

ALLIN KAWSAY

OPERATIONAL MANUAL

The Grounded Path — How the Vision Becomes Real

Companion to the Allin Kawsay Vision Document

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OPENING

From Vision to Ground

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Foreword: From Vision to Ground

The Vision Document tells the story of Allin Kawsay — why this work matters, what it hopes to become, and the spirit that carries it. It speaks to the heart. This manual is its companion, and it speaks to the hands. Its task is narrower and more practical: to set down, clearly and honestly, how the vision becomes real — the structures, the sequences, the agreements, and the day-to-day work that turn a beautiful intention into a school that opens its doors, a spring that runs clean, an elder who eats a warm meal.

Nothing here replaces the Vision Document; the two are meant to be held together. Where the Vision Document says *what* and *why*, this manual says *how*, *who*, *in what order*, and *by what principles*. Read on its own, it is a working plan. Read beside its companion, it is the full foundation of everything Allin Kawsay is building.

It is written to be lived with — returned to, marked up, and grown. Allin Kawsay is a living process, not a fixed blueprint, and this manual is built to move with it.

OPENING

How to Use This Manual

This manual is organized so that anyone — a new team member, a partner organization, a funder doing careful diligence, or a community leader — can find the part they need and understand it without reading the whole. Part One lays the legal and governance foundation. Part Two describes the method by which Allin Kawsay enters and works alongside a community. Part Three takes each of the nine pillars and sets out how it actually runs. Parts Four through Nine cover construction, the phased timeline, partnerships, financial stewardship, measurement, and the honest management of risk. The appendices hold the reusable templates.

A word about what is — and is not — yet written here

Allin Kawsay is at the threshold of its first phase. The professional team is soon to be called, gathered, and confirmed; exact dates depend on when funding arrives; many figures will only come into focus as the work unfolds on the ground. This manual does not invent those specifics, and it does not need to. Where a name, a number, or a date will one day live, the manual instead names the *role*, the *sequence*, and the *trigger* — “once the team is gathered,” “early in Year One,” “when the land agreement is signed.” It is written to be ready: a frame strong enough to hold the details the team will bring as the manifestation comes into focus.

OPENING

The Operating Principles

How the work is done — the method beneath every chapter

Before any structure or schedule, Allin Kawsay rests on a handful of principles that govern how every decision is made and every action is taken. They are not abstractions; they are the working method, and the rest of this manual is simply their application across nine pillars and four phases.

Ayni, Mink'a, Ayllu — reciprocity, shared work, community

These three Andean principles are the operating system. **Ayni** — sacred reciprocity — means the work is an exchange, not a gift handed down: what is given returns, and the community gives as much as it receives. **Mink'a** — collective labor for the common good — means the work is done together, with many hands. **Ayllu** — community — means the whole, not the individual, is the unit of decision and benefit. Every protocol in this manual is an expression of these three.

Listen first

Nothing is brought to a community before it is asked for. The sequence always begins with listening — to the children, to the elders, to the Community Steering Council — and only then moves to proposing, agreeing, and building. The community defines its own priorities.

Community consent and ownership

Programs are designed by, with, and for the community — never staged, never imposed. Land held by mountain communities remains theirs. Decisions of consequence pass through the Community Steering Council by consensus.

Paid local labor and honored knowledge

Community members are paid fairly for their work, and traditional knowledge-keepers are formally engaged and compensated as the teachers and authorities they are. The economic benefit of building Allin Kawsay stays within the valley.

Water first, always

On every site and in every community, water systems are secured before any other major construction. It is the first principle of the build sequence and it is never skipped.

No one left behind

All twelve mountain communities, every elder, every child. The measure of the work is not its showpieces but whether the most forgotten are reached. The whole arc of the four phases bends toward this.

Transparency

Every dollar is documented and reported. Impact is measured honestly, including what falls short. Accounts are shared with the community in Quechua and Spanish, and with funders in full. Trust is treated as the project's most valuable asset, and it is earned in the open.

PART ONE

Governance & Legal Foundation

Before a single class is taught or a single wall is raised, Allin Kawsay needs a body that can hold it: a legal form the world recognizes, a way of deciding together that keeps the community at the center, and clear agreements about who carries what. This Part lays that foundation. It describes the organization, the two bodies that govern it, the people who run it day to day, the legal and accreditation pathways that make the work official, and the land agreements that root it in place. None of the rest of this manual — no pillar, no phase, no building — can stand without what is set here first.

CHAPTER 1

Organizational Structure

The vessel and the vision; the NGO; and how authority is held.

The vessel and the vision

Two names sit at the center of this work, and it helps to keep them clear. **Amistad Sagrada** is the organization — the legal body, founded in 2009, that holds the accounts, signs the agreements, employs the team, and answers to the law. **Allin Kawsay** is the vision Amistad Sagrada carries — the regenerative framework of nine pillars described in the Vision Document. Amistad Sagrada is the vessel; Allin Kawsay is what it carries. Every contract, title, and registration in this manual is held by Amistad Sagrada on behalf of the vision and the communities it serves.

The transition to a fully registered NGO

An early operational task is to complete Amistad Sagrada's transition into a fully registered non-governmental organization under Peruvian law. This is not a change of heart or mission; it is a change of standing. Formal NGO status is what allows the organization to receive institutional and philanthropic funding, to hold land and property in its own name, to enter formal partnerships with government and universities, and to pursue the accreditations the school and healing center require. It is foundational, and it belongs to the earliest work of Year One.

Three centers of authority

Allin Kawsay is governed by three bodies, each with a distinct kind of authority, designed so that no one of them can override the others:

- **The Community Steering Council** holds *grounded legitimacy and direction*. It is the community's voice — elders, parents, youth, traditional authorities, and representatives of the mountain communities — and it sets priorities, approves what is built and taught, and guards the cultural integrity of the whole. (Chapter 2.)
- **The Board of Directors** holds *fiduciary, legal, and strategic accountability*. It ensures the organization is sound, lawful, and well-stewarded, and supports fundraising and external

relationships. (Chapter 3.)

- **The Operational Team** holds *execution*. Led by the Project Manager, it carries out the daily work across the pillars within the direction set by the Council and the accountability held by the Board. (Chapter 4.)

The relationship between them is deliberate. Legitimacy flows *up* from the community through the Council, not *down* from outside funders or staff. The Board protects the organization's legal and financial integrity but does not set the community's priorities. The team serves both. In Andean terms, the structure is an *ayllu* — a whole whose parts hold one another — rather than a pyramid.

CHAPTER 2

The Community Steering Council

The heart of governance: who sits, how it decides, and what it holds.

The Community Steering Council is the body that keeps Allin Kawsay true to its first principle — that the work is *by, with, and for* the community, never imposed upon it. It is the place where the community's own voice governs the vision that bears its name.

Who sits on the Council

The Council is composed of those who carry the community's knowledge, responsibility, and future:

- Respected elders and traditional knowledge-keepers
- Parents and family representatives from Písaq
- Youth representatives, so the generation being served has a seat
- Traditional authorities and community leaders
- At least one representative from each of the twelve mountain communities, so none governs in absence of the others

How the Council is seated

The Council is not appointed from outside. Its members are identified and seated through the communities' own existing structures and in open consultation, honoring traditional authority and the way each community already recognizes its leaders. This seating is among the first acts of Year One, and it is done patiently — a Council assembled in haste would carry no real legitimacy.

How the Council decides

Decisions are made by **consensus**, in keeping with *Ayni* and *Mink'a* — the Andean practices of reciprocity and shared labor applied to governance. The aim is not a narrow majority outvoting a minority, but a decision the community can carry together. Where agreement is not yet ready, the matter is held, discussed further, and returned to — the relationship is never spent for the sake of speed. The Council meets on a regular rhythm, with additional gatherings as the work requires, and keeps a simple written record of its decisions in Quechua and Spanish.

Subcommittees

To carry detailed work, the Council forms subcommittees aligned with the pillars — education, natural healing, food and water, culture, youth, elder care, community economy — and a dedicated subcommittee for recycling and zero waste. Each subcommittee brings its work back to the full Council for consensus, so detail is delegated while direction stays whole.

What the Council holds

The Council sets community priorities and the order in which they are pursued; approves the design of programs and infrastructure before they proceed; resolves disputes; reviews reports on progress and spending; and, above all, guards the cultural integrity of the work — ensuring that what is done is genuine to the community and never staged for outside eyes.

CHAPTER 3

The Board of Directors

Fiduciary oversight, legal accountability, and strategic support.

Where the Community Steering Council holds the community's direction, the Board of Directors holds the organization's integrity. Its work is fiduciary and strategic: to ensure Amistad Sagrada is lawful, financially sound, well-governed, and able to keep its promises to funders and communities alike.

Composition

The Board brings together local, national, and international members whose expertise complements one another — typically spanning law, finance and accounting, education, health, nonprofit governance, and fundraising. Local membership keeps the Board grounded in the reality of the valley; national and international membership opens doors, brings technical rigor, and strengthens credibility with funders and partners.

Duties

- Fiduciary oversight of finances, assets, and legal compliance
- Approval of budgets and major commitments, and review of audited accounts

- Strategic guidance on growth, partnerships, and sustainability
- Support for the fundraising effort and for high-level external relationships
- Stewardship of the organization's mission and its accountability to its commitments

How the Board and the Council relate

The two bodies are complementary, not ranked one above the other. The Council holds community legitimacy and sets priorities; the Board holds legal and fiduciary duty and ensures the means exist to pursue them well. They meet so that neither overrides the community: the Board does not set the community's agenda, and the Council is supported — not constrained — by the Board's stewardship. The Board meets on a regular cycle and reports transparently.

