Onil, Indigenous Local Project Coordinator from ADITICA, 24 years old

“With the reforested trees, more orchids and natural bromeliads have come, creating a refuge for all kinds of insects, reptiles, and mammals typical of the Amazonian forests. It is necessary to continue our reforestation and conservation efforts to completely reestablish and secure the food and natural habitat of the native animals and plants that live here in the jungle.”

– Aquiles Muñoz, Amisacho Management Team Member
IMAGINE LIGHT

In 2019, LOVE FOR LIFE will scale its projects to provide sustainable access to clean, safe, and independent solar energy for the most vulnerable and hardest to reach people. We will continue to solar-electrify remote rainforest communities in Latin America to create new sustainable development possibilities and to empower Indigenous people with the ability to make choices based on the long-term survival of their families, the fulfillment of their rights, and the protection of their ancestral homelands. Specifically, our solar project in Costa Rica will expand to two other rainforest territories located in the Atlantic region of the Country inhabited by Cabécar Indigenous peoples. The project will also expand and strengthen its work in the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia with four Indigenous Nations. We will continue our efforts towards the development of local empowerment by expanding our capacity building outreach for project sustainability and local ownership.
ENERGY ACCESS & 
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

As part of our women’s empowerment efforts and our most recent incorporation within our solar initiative, we work together closely with Indigenous women leaders from three Cabécar Indigenous territories in Costa Rica. These Indigenous women leaders are trained on key topics that they themselves have selected as the most urgent, given the significant challenges they face. This program is vital to the full enjoyment of their human rights in their disadvantaged condition. These key topics include gender equality, communication, conflict transformation, political participation, and leadership, among others. During the trainings, the Indigenous leaders learn how to become facilitators so they themselves can empower other Indigenous women living in remote rainforest communities to engage in active and just participation not only in our solar initiative, but also in their communities and regions as a whole.
OKIYENANI PROJECT

LOVE FOR LIFE will expand its women’s empowerment project, OKIYENANI, by increasing the number of beneficiary women on the project and the number of products to be sold in the German market. Promotional material and a marketing line for the products will be created as part of the sales strategy. Our long-term vision for this project is to create a social business model that generates sustainable income for the Waorani women and raises awareness for their struggle and strength as the caretakers of the forest and the family.
THE GREEN HEART PROJECT

Through the Green Heart Project, LOVE FOR LIFE will expand its work in the Amazon together with its local partner, Amisacho Restoration Center, as we move further toward the development of participatory and experiential educational programs on soil regeneration and ecosystem remediation. Through education on these topics and the use of specialized equipment, ongoing research and intense capacity building sessions will take place in Sucumbios; where soil regeneration will evolve into reforestation and rescue of native flora and fauna, ultimately leading to Carbon sequestration. These capacity building sessions and hands-on experiences will be replicated throughout the region of Sucumbios and will be carried out with the participation of extensive community based networks, such as the Unión de los Afectados por el Texaco/Union of People Affected by Chevron-Texaco (UDAPT) who represent over 30,000 indigenous people and farmers fighting for justice, jobs, health, and a livable environment throughout the affected region.
FOR PEACE –
BUILDING A PEOPLE-POWERED MOVEMENT FOR PEACE FROM THE
BOTTOM-UP AND THE INSIDE OUT.

Within our work towards elevating consciousness and transforming systems, we are proud to announce the launch of our most recent initiative: For Peace. A collaborative initiative, For Peace is building a people-powered movement to promote the establishment of a Federal Ministry for Peace in Germany and the adoption of a UN Resolution calling for the creation of cabinet level Departments of Peace worldwide to support a global culture of peace. Most importantly, we are not only working towards the creation of new governmental institutions, but towards elevating consciousness and strengthening participation in politics, policy, and society, specifically in the field of peacebuilding. We further aim to translate this into new governmental bodies dedicated entirely to the prevention and transformation of violent conflict. Moreover, to building and sustaining a resilient culture of peace – from inner to international. The holistic initiative works at the intersection of personal development and societal transformation. For Peace is our responsibility and our opportunity.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We sincerely thank all donors, whether institution or individual, who have helped to realize our projects and successfully continue them. We also thank our local partners in Costa Rica and Ecuador, who have given us their trust and with whom we can look back on a successful partnership.

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