CHAPTER 4

Roles & Responsibilities

The operational team that carries the daily work, and how it is gathered.

Direction and oversight become real through people doing the work each day. The operational team is deliberately professional — this is the change in scale the Vision Document describes — and it is gathered as funding allows, in roughly the order below. The names will come; the roles are clear now.

The core roles

Project Manager. The connective tissue of the whole undertaking — the role that links the community, the team, the Board, and the institutional world of government, accreditation bodies, and partners. The Project Manager carries operations, sequencing, and accountability for delivery, and is among the first roles filled.

Fundraiser (U.S.-based). A dedicated professional carrying the capital campaign to philanthropic foundations, impact investors, and major donors — full-time on the effort, supported by the communications materials and the Vision Document.

Program Leads. Leads for the main domains of the work — education, health, food and water, and culture and community — each responsible for the protocols, staffing, and milestones of their pillars (Part Three).

Administration and Communications. Administrative support for the organization's daily operations and finances, and a communications and media lead to tell the story honestly and keep funders and the wider world informed.

Advisors. Specialist advisors engaged as needed — in permaculture, natural building, educational curriculum, traditional medicine, and law — bringing technical depth without

enlarging the permanent payroll.

The compensation philosophy

Three commitments govern how people are paid. Professional roles are compensated at fair, professional rates — good people, paid properly, stay and do good work. Community members who labor on construction and programs are *paid*, not asked to volunteer their livelihoods. And traditional knowledge-keepers are formally engaged and compensated as the teachers and authorities they are. The economic benefit of building Allin Kawsay is meant to remain, as much as possible, within the valley.

How the team is gathered

Hiring follows need and funding rather than a fixed calendar. The Project Manager and Fundraiser come first, because they make everything else possible; Program Leads follow as their pillars move from planning into action; administrative, communications, and advisory roles fill in around them. Each role is defined by a written description (held in the appendices) so that responsibilities are clear before a person steps into them.

CHAPTER 5

Legal & Accreditation Pathways

Becoming official: registration, accreditation, and permits — begun early.

Several official processes run alongside the early work, each begun as early as possible because they take time and unlock what follows. All are navigated with qualified local legal counsel, and all are pursued in a spirit of genuine partnership with Peruvian institutions rather than mere compliance.

NGO registration

Completing Amistad Sagrada's registration as a formal NGO is the first legal milestone, for the reasons set out in Chapter 1. It precedes and enables the land, accreditation, and partnership work that follows.

School accreditation — IPEBA

Yachay Wasicha pursues formal accreditation through IPEBA, Peru's body for the accreditation of educational quality. The pathway is sequential: recognition as a nursery first, then primary, and in time secondary. Consultation begins early so the school's growth and its accreditation move together. Accreditation matters because it gives the children formal, recognized standing and opens doors for them beyond Písaq — without the school surrendering the Andean, Quechua-centered heart of its teaching.

Healing center registration — Ministry of Health

The Sumaq Kawsay healing center engages early with Peru's Ministry of Health and the Instituto Nacional de Medicina Tradicional to establish the proper registration for its work. The aim is a legal frame that honors traditional Andean practitioners and plant medicine while meeting the standards that allow the center to serve the community openly and safely.

Permits, zoning, and land-use status

The expanded infrastructure — the Písaq campus, the healing center, and the mountain-community facilities — requires verified land-use status, zoning, and building permits. This work is coordinated with the Municipality of Písaq and the relevant regional authorities, and is sequenced ahead of construction so that no wall is raised on uncertain legal ground.

CHAPTER 6

Land & Property Agreements

How land is held — in Písaq and in the mountain communities — with sovereignty intact.

Land is the most sensitive ground a project like this can walk, and Allin Kawsay walks it on a single principle: the work secures the land it needs without ever taking land from the communities it serves. How this is done differs between Písaq and the mountain communities.

The Písaq land

The land for the integrated Písaq campus — the school, the Skills Training Academy, and the Sumaq Kawsay healing center — is acquired and titled in the name of the Amistad Sagrada NGO, following full legal due diligence. Acquisition proceeds in stages, beginning with a down payment to secure the land and completing with the remaining balance as the phased funding arrives (the financial shape of this is set out in the Vision Document and revisited in Part Seven). Holding clear, verified title in the NGO's name protects the work for the long term and gives funders confidence that what they help build rests on solid ground.

The mountain-community land

In the mountain communities, the principle is different and deliberate: **the land remains the community's**. Amistad Sagrada does not acquire it. Instead, formal land-use agreements grant the organization the exclusive, permanent right to build and operate the agreed Allin Kawsay infrastructure — learning centers, water systems, greenhouses, workshops, elder-care spaces — on specific parcels, while title stays with the community. The community keeps what is theirs; the work gains the secure, lasting right to serve there.

How the agreements are made and safeguarded

Every land agreement passes through the Community Steering Council and the community's own assembly, and is set down clearly in writing in both Quechua and Spanish so that all parties understand exactly what has been agreed. The agreements are designed to be durable and unambiguous — protecting the community's ownership, the organization's right to operate, and the children and elders the infrastructure is built to serve. Trust, here, is written down precisely so that it can last across generations and changes of leadership.

PART TWO

The Community Engagement Method

Part One built the body that holds the work. This Part describes how that body moves — how Allin Kawsay actually enters a community and works alongside it without doing harm. It is the most important method in this manual, and the least improvised: it is the distilled practice of seventeen years in Písaq and the mountain communities. Everything in Part Three depends on it. Get the method wrong and the finest program fails; get it right and even modest work takes root and lasts.

CHAPTER 7

The Amistad Sagrada Way

Why the work begins with the children, and why trust comes before anything is built.

The way Allin Kawsay enters a community is not a strategy designed for this document. It is simply how Amistad Sagrada has always worked, named plainly so it can be repeated with care. Three convictions sit beneath it.

Begin with the children

We begin with the children. Weekly classes — held at first in whatever communal space already exists — are where trust begins. The children come; the families see that the care is real and freely given; and slowly the wider community opens. This is exactly how the work took root in Pampallacta and Paru Paru, and it remains the model. Children are not a tactic; they are where a community keeps its deepest hope, and meeting them there with genuine care is the most honest introduction there is.

Trust before infrastructure

Allin Kawsay does not arrive in a community with a building plan. It arrives with presence. Before anything is constructed, a relationship is built — and that relationship, not the building, is the true foundation. A wall raised on trust will stand for generations; a wall raised without it will be resented, neglected, or unused, however well it is built. The sequence is never reversed.

Presence over projects

The method is patient on purpose. It is measured in years of showing up — at the school, at the anniversaries, in the homes of elders, in the quiet gifts given season after season — not in projects completed on a schedule. The posture is captured in a single image from the Vision Document: to be a *thread woven into the cloth of the community*, not an outside hand reaching in. Operationally, this is what makes the work durable. Imposed projects fail; invited ones endure. Patience here is not a delay before the work — it is the work.

CHAPTER 8

Entering a Community, Step by Step

The sequence from first relationship to built infrastructure — and the simultaneous-build model.

While each community is different, the order of entering is consistent. The sequence below is the operational backbone of how Allin Kawsay reaches a new mountain community. It is followed in spirit every time, even as its content is shaped by the particular place.

The sequence

- **1. Relationship begins.** Contact opens through weekly children's classes, held in existing communal space — the first, lightest footprint.
- **2. Consistent presence.** The classes continue week after week. Trust is built through reliability, not promises — the community sees that the care does not come and go.
- **3. Listening sessions.** Structured conversations with elders, families, traditional authorities, and the community's representatives on the Steering Council. The work listens before it speaks.
- **4. Needs assessment.** Together with the community, a clear reading of what *this* community actually needs and wants — water, a learning space, greenhouses, elder care — knowing that no two communities will answer alike.
- **5. Priority mapping.** Through the Community Steering Council, the community names its own priorities and the order in which to pursue them. Allin Kawsay does not decide this for them.
- **6. Agreement.** A written land-use agreement and an agreed scope of work, made through the Council and the community assembly (Chapter 6), in Quechua and Spanish.
- **7. Infrastructure begins.** Construction starts on what was agreed, built with community labor and adapted to the place (Part Four).

The simultaneous classes-and-build model

Here is the one real change from how the work unfolded in its first years. Historically, classes came first and infrastructure waited — sometimes for years — until trust and resources caught up. In the scaled plan, the two run in **parallel**: weekly classes continue in a community at the same time as the first construction begins alongside them. This accelerates how quickly the vision becomes physically real without abandoning the trust-first sequence — because the classes, the listening, and the agreement still come first in each community. What changes is that building no longer waits years behind them; it walks beside them.

One sequence, many communities

There is no template dropped onto a community. The sequence is consistent; the content is bespoke. Several priority mountain communities are entered in the foundation year, with the remaining communities reached across the arc of the four phases — until all twelve are engaged, each on terms it helped to set, none left behind.

CHAPTER 9

Working With the Community

How the daily work is done with a community, never to it.

Entering well is only the beginning. The deeper discipline is in how the work is carried out once inside — and the whole of it can be said in one line: the work is done *with* the community, never *to* it. Four practices hold that line.

Paid local labor

Community members build their own infrastructure, and they are paid fairly to do it. This is not a cost to minimize; it is central to the method. The skills stay in the community, the buildings are understood and cared for because local hands raised them, and the economic benefit of the work remains in the valley rather than flowing out to distant contractors. Ownership is built into the walls.

Honoring the knowledge-keepers

The elders, healers, master weavers, and farmers of the community are not subjects of the work — they are its teachers. They are formally engaged and compensated as the authorities they are, and the curriculum of the school, the practice of the healing center, and the design of the farms draw directly from their knowledge. The work does not import wisdom the community already holds; it honors, pays for, and helps carry that wisdom forward to the next generation.

Ongoing consent

Consent is not collected once at the start and then assumed. It is continuous, held through the Community Steering Council, and the community retains the standing to adjust priorities, pause a program, or redirect the work as circumstances change. The agreement is a living relationship, not a signature filed away.

Guarding cultural integrity

Programs are *by, with, and for* the community — never staged, never performed for the benefit of visitors, funders, or cameras. The work is real first; any documentation of it is secondary, and is done with respect and permission. This is the chief safeguard against the quiet danger of cultural commodification — the turning of a living culture into a display. What is filmed or written about Allin Kawsay must always be the truth of what is already happening, not a scene arranged to be seen.

When there is disagreement

Disagreement is treated as ordinary and healthy, not as a failure. Where it arises, the matter returns to the Council and is worked toward consensus with patience — the same way the community resolves its own affairs. The relationship is never sacrificed to keep a timeline. A plan delayed can be recovered; trust broken cannot.

PART THREE

The Nine Pillars in Practice

The nine pillars are the body of the work — the actual programs through which Allin Kawsay serves the valley. The Vision Document describes what each pillar is and why it matters; this Part describes how each one runs. To keep the manual easy to navigate, every pillar chapter follows the same shape: its purpose, its programs and protocols, what gets built, the people and partners who carry it, its sequencing and milestones, and how its success is measured. Three cross-cutting chapters follow the nine — reforestation, recycling, and technology — woven through all the pillars rather than standing apart. Read together with Part Four (construction) and Part Five (the phased timeline), this Part is the working core of the manual.

CHAPTER 10

Pillar I — Education

Yachay Wasicha and the Skills Training Academy — the house of learning, from nursery to a life's vocation.

Purpose

Education is the first pillar because it is where the whole vision begins and where it most visibly endures. Yachay Wasicha — the house of learning, born in 2011 and serving more than seventy children each day — grows under this pillar into an accredited school from nursery through secondary, and is joined by a Skills Training Academy that carries young people from childhood learning into a vocation they can build a life on, here, in the valley.

Programs and protocols

Yachay Wasicha weaves Waldorf- and Montessori-inspired pedagogy together with Andean knowledge and daily life. Quechua sits at the center, not the margins. The days hold music, art, weaving, movement and traditional dance alongside science, mathematics, English and cultural studies; Andean cooking, plants and hands-on learning ground the academic in the living world. Fresh fruit and a healthy meal are provided daily. Weekly classes continue to extend the school's reach into the mountain communities, beginning with Paru Paru and Pampallacta.

The Skills Training Academy offers youth and young adults six vocational tracks: regenerative agriculture and permaculture; natural healing and plant medicine; natural building and construction; cultural education and Quechua transmission; regenerative tourism and bilingual guiding; and community leadership and communications. Each track is designed so that a young person can earn a living and serve the community without having to leave the valley to do it.

What gets built

A permanent Yachay Wasicha campus — built in natural materials on Andean architectural principles, organized around the geometry of the Chakana — with the Skills Training Academy as a distinct building on the same grounds. Water systems are installed before anything else (Part Four). Classrooms, a library, a dining space, gardens, and communal areas complete the campus.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Education guides the pillar, supported by teachers — many of them local and Quechua-speaking — and by the elders, master weavers, and musicians who teach as the knowledge-keepers they are. An accreditation coordinator carries the IPEBA process. Partners include IPEBA itself, aligned educational organizations and universities, and curriculum advisors.

Sequencing and milestones

- Daily teaching at Yachay Wasicha continues without interruption through the foundation year, as new teachers are brought in.
- Accreditation consultation with IPEBA begins early — nursery first, then primary, then secondary.
- The permanent campus and the Skills Academy are built in the second year (Part Five).
- Quechua immersion is fully integrated across all ages.
- The Skills Academy launches its first cohort, and by the close of the phased plan has graduated its first full group of young people working across the pillars.

Indicators of success

- Enrollment and retention at Yachay Wasicha.
- The share of school-age children speaking Quechua in daily life.
- Youth retention — young people choosing to stay in the valley.
- Accreditation milestones reached.
- Skills Academy graduates active across the nine pillars.

CHAPTER 11

Pillar II — Natural Healing

Sumaq Kawsay — the depth of Andean healing, woven with the best of integrative care, open to every family.

Purpose

This pillar restores the full depth of Andean healing — plant medicine, energy medicine, traditional nutrition, and ceremony — and weaves it together with the best of modern integrative health. Its home is the Sumaq Kawsay center, and its measure is simple: that good healing is accessible to every family in the valley, not only to those who can pay.

Programs and protocols

The Healers' Council. Healing authority rests with a council of respected traditional practitioners — *curanderos*, *paqos*, *parteras*, and other knowledge-keepers — who guide the center's practice and keep it genuinely Andean.

Daily healing sessions, open and accessible to families across Písaq and the mountain communities.

The Natural Medicine Pharmacy — a living apothecary, with medicinal plant gardens grown on site, preparations made from them, and community access at little or no cost. Its supply is deepened by the natural-medicine laboratory of the allied Mountain Sanctuary (Part Six), which broadens what the pharmacy can offer without raising the cost to those it serves.

A teaching center for nutrition, healing, and wellness, and a **nutritional revitalization program** — cooking classes, traditional food education, and maternal health support — carried in close partnership with the food and water pillar.

What gets built

The Sumaq Kawsay center: dedicated healing spaces, the Natural Medicine Pharmacy, sacred and medicinal plant gardens, a community kitchen, and teaching rooms — built in the second year. As with every site, water comes first.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Health works alongside the Healers' Council and the pharmacy and garden keepers. Visiting integrative-health practitioners — several arriving through the allied Mountain Sanctuary — complement the traditional practice. Partners include the Ministry of Health and the Instituto Nacional de Medicina Tradicional for registration, and aligned health organizations.

Sequencing and milestones

- Registration consultation with the Ministry of Health begins early.
- The Natural Medicine Pharmacy becomes operational as soon as facilities allow — gardens planted, first preparations produced, community access established.
- The center opens in the second year.
- By the close of the phased plan, Sumaq Kawsay is a recognized regional center of Andean natural healing and wellness education.

Indicators of success

- Families served.
- Reduced dependence on pharmaceuticals and increased use of traditional medicine.
- Child nutrition rates and reduction in diet-related illness.
- Maternal health outcomes.
- Traditional healers actively practicing and teaching.

CHAPTER 12

Pillar III — Food & Water Sovereignty

Calling back the agricultural genius of the Andes — and securing clean water for all. Water first, always.

Purpose

For centuries the Quechua people built agricultural systems that fed civilizations. This pillar calls that genius back into full expression and secures clean water for every community — beginning, always, with water, because nothing grows and no one is healthy without it.

Water sovereignty

Spring protection, rainwater harvesting, cisterns, and passive water-capture landscaping secure clean water on every site and in every community. Alongside these, the ancient practice of the *amunas* is revived — the pre-Inca channels that “sow” rainwater into the mountain in the wet season so the springs run stronger in the dry one, the practice known as *Siembra y Cosecha de Agua*. Water-governance support helps each community steward its own water well.

Food sovereignty

Expanded food production is designed on permaculture principles. The ancestral *andenes* — the agricultural terraces engineered into the hillsides — are restored. A community seed library gathers, catalogs, and shares the native genetic heritage of the valley. Passive-solar greenhouses, at family and community scale, extend the growing season against the cold; *waru waru* raised beds buffer crops against frost. A demonstration farm, led by respected local *campesino* families, anchors the learning.

Woven with reforestation

Food and water are inseparable from the trees that hold the soil and feed the springs, so this pillar works hand in hand with the reforestation operations of Chapter 19 — native trees set into productive landscapes as windbreaks, shade, and the deep roots that sustain the water.

What gets built

Water systems on every site, before any other major construction. The demonstration farm beside the campus. Greenhouses, seed-library facilities, restored terraces, and *amunas* restoration works across the communities.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Food and Water guides the pillar, with permaculture advisors and masters, the local *campesino* families who lead the demonstration farm, and community water stewards. Partners include permaculture and agricultural organizations, university partners, and the regional water authorities.

Sequencing and milestones

- Water systems are installed first on every site — the iron rule of the build sequence.
- The demonstration farm is established in the second year.
- Amunas mapping and restoration begin in the second year.
- The greenhouse and seed-library programs scale across the communities.
- By the close of the phased plan, communities show measurable improvement in dry-season water and reduced dependence on food brought in from outside.

Indicators of success

- Clean-water access across the twelve communities.
- Dry-season spring flow, measured against a baseline.
- Households with functioning, sustainable food production.
- Greenhouses and seed libraries active.
- Terraces and amunas restored.

Pillar IV — Cultural Regeneration

Culture as a living river that must flow — language, music, ceremony, and the wisdom of elders, carried forward.

Purpose

Culture is not a museum exhibit; it is a living river, and rivers must flow. This pillar keeps the river moving — reviving the Quechua language, the traditional music, dance, and textiles, the ceremonial life, and above all the wisdom of the elders, transmitted to the young before it is lost.

Programs and protocols

Quechua revival — immersion in the school, intergenerational transmission in the community, and active daily use, which is the single most important measure of this pillar's success.

The arts — traditional music, dance, and weaving, taught by master practitioners as the living arts they are.

Ceremony — support for the community's own ceremonial life: *despachos*, seasonal festivals, and the rhythms of the Andean year, always community-led and never staged for outside eyes.

The cultural archive — a community-owned record of language, song, and ceremony, protected by the community's own protocols and built with the technology pillar (Chapter 21).

Elder transmission — structured ways for elders to teach what they carry, in close partnership with the elder care pillar (Chapter 15).

What gets built

Cultural and gathering spaces within the Písaq campus and the mountain-community centers, and the community-held infrastructure of the archive.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Culture and Community works with master weavers, musicians, dancers, Quechua speakers, and ceremonial leaders — engaged and compensated as teachers and authorities. Partners may include cultural organizations, the Academia Mayor de la Lengua Quechua, and respectful, community-governed work with linguists and ethnomusicologists.

Sequencing and milestones

- Quechua immersion is integrated across the school in the second year.
- Arts programs run across the pillars from the foundation year onward.
- The cultural archive is begun, governed by community protocols.

- By the close of the phased plan, daily Quechua use among children has measurably increased.

Indicators of success

- Children speaking Quechua in daily life.
- Traditional ceremonies actively practiced.
- Participation in the arts programs.
- The growth and use of the community archive.
- Regular intergenerational transmission.

CHAPTER 14

Pillar V — Youth Empowerment

Giving the young a reason and a way to stay — vocations rooted in the valley.

Purpose

The sharpest pressure on these communities is the loss of their young — drawn to the cities for want of a future at home. This pillar answers that pressure directly: it builds real, dignified vocations rooted in the valley, so that staying is not a sacrifice but an opportunity. Its engine is the Skills Training Academy, introduced under Education (Chapter 10) and carried here into its full purpose — the making of capable, rooted young leaders.

Programs and protocols

The six vocational tracks. Regenerative agriculture and permaculture; natural healing and plant medicine; natural building and construction; cultural education and Quechua transmission; regenerative tourism and bilingual guiding; and community leadership and communications. Each track leads to genuine livelihood within the Allin Kawsay ecosystem or the wider valley economy.

Learning by doing. The Academy is built on apprenticeship. Young people learn alongside the pillars themselves — raising the campus with the builders, tending the gardens of the pharmacy, guiding visitors, teaching the younger children — and earn as they learn. The valley is the classroom.

Voice and leadership. Youth hold seats on the Community Steering Council (Chapter 2) and lead their own initiatives. The pillar does not prepare the young to be served; it prepares them to serve and to lead.

What gets built

The Skills Training Academy as a distinct building on the Písaq campus (Chapter 10; Part Four), with workshop and practice spaces tied to the tracks — a building space, a teaching kitchen and medicine garden, a guiding and communications studio.

People and partners

The Program Lead for Education and Youth guides the Academy, with master builders, healers, farmers, weavers, and guides serving as track mentors — the knowledge-keepers teaching their crafts directly. Partners include vocational-certification bodies and regenerative-tourism and trade organizations.

Sequencing and milestones

- The Academy launches its first cohort in the second year, as its building rises.
- Apprenticeships are embedded across every pillar from the start.
- The first full cohort graduates by the close of the phased plan.
- Graduates become the seed of the Expansion (Chapter 18), carrying the model outward.

Indicators of success

- Youth retention — the share of young people choosing to stay in the valley.
- Academy enrollment and completion across the six tracks.
- Graduates earning a livelihood across the pillars.
- Young people active in leadership and on the Council.

CHAPTER 15

Pillar VI — Elder Care

No elder forgotten — cared for daily, and honored as a living library.

Purpose

A community that does not care for its elders has forgotten who it is. This pillar holds two inseparable commitments: that no elder goes without care, and that every elder is honored as a living library — sought out, listened to, and given the dignity of teaching what they carry. The seed of it already exists in the daily hot meal carried to an elderly woman living alone in Paru Paru; this pillar grows that quiet act into a network that reaches the whole valley.

Programs and protocols

The daily care network. Meals, regular check-ins, health support in partnership with Sumaq Kawsay (Chapter 11), and simple companionship — reaching the most vulnerable and isolated elders across Písaq and the twelve mountain communities.

Elders as living libraries. Elders are formally engaged and compensated as teachers — in the school, the Skills Academy, the healing center, and the cultural work. Their knowledge of plants, land, language, ceremony, and craft is transmitted to the young before it is lost. Care and transmission are one movement: to honor an elder is both to feed them and to learn from them.

What gets built

Elder gathering and care spaces within the community centers, though much of this pillar is relational and mobile rather than housed in a single building — it travels to where the elders are.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Elder Care works with paid local caregivers and with the elders themselves as teachers, in close collaboration with the health and culture pillars. The work is woven into the fabric of the community rather than delivered from outside it.

Sequencing and milestones

- The Paru Paru pilot is documented as a replicable model and expanded in Písaq early.
- The care network is formalized community by community across the phases.
- Elders are engaged as teachers across the school, the Academy, and the healing center.
- By the close of the phased plan, no elder in Písaq or the twelve communities is isolated or without care.

Indicators of success

- Elders receiving regular daily care.
- Elders active as teachers and knowledge-keepers.
- Reach of the care network across the twelve communities.

CHAPTER 16

Pillar VII — Community Economy

Building the quality of life money is meant to buy — directly, and held within the community.

Purpose

This pillar reframes the economic question. Rather than asking how to generate more money, it asks how to build directly the quality of life that money is supposed to provide — food, health, skills, and sovereignty — and how to keep the value of the community's work within the community itself. It is the economic floor beneath every other pillar.

Programs and protocols

Cooperatives. Collectively managed enterprises — weaving, agriculture, artisan goods, and the reuse and recycling cooperatives (Chapter 20) — in which members share both the work and the returns.

Social enterprise. Revenue-generating work that also builds dignity: organic produce, artisan goods, natural-medicine preparations, and certified educational and experiential programs for visiting students. These streams feed the project's long-term sustainability (Part Seven).

Fair markets. Direct, fair-trade channels — strengthened by the technology pillar (Chapter 21) — that connect the valley's weavers and growers to wider markets without surrendering control of their work or their prices.

Local livelihoods throughout. The whole method pays local labor, engages knowledge-keepers, and keeps economic benefit in the valley — so the building of Allin Kawsay is itself a local economy.

What gets built

Cooperative workspaces, simple processing and market infrastructure, woven into the campus and the community centers rather than concentrated in one place.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Community Economy works with cooperative members and with fair-trade and market partners. The allied ecosystem contributes here too: The Mountain Sanctuary's structured contribution and the broader funding model are detailed in Part Six and Part Seven.

Sequencing and milestones

- Cooperatives are formed and become active across the phases.
- Social enterprises launch and their revenue streams mature over time (Part Seven).
- Fair-market channels are established for weavers and growers.
- By the close of the phased plan, a diversified local economy is measurably reducing dependence on outside income.

Indicators of success

- Cooperatives active and sustaining their members.
- Local livelihoods created and held within the valley.
- The share of operating costs covered by enterprise revenue, rising over time.
- Value retained locally rather than flowing out.

Pillar VIII — The Mountain Communities

The twelve, as a living network — reached one by one, none left behind.

Purpose

The twelve indigenous communities above Písaq hold the deepest Andean traditions and face the sharpest pressures of migration and isolation. This pillar is the promise that all twelve are reached — not as an afterthought to the work in Písaq, but as its equal. Where the other pillars describe *what* is brought, this pillar holds the commitment to bring it *everywhere*, and to weave the twelve into one living network.

Programs and protocols

Community by community. Each community is reached through the engagement method of Part Two (Chapter 8) — classes, listening, agreement, building — at its own pace and on its own terms. None is given a template; each helps shape what it receives.

All the pillars, adapted. Into each community the pillars arrive in the form that community has chosen: water systems and spring protection, a learning center, greenhouses and a seed library, elder care, reforestation, and recycling — sized and shaped to the place (Part Four, Chapter 24).

A living network. The twelve are not twelve islands. They are connected to one another and to Písaq — through shared learning, through youth who train together at the Academy, and through the revival of the traditional inter-altitude exchange relationships (*Chhаланaku* and *Yanki*) that once moved goods and kinship between communities at different heights. The weekly classes long established in Paru Paru and Pampallacta are the beachheads from which the network grows.

What gets built

Adapted infrastructure in each of the twelve communities (Chapter 24), and the connective tissue of the network — the gatherings, exchanges, and shared training that link them.

People and partners

A Program Lead for Community Coordination works with each community's own leadership and with its representatives on the Council, so that the network is governed from within, not administered from Písaq.

Sequencing and milestones

- Several priority communities are engaged in the foundation year, with classes and the first building running together.
- The majority are actively engaged by the integration phase.

- All twelve are engaged by the close of the phased plan, each a living node in the network.
- Inter-altitude exchange relationships are revived and active.

Indicators of success

- The number of communities actively engaged, moving toward all twelve.
- Infrastructure and programs live in each community.
- Network connections — shared training, exchange, gatherings — active between communities.
- No community isolated or left behind.

CHAPTER 18

Pillar IX — The Expansion

Pisac as the beginning, not the end — the model carried outward by those it raised.

Purpose

Pisac is the beginning, not the end. The ninth pillar holds the longest horizon: that what takes root here becomes a living model carried outward to the hundreds of high Andean communities across the Sacred Valley and beyond. The Expansion is not an export of outside expertise — it is the natural overflow of a community that has found its own way and is ready to share it.

Programs and protocols

Youth as ambassadors. The graduates of the Skills Training Academy (Chapter 14) are the carriers of the model. Having learned the pillars by living them, they go out — invited, never imposed — to accompany other communities in finding their own version of *Allin Kawsay*, beginning the same way the work always begins: by listening.

The open-source framework. Everything *Allin Kawsay* learns is documented and made freely available — the governance structures, the engagement method, the program protocols, the building techniques, the lessons of what worked and what did not. The model is a gift, not a product. Other communities are free to take what serves them and leave the rest, adapting it to their own land and language.

Adaptation, never replication. The Expansion carries principles and method, not a blueprint to be stamped onto other places. Each community that takes up the work does so on its own terms; the one rule that travels unchanged is the method itself — listen first, community at the center.

What gets built

Less a structure than a living curriculum and network: the documented framework, the relationships between communities, and the pathways by which trained youth travel and accompany. The Expansion's infrastructure is mostly human.

People and partners

The Academy graduates lead it, supported by the Program Leads who trained them and by partnerships with aligned organizations and the global network of regenerative and indigenous-led initiatives. Over time the relationship reverses, too — other communities teaching Písaq what they discover.

Sequencing and milestones

- The framework is documented continuously as the work unfolds — the Expansion is being prepared from the very first year, not bolted on at the end.
- The first cohort of trained youth begins accompanying other communities by the close of the phased plan.
- Písaq becomes a place others come to see — a living model rather than an argument.
- The open-source framework is published and freely shared.

Indicators of success

- Trained youth actively accompanying communities beyond Písaq.
- Other communities adopting and adapting the model.
- The documented framework completed and openly available.
- Písaq recognized as a model others learn from.

CHAPTER 19

Cross-Cutting — Reforestation Operations

Returning the native trees to the mountains — woven through food, water, and the communities.

Purpose

Reforestation is not a pillar of its own but a thread woven through several — food and water (Chapter 12), the mountain communities (Chapter 17), and the cycle of return (Chapter 20). Its aim is to bring the native trees home to the mountainsides that have lost them, because in the Andes a tree is not ornament — it is infrastructure for water, soil, and life. There is a quiet gift in the Quechua word for sapling, *malki*, which also means ancestor: to plant a tree is, in the language itself, to honor those who came before and those yet to come.

Programs and protocols

Native species. The work restores the trees adapted to this altitude over millennia — *qiwña* (queñua), *qulli* (qolle), *chachakuma* (chachacomo), *quishuar*, and others — chosen for the place rather than for speed of growth.

Community nurseries. Seedlings are raised in community-run nurseries, tended in good part by the young people training in the Academy's agriculture and permaculture track (Chapter 14). The nurseries supply the planting and become small centers of learning in their own right.

Planting *Mink'as*. Trees return to the land through collective planting days held in the spirit of the *Mink'a* — families, elders, children, and visiting allies planting together, so that ecological restoration is also a cultural gathering. The work is woven with the springs and *amunas* of the water pillar and with the agroforestry of the farms, where native trees serve as windbreaks, shade, and the deep roots that hold the soil and feed the water.

What gets built

Community tree nurseries; restored tree cover across the watersheds above the communities; and agroforestry plantings within the productive farmland (Chapter 12).

People and partners

Guided within the Food and Water pillar and the Community Coordination role, with the elders who remember where the forests once stood, the Academy's youth, and partners in reforestation and watershed restoration.

Sequencing and milestones

- Foundational reforestation work begins in each community from the start, not deferred to later phases.
- Community nurseries are established and supplying seedlings by the second year.
- Planting *Mink'as* become a regular part of the seasonal rhythm.
- By the close of the phased plan, native tree cover across the engaged watersheds is visibly and measurably increased.

Indicators of success

- Seedlings raised and successfully established each year.
- Measurable increase in native canopy across the watersheds.
- Spring flow strengthened by restored vegetation (with the water pillar).
- A generation of youth who understand themselves as stewards of the living land.

Cross-Cutting — Recycling & Zero Waste

Cerrando el Círculo — closing the circle, in the spirit of Ayni with Pachamama.

Purpose

The Andean world has always understood that nothing truly disappears — that what is received must be returned. This cross-cutting work, *Cerrando el Círculo*, brings that understanding to the handling of waste: not a technical recycling program imposed from outside, but an expression of *Ayni* with the Pachamama. What we receive, we return; what we use, we honor. Písaq does not yet have a waste system worthy of the values this community holds, and this work answers that gap with something practical, dignified, and rooted in the culture itself.

Programs and protocols

Begin with knowledge, not infrastructure. The work starts in the school and in community life — recycling and zero waste woven into the Yachay Wasicha curriculum and carried through multilingual conversation in Quechua and Spanish — so that the change is understood and chosen, not merely equipped. A system without cultural roots falls into disuse; one grown from understanding lasts.

Separation, collection, and composting. Beginning with pilots in Písaq and expanding to the twelve communities, a community-scale system separates organics, recyclables, and residual waste. Organic matter returns to the soil through composting, feeding the gardens and farms of the food pillar; collection routes are run by trained local teams, paid fairly for essential care of the shared home.

From waste to resource. What cannot be reduced is transformed. Reuse and revalorization workshops turn discarded materials into objects of use and beauty, and the resulting cooperatives (Chapter 16) make this a source of dignified livelihood rather than a cost — the circular economy made tangible, and the repair of things honored alongside their making.

What gets built

A pilot sorting and composting center near the Písaq campus, built with natural materials and community labor; separation infrastructure in neighborhoods, the market, and the community centers; and reuse workshops tied to the cooperatives.

People and partners

Guided by a dedicated Recycling subcommittee of the Community Steering Council (Chapter 2), with the collection and artisan cooperatives, the school, and the food and water pillar. Students of the Skills Academy are trained as practitioners and educators of the work.

Sequencing and milestones

- A baseline waste audit and the recycling curriculum begin in the foundation year, with the subcommittee convened and pilot separation bins introduced.
- The pilot sorting-and-composting center and the community separation system launch in the second year.
- Composting feeds the demonstration farm and community gardens; the first reuse cooperative opens.
- By the close of the phased plan, a self-sustaining, valley-wide culture of zero waste grown from within.

Indicators of success

- Organic waste composted and returned to the soil.
- Waste diverted from open dumping — less visible plastic and refuse in public spaces and roadsides.
- Reuse cooperatives generating income.
- Zero-waste understanding carried by children and households alike.

CHAPTER 21

Cross-Cutting — Technology & Digital Sovereignty

Technology on the community's own terms — held, not imposed; woven through all nine pillars.

Purpose

Technology enters the Sacred Valley on the community's terms — a tool the people hold and govern, never a force that reshapes them. It carries the same sovereignty already claimed over food, water, and health into the digital domain, and it is woven through all nine pillars rather than standing apart as a tenth. The question is never “what can the technology do,” but “what does the community choose for it to do.”

Programs and protocols

A community-owned cultural archive. A protected record of language, song, ceremony, and elder knowledge — held by the community under its own protocols, serving the cultural pillar (Chapter 13) and elder transmission (Chapter 15). The community decides what is recorded, what is shared, and what remains private.

Telehealth. Reaching families hours from the nearest road, extending the care of Sumaq Kawsay (Chapter 11) into the mountain communities without requiring the long journey down.

Fair, direct markets. Digital tools that connect the valley's weavers and growers to wider markets while keeping control of their work and prices in their own hands (with the community economy, Chapter 16).

Quechua language tools. Resources that carry the classroom into the home and strengthen the daily life of the language (with the education and culture pillars).

Guiding principle

Every tool is adopted only where it serves the community's own goals, governed by the community, and designed so that it strengthens rather than replaces the relationships and knowledge already alive in the valley. Technology is held lightly and chosen deliberately — in service of the vision, never the other way around.

What gets built

The community-held archive infrastructure; connectivity and telehealth links to the mountain communities; and the digital tools for markets and language — each modest, appropriate, and owned locally.

People and partners

Stewarded across the pillars rather than by a separate department, with the communications role, the relevant Program Leads, and carefully chosen technical partners who understand that the community, not the technology, is in charge. The Skills Academy's communications track grows local capacity to hold these tools over time.

Sequencing and milestones

- The cultural archive begins under community protocols alongside the culture pillar.
- Telehealth and connectivity reach the mountain communities as the health pillar extends.
- Market and language tools develop with the community economy and education pillars.
- By the close of the phased plan, the community holds and governs its own digital tools, with local capacity to sustain them.

Indicators of success

- A living, community-governed cultural archive.
- Telehealth reaching families far from the road.
- Weavers and growers reaching fair markets directly.
- Local capacity to steward the tools, held within the valley.

PART FOUR

Construction & Infrastructure

The pillars of Part Three describe what Allin Kawsay does; this Part describes what it builds, and how. The buildings of Allin Kawsay are not neutral containers for the work — they are part of the work, expressions of the same values in stone, earth, and timber. A school built by the community in natural materials, oriented to the sun and the mountains, teaches something before a single class begins. This Part sets out the principles that govern every structure, the campus at Písaq, the infrastructure across the twelve communities, and how the building is managed.

CHAPTER 22

Building Principles

How Allin Kawsay builds — the rules that govern every structure before any site.

Water first, always

On every site and in every community, water systems are secured before any other major construction begins — spring protection, rainwater harvesting, cisterns, and passive water-capture landscaping. This is the first and least negotiable rule of the build sequence. Nothing grows, heals, or lasts without water, and so water comes first, every time.

Natural building

Allin Kawsay builds with local, natural materials — adobe and rammed earth, stone, timber, and thatch — chosen because they are healthy to live in, gentle on the land, repairable by the community that raised them, and suited to the climate of the high Andes. These are not nostalgic choices; they are practical ones, with low embodied energy and long life, and they keep the means of building and repair within the community's own reach.

Andean architecture and Chakana geometry

The forms are rooted in Andean tradition. Buildings are oriented to the sun, the mountains, and the flow of water, and the geometry of the *Chakana* — the Andean cross — organizes the layout of the campus and its key spaces. The aim is architecture that *belongs* to the Sacred Valley: that rises from the place rather than being imposed upon it, and that a child of Písaq recognizes instinctively as their own.

Community-built

The community raises its own buildings, with paid local labor and in partnership with natural-building masters (Chapter 9, Chapter 25). Traditional building knowledge is honored alongside professional expertise, the skills stay in the valley, and the sense of ownership is built into the walls by the hands that made them.

Appropriate scale and ecological integration

Buildings are sized to genuine need and grown in modules as the work requires — there is no grandiosity here. And each structure is part of the regenerative system around it: rainwater capture, passive solar warmth, gardens, and composting are designed in from the start, so the buildings of Allin Kawsay are woven into the food, water, and recycling pillars rather than set apart from them.

CHAPTER 23

The Pisaq Campus

The integrated home of the school, the academy, and the healing center.

An integrated campus

The Pisaq land — held in the name of the Amistad Sagrada NGO (Chapter 6) — becomes the integrated home of three of the pillars: Yachay Wasicha, the Skills Training Academy, and the Sumaq Kawsay healing center, gathered on one campus so they feed one another. The school feeds the healing center; the healing center serves the elders; the elders teach in the school. The campus is designed so that these relationships are physical, not just conceptual.

Site plan principles

Water systems are installed first. The layout is organized on the geometry of the *Chakana* and oriented to sun, mountains, and water, with a communal heart at the center and clear, natural flow between the school, the academy, and the healing center. Gardens — including the medicinal and sacred plant gardens of the pharmacy — are woven through the campus rather than set at its edges.

What the campus holds

- **Yachay Wasicha:** classrooms, a library, a dining hall, gardens, and communal spaces, built to grow from nursery through secondary.
- **The Skills Training Academy:** a distinct building with workshop and practice spaces tied to the six vocational tracks — a building workshop, a teaching kitchen and medicine garden, a guiding and communications studio.
- **Sumaq Kawsay:** dedicated healing spaces, the Natural Medicine Pharmacy, sacred and medicinal plant gardens, a community kitchen, and teaching rooms.

Build sequence

Land secured and water systems installed first; then the Yachay Wasicha campus and the Skills Academy rise; the Sumaq Kawsay center is built alongside. The detailed phasing sits in Part Five. Throughout, the building is done by community labor in natural materials, following the principles of Chapter 22.

CHAPTER 24

Mountain-Community Infrastructure

Built for each community, on its own terms — never from a template.

Adapted, never templated

There is no single design dropped onto the mountain communities. Each community's infrastructure is shaped to its own altitude, conditions, and chosen priorities, agreed through the Community Steering Council and the community assembly (Chapter 8, Chapter 17). What is consistent is the method and the principles; what varies is everything else.

What may be built in a community

Depending on what each community asks for, the work may include:

- Water systems — spring protection, cisterns, rainwater harvesting, and the restoration of *amunas*.
- A community learning center, where weekly classes and gatherings are held.
- Passive-solar greenhouses and gardens, and a seed-library space.
- Workshop and gathering spaces, and spaces for elder care.
- Reforestation nurseries and recycling and composting infrastructure.

How it is built

With community labor, in local natural materials, sized to the place and the altitude, following the same principles as the Písaq campus. Construction begins alongside the weekly classes in each community — the simultaneous classes-and-build model of Chapter 8 — starting with priority communities and reaching all twelve across the phases.

CHAPTER 25

Construction Management

How the building work is run across many sites — labor, materials, sequence, and care.

Oversight

Professional builders and natural-building masters on the core team guide the work alongside local labor crews; the Project Manager coordinates across all sites; and the scope of every project is approved through the Community Steering Council before it begins. Authority and craft meet community ownership at every step.

Sequence and dependencies

Water comes first on every site. Beyond that, the building is phased deliberately across the many sites — the Písaq campus and the twelve communities — so that crews, materials, and funds are never overstretched. The detailed order sits in Part Five; the discipline here is simply that the work advances at a pace it can sustain well, rather than spreading itself thin.

Labor and training

Crews are local and paid fairly. Training is built into the building itself: the natural-building track of the Skills Academy (Chapter 14) learns on real projects, and knowledge-keepers of traditional technique teach as the work proceeds. Every structure raised is also a classroom.

Materials

Materials are local, natural, and sustainably sourced, chosen to minimize transport and impact, with reuse and salvage favored wherever sound — a direct link to the recycling work of Chapter 20. The land provides much of what the building needs.

Quality, safety, and stewardship

The work holds to sound standards of durability and the safety of its crews, and construction costs are managed within the phase budgets (Part Seven), documented transparently, with contingency held for the unforeseen. Buildings are raised to last for generations and to be cared for by the community that will use them — built well, once, and maintained with the same hands.

PART FIVE

The Four Phases: Implementation Timeline

Everything in this manual so far describes the parts of the work. This Part puts them in order. It lays out the four phases of implementation as a practical sequence — what is done first, what follows, and what each stage must deliver before the next begins. Where the Vision Document tells the story of the journey, this Part is the working timeline beneath it.

A note on timing. The phases follow rolling twelve-month cycles measured from the date of initial funding, not fixed calendar years. “Year One” means the first twelve months of funded work, whenever that begins; the later years carry the horizon markers used in the Vision Document, with 2030 as the flowering. The dates will settle as funding and the team come into focus; the *order* set out here does not change.

CHAPTER 26

Phase I — Year One: Foundation

Laying the foundation — and, at the same time, beginning the work.

Everything that follows depends on what is set in the foundation year. But this is not a year of planning before action: in the expanded model, the physical work begins simultaneously with the preparation. By the year's end, the legal structure is complete, the professional team is gathered and active, governance is seated across the twelve communities, media and fundraising are operating, the land down payment is made and acquisition is underway — and construction has already begun.

Legal and governance

- Complete the NGO registration and the legal and governance framework (Chapter 1, Chapter 5).
- Seat the Community Steering Council across the twelve communities, and establish the Board (Chapters 2–3).
- Begin IPEBA and Ministry of Health consultations; verify permits, zoning, and land-use status.

Team and partnerships

- Hire the Project Manager and the U.S.-based Fundraiser first, then the Program Leads and core team (Chapter 4).
- Engage advisors and formally engage the traditional knowledge-keepers.
- Deepen structured consultation with all twelve communities.

Land and the first construction

- Make the Písaq land down payment and begin due diligence and acquisition (Chapter 6).
- Execute land-use agreements with the priority mountain communities.

- Begin weekly children's classes in priority communities, and begin the first infrastructure construction alongside them — the simultaneous classes-and-build model (Chapter 8).
- Foundational elder care, reforestation, recycling, and water work begins in each engaged community from day one.

Programs and communications

- Yachay Wasicha continues daily, with new teachers added; existing mountain classes continue without interruption.
- The elder-care pilot is documented and expanded; the recycling foundation is laid (baseline audit, curriculum, subcommittee, pilot bins).
- Launch the website, media, and video; launch the capital campaign in full; distribute the Vision Document and this Manual.

Threshold to Year Two

The foundation year is complete when the legal structure stands, the team is active, governance is seated, funding is flowing, the land is secured (down payment made and acquisition underway), and the first construction has begun. These are the conditions the building year depends on.

CHAPTER 27

Phase II — Year Two: Building

Foundations become structures; plans become places. Water first, always.

The building year is when Allin Kawsay becomes physically, visibly real — at scale, across the twelve communities, in Písaq, and in every pillar. With the team in place, the legal ground solid, and a full year of classes and relationships behind it, the building year deploys its capital across construction, the launch of programs, and the full reach into the communities.

Land and construction

- Complete the Písaq land acquisition — balance paid, title transferred to the NGO.
- Install water systems on every Písaq site before any other major construction.
- Build the Yachay Wasicha campus and the Skills Training Academy; build the Sumaq Kawsay center; establish the demonstration farm (Chapters 23–24).
- Complete or substantially advance infrastructure across the twelve communities, each adapted to its agreed priorities.

Programs launch

- Yachay Wasicha begins formal IPEBA accreditation; Quechua immersion is fully integrated.

- Sumaq Kawsay opens; the Natural Medicine Pharmacy becomes operational; the nutritional revitalization program launches.
- Elder care expands and formalizes; the seed library is established; amunas mapping begins; the terrace-restoration pilot launches.
- Reforestation nurseries are established and the first planting Mink'as held; the recycling system launches (sorting and composting center, community separation, first reuse cooperative).

Threshold to Phase III

The building year is complete when the campuses are built, the programs are launched, infrastructure has reached the twelve communities, and the school and healing center are operating. The work is now physically present everywhere it is meant to be; what remains is to weave it together.

CHAPTER 28

Phase III — Integration

All pillars active — the ecosystem begins to breathe as one living whole.

In the third year the focus shifts from building the individual elements to weaving them into a coherent, mutually reinforcing whole. The school feeds the healing center; the healing center serves the elders; the elders teach in the school; the farms feed them all. The ecosystem begins to breathe as one.

Milestones of integration

- Yachay Wasicha fully accredited as nursery and primary, operating on its permanent campus.
- Sumaq Kawsay open and serving the community daily; the Skills Academy fully operational with its first cohort across all tracks.
- The majority of the twelve communities actively engaged across the pillars.
- Community food production measurably reducing dependence on outside supply; the elder-care network reaching Písaq and a growing number of communities.
- Daily Quechua use among children measurably rising; amunas restoration producing measurable dry-season water gains.
- Native reforestation expanding measurably — nurseries supplying thousands of seedlings, canopy visibly rising; the zero-waste system fully integrated valley-wide.
- Allin Kawsay drawing international attention — researchers, journalists, and aligned organizations visiting and documenting the model.

Threshold to Phase IV

Integration is complete when the pillars are no longer separate projects but a single self-reinforcing system, and when the model is documented and demonstrable enough to be shared. The work is ready to flower, and to begin overflowing outward.

CHAPTER 29

Phase IV — Flowering

The vision becomes a living, self-sustaining reality — and begins to ripple outward. By 2030.

The flowering is the horizon the whole arc bends toward: by 2030, Allin Kawsay is not a vision document but a living reality — self-sustaining, recognized, and beginning to carry its model beyond the valley. The picture of the flowering is concrete.

The 2030 picture

- The nine pillars fully functioning and financially sustainable.
- Yachay Wasicha accredited from nursery through secondary, with Quechua spoken with pride throughout; Sumaq Kawsay an established regional center of Andean natural healing.
- The Skills Academy has graduated its first full cohort, with youth working across the pillars.
- All twelve mountain communities actively connected — each engaged, supported, and contributing to the whole.
- The first cohort of trained youth deployed as ambassadors, beginning the Expansion into the wider Sacred Valley.
- Water sovereignty secured across the communities; native reforestation visibly transforming the watersheds, with a new generation who understand themselves as stewards of the living land.
- A comprehensive elder-care network — no elder in Písaq or the twelve communities isolated or without care.
- A self-sustaining zero-waste culture; Písaq formally recognized as a model regenerative indigenous community.
- The open-source Allin Kawsay framework documented, published, and freely available to communities everywhere.

The flowering is not an ending but a threshold. A community that has remembered how to care for its own — its children, its elders, its language, its land — becomes, simply by existing, an invitation to every other community that has been told such a thing is no longer possible.

Critical Path & Dependencies

The spine of orderings that governs the whole sequence.

The phases are not independent, and not everything can happen at once. Beneath the timeline runs a critical path — a spine of dependencies in which certain things must be true before others can begin. Understanding it is what keeps the work from stalling or building on unready ground.

The non-negotiable orderings

Five orderings hold across the entire project and are never reversed:

- **Relationship before building** — in every community, the trust-first sequence (classes, listening, agreement) precedes any construction.
- **Water before walls** — on every site, water systems are installed before any other major construction.
- **Legal standing before title and accreditation** — NGO registration precedes land title, school accreditation, and formal partnerships.
- **Funding before deployment** — the capital campaign, begun in the foundation year, must flow before land, team, and building can scale.
- **Foundation before scale** — the professional team and seated governance must be in place before the work expands across the twelve communities.

How the path is managed

The Project Manager holds the critical path, and the Community Steering Council approves the scope of each step. The path is managed adaptively: if one stream is delayed — a funding tranche, a permit, a season of weather — the streams that depend on it wait, while independent streams continue, so the whole is never held hostage to a single delay. Contingency and flexibility are built in deliberately, and the honest management of what can go wrong is the subject of Part Nine.

PART SIX

Partnerships & External Relations

The work does not stand alone. It lives inside a web of relationships that reaches beyond the twelve communities themselves — the public institutions Allin Kawsay must operate within, the universities and organizations whose alignment can strengthen the work, and the allied ecosystem of Ancient Apus and The Mountain Sanctuary that shares its roots. This Part is how those relationships are formed, held, and protected.

A partnership is meant to extend the work without diluting it. Every relationship here is entered deliberately and on the same principle that governs everything else: the community's interest comes first, and nothing is traded for support that would compromise community ownership or cultural integrity. The most important boundary of all — the financial and legal line between the service work and the Ancient Apus ecovillage — is set out plainly in Chapter 33, and must be honored without exception in every document, conversation, and agreement.

CHAPTER 31

Government Relations

The Municipality of Písaq, the Cusco regional government, and national ministries.

Allin Kawsay operates within Peru — its laws, its accreditation systems, and its public institutions. Government relations is not lobbying or political alignment; it is the steady, respectful work of operating in good standing, securing the permits and recognitions the work requires, and, where it serves the communities, building genuine partnership with public programs. The work speaks first; the relationships follow what the work has already shown.

The three levels of relationship

Public relationships exist at three levels, each with its own purpose and its own keeper:

- **Municipal — the Municipality of Písaq.** The closest and most constant relationship: permits, land use and zoning, local recognition, and coordination on shared concerns such as water and waste. Cultivated early and kept warm throughout.
- **Regional — the Cusco regional government.** The regional education authority (for school recognition and accreditation pathways), the regional health authority (for the healing center and natural-medicine pharmacy), and regional agricultural, water, and environmental programs that the reforestation and food-sovereignty work can align with.
- **National — the relevant ministries.** The education ministry and IPEBA for school accreditation; the health ministry for the healing center and pharmacy; the environment and water authorities where the reforestation and amunas-restoration work touches national programs. Engaged through the proper channels, with the legal advisor, as each pathway opens.

The posture we hold

How the work relates to government matters as much as which offices it engages. The posture is consistent: full transparency and clean documentation; no dependency on any single program or administration; never promising what is not yet funded or built; and never allowing the work to become an instrument of any political agenda. Community ownership and cultural integrity are never traded for public support. The work remains the community's, whoever is in office.

Who holds it, and when

The Project Manager holds government relations day to day, supported by the legal advisor; matters of significance go to the Board, and anything affecting a community goes to the Community Steering Council. In the foundation year, consultations begin and permits, zoning, and land-use status are verified; the accreditation and formal-recognition pathways are pursued as the work that depends on them comes into focus.

CHAPTER 32

Institutional & NGO Partnerships

Aligned organizations, universities, and impact networks.

The work is strengthened by aligned partners — but only by aligned ones. This chapter is how institutional and organizational relationships are chosen, formed, and guarded, so that each one brings something the work genuinely needs without opening a door to dependency or extraction.

The kinds of partners

- **Universities and research institutions** — for research that gives back to the community, student service that serves rather than studies, and the kind of documentation that helps the model travel.
- **Aligned NGOs and foundations** — for shared learning, referrals, joint programs, and funding that respects the work's independence.
- **Regenerative and impact networks** — the wider community of regenerative-development, indigenous-rights, and ecological-restoration work, where Allin Kawsay both learns and contributes.
- **Technical and professional allies** — the architects, permaculture designers, water engineers, and accreditation specialists whose expertise the work draws on at specific stages.

The alignment test

Before any partnership is formed, it is held against four questions. Does it serve the community? Does it respect Quechua ownership and the integrity of traditional knowledge? Does it bring something the work actually needs? And does it create dependency, exclusivity, or extraction? A partnership that fails on respect, ownership, or extraction is declined, however generous the offer — the cost is always higher than it appears.

How a partnership is formed

Institutional partnerships follow the same trust-first sequence as entering a community: an introduction and mutual learning, then a small pilot or limited collaboration, and only then a formal agreement under the framework in Chapter 34. Scope follows trust; nothing large is built on an untested relationship.

Guarding against extraction

Research and student engagement carry a particular risk — that a community becomes a subject to be studied rather than a partner to be served. The work guards against it deliberately: research gives its findings back, in the community's own language; students come to serve, under the same protocols as any visitor; and traditional knowledge and any shared intellectual property are protected by the agreement before the work begins. The community is never a specimen.

CHAPTER 33

The Allied Ecosystem

Ancient Apus and The Mountain Sanctuary — the contribution, the medicine, and the volunteers, with clear boundaries.

Allin Kawsay and Ancient Apus share roots, a founder, and a spirit. They arose from the same vision of *la buena vida, vivida bien juntos*, and they strengthen one another. But they are distinct — and the distinction is not a technicality. It is a financial and legal boundary that protects donors, members, and the charitable integrity of the service work, and it must be honored exactly. This chapter sets out both the connection and the boundary, plainly, so that neither is ever blurred.

Four layers, kept distinct

The allied ecosystem has four layers. Each is its own thing, with its own purpose, its own participants, and — crucially — its own relationship to money:

- **The intentional community and ecovillage.** This is the primary layer of Ancient Apus: private landowners, families, and homes on identified land in the Sacred Valley. Members

invest in *Ancient Apus* — in private landownership — not in Amistad Sagrada. Their investment is property, not donation.

- **The Mountain Sanctuary.** A healing retreat center, distinct from the ecovillage. A defined share — thirty-three percent — of its profits is contributed to Amistad Sagrada. This contribution is the financial bridge between the ecosystem and the service work, and it is one of Allin Kawsay's funding streams.
- **SanAshram and the Volunteer Village.** A spiritual and service community living on the land, distinct again from both the ecovillage and the Sanctuary. It is the source of a volunteer pipeline into Allin Kawsay's programs.
- **Amistad Sagrada and Allin Kawsay.** The service work itself, in Písaq and the twelve communities. It is connected to the layers above by resonance and by the Mountain Sanctuary's contribution — not by member investment.

What flows between them

Three concrete bridges connect the ecosystem to the service work, and only these three:

- **The contribution.** Thirty-three percent of the Mountain Sanctuary's profits flows to Amistad Sagrada once the Sanctuary is operating — a meaningful, recurring stream that grows as the Sanctuary grows.
- **The medicine and knowledge.** The healing work and the natural-medicine knowledge of the two centers can support one another — the Sacred Valley's plant wisdom and the Sumaq Kawsay center's practice reinforcing each other, within agreements that protect the community's knowledge.
- **The volunteers.** The Volunteer Village provides people who come to serve in Allin Kawsay's programs, and retreatants at the Sanctuary may take part in service work as an optional part of their stay — never as a substitute for the paid local labor the work depends on.

The boundary that must never blur

This is the single most important line in the entire ecosystem, and it is absolute: **member investment goes to Ancient Apus, never to Amistad Sagrada or Allin Kawsay.** Investing in the ecovillage is the purchase of private land and a place in a community — it is not a donation to the service work, and the two are never presented, recorded, or discussed as if they were the same thing. Only the Mountain Sanctuary's profit share crosses into Amistad Sagrada.

This boundary protects everyone. It protects donors, who must know with certainty that a gift to the service work funds the service work. It protects members, who must know exactly what they own and what they do not. And it protects the legal and charitable standing of both organizations, which depends on the line between an investment and a donation never being crossed. Whenever the ecosystem is described — in any document, to any funder, in any conversation — this distinction is made clear.

How the relationship is governed

The connections between the ecosystem and the service work are held in a formal agreement under Chapter 34 — defining the contribution, the medicine and knowledge relationship, and the volunteer pipeline, each with its own terms. The relationship is reviewed on a regular cadence and reported transparently to the communities, the Board, and funders, so that the connection stays clear and the boundary stays firm.

CHAPTER 34

Partnership Agreement Frameworks

How agreements are shaped, what they protect, and how they are honored.

Every partnership in this Part — governmental, institutional, and allied — is held in a written agreement. This chapter is the shared frame beneath all of them: what an agreement contains, what it must always protect, how it is shaped, and how it is kept alive once signed.

What every agreement contains

- The parties, and the shared purpose that brought them together.
- What each side brings, and what each side can expect.
- What the agreement protects — community ownership, cultural integrity, and traditional knowledge above all.
- The term, the review cadence, and the conditions under which it can be renegotiated.
- How it ends gracefully — an exit that leaves the community whole, never stranded.

The non-negotiable clauses

Five protections are carried into every agreement, whatever its subject, and are never waived:

- **Community ownership is never transferred** — no partnership acquires control of the work, the land, or its direction.
- **Traditional knowledge is never appropriated** — Quechua knowledge remains the community's, protected from commodification.
- **No exclusivity that creates dependency** — no agreement binds the work to a single partner in a way it cannot survive leaving.
- **Transparency to the community** — every partnership is known and understood by the people it affects.
- **A graceful exit** — every agreement can end without harming the community or the work.

How agreements are shaped and honored

Agreements are drafted with the legal advisor, reviewed by the Community Steering Council where a community is affected, and approved by the Board. Where possible, a pilot precedes the formal agreement, so that trust is tested before scope is committed. Once signed, an agreement is treated as living: reviewed on its cadence, renegotiated openly when circumstances change, and honored in spirit and not merely in letter. The relationship always matters more than the document — and the document exists to protect the relationship.

Partnerships that bring funding — the Mountain Sanctuary's contribution, foundation grants, institutional support — flow into the financial operations and stewardship described in Part Seven, where how every sol is received, held, and accounted for is set out in full.

PART SEVEN

Financial Operations & Stewardship

This Part is about money — how it enters, where it is held, who may spend it, how it is matched to the work, and how every movement of it is held to the light. Trust is the foundation of everything Allin Kawsay does, and financial integrity is where that trust is most easily kept and most easily lost. So this Part sets out the operating system beneath the work: how funds flow, how budgets are planned across the rolling phases, how the six funding streams work together, and how the books stay open to the people the work serves.

A note on figures. The confirmed capital target is six million dollars across two funded years — **\$1.5M in Year One** (the foundation-and-first-build year) and **\$4.5M in Year Two** (building at scale) — measured as rolling twelve-month cycles from the date of initial funding, not fixed calendar years. The detailed line items live in the Vision Document and the working budget; the figures are reasoned estimates that will refine as full documentation and the team come into focus. What this Part describes is the system that manages the money, and that system holds steady whatever the exact numbers settle to.

CHAPTER 35

How Funds Flow

Where money is held, who may authorize it, and how every movement is recorded.

Before a single sol is spent, there must be a clear, simple, and trustworthy path for how money enters, where it is held, who may authorize its use, and how every movement is recorded. This chapter is that path. It is deliberately plain: good financial control is not complexity but clarity that anyone can follow.

Where funds are held

All funds are held in accounts under the Amistad Sagrada NGO. Restricted funds — those a donor has designated for a specific purpose — are tracked separately from unrestricted funds, so that every designation is honored exactly. An operating reserve is held deliberately and not drawn on for ordinary expenses. The structure is kept as simple as integrity allows.

Authorization and controls

Spending authority is tied to the approved budget, and no significant sum moves on a single person's signature. The controls follow the governance structure already established:

- The Board approves the annual budget and any major or exceptional expenditure beyond it (Chapter 3).
- The Project Manager operates within the approved budget and holds day-to-day financial management (Chapter 4).

- The Community Steering Council approves the scope of anything that affects a community before funds are committed to it (Chapter 2).
- Significant payments require dual authorization, and the person who authorizes a payment is never the person who records it — duties are separated by design.
- Every expenditure is documented, with a receipt and a reason, so the books can always be followed line by line.

Money stays in the valley

Wherever the work can be done by local hands, funds reach the community directly — as paid local labor and as honored payment to knowledge-keepers (Chapter 9). The flow of money is itself part of the method: the building of Allin Kawsay is meant to be a local economy, with as much of every dollar as possible staying in the valley that earns it.

Who holds it

A bookkeeping role works under the Project Manager to record and reconcile the accounts, and an independent external accountant conducts the annual audit (Chapter 38). The roles are filled as the team is gathered; until then, the same separation-of-duties principle is held with whoever is in place.

CHAPTER 36

Budgeting & the Rolling Phase Model

Matching money to the work, in the right sequence, across rolling twelve-month cycles.

A budget is the work translated into money and sequence. This chapter is how budgets are built, approved, and managed across the rolling phase model — so that the project never spends ahead of what is funded, nor builds ahead of what is ready.

The two funded years

The capital plan covers two funded years as rolling twelve-month cycles from the date of initial funding. **Year One (\$1.5M)** carries the foundation work and the first construction: legal structure, the core team, the land down payment, sustaining the existing programs, and the first community build alongside the classes. **Year Two (\$4.5M)** carries the building at scale: completing the land acquisition, the Písaq campuses, and infrastructure across the twelve communities, with the full team active for the year. The order is governed by the critical path — funding before deployment (Chapter 30).

How a budget is built

Budgets are built from the ground up — each pillar and the construction plan estimating what its work requires — and reconciled against the funded total from the top down. The Project Manager assembles the budget, the Board approves it, and any portion affecting a community is reviewed with the Community Steering Council before it is set.

Managing within the cycle

Funds are released against milestones rather than all at once, and actual spending is reviewed against the budget each quarter. The model is managed adaptively, on the same principle as the critical path: if a funding tranche, a permit, or a season is delayed, the work that depends on it waits while independent work continues, so the whole is never held hostage to a single delay. Reallocations are made transparently and within the Board's authority.

Reserve and contingency

An operating reserve and a contingency within each phase are built in deliberately — not as afterthoughts but as part of honest planning for a project of this scale in a real landscape. The figures are reasoned estimates, and the budget is revised openly as documentation deepens and the true costs become known.

Beyond the funded years

As the two build years close, the financial work shifts from raising capital to sustaining operations on the maturing funding streams described next. The budget model carries forward — built from the work, approved by the Board, reviewed with the community — but it is increasingly fed by recurring income rather than one-time capital.

CHAPTER 37

The Hybrid Funding Model in Operation

Six streams working together, so that no single delay or downturn can stop the work.

No single source funds this work, and that is by design. The hybrid model rests the foundation on six distinct streams, so that no one donor, delay, or downturn can halt what has been built. This chapter is how the six operate and how their balance shifts as the work matures.

The six streams

- **Philanthropy and impact investment.** Major gifts and mission-aligned impact investment carry the heaviest load during the build years — the primary capital behind the \$6M two-year plan.

- **Government partnership.** Public funding pathways that open once the school and health work reach formal recognition (Chapter 31), modest at first and growing as accreditation matures.
- **International NGO co-funding.** Project-specific co-funding from aligned organizations, drawn to the work's reach into education, health, indigenous rights, and food security (Chapter 32).
- **Social enterprise revenue.** Earned income from organic produce, artisan goods, natural-medicine preparations, and educational and experiential programs — small early, maturing across the phases (Chapter 16).
- **The Mountain Sanctuary contribution.** Thirty-three percent of the Sanctuary's profits, once it is operating — recurring and growing with the Sanctuary. This profit share is the *only* flow from the Ancient Apus ecosystem into Amistad Sagrada; ecovillage member investment is never a funding stream for the service work, and the two are never conflated (Chapter 33).
- **Individual and recurring grassroots donations.** The broad base of individual giving and recurring monthly support — the most independent and values-aligned stream, cultivated continuously through the website, media, and the growing community of supporters.

How the balance shifts over time

In the early years the model leans heavily on philanthropy and impact investment, because building at scale requires capital before income exists. As the work matures, the other five streams grow to carry it: government pathways open with accreditation, social enterprise revenue compounds, the Sanctuary contribution rises, and grassroots giving deepens. By the 2030 horizon the picture is a diversified base in which sustaining operations no longer depend on large one-time capital, and no single stream is a point of failure.

Why hybrid

Funding concentration is a real risk for any project of this scale, and the hybrid model is the deliberate answer to it (Chapter 43). The U.S.-based Fundraiser and the Project Manager hold the streams in practice, and the Board oversees the balance — watching that no single source grows so dominant that its loss could end the work.

CHAPTER 38

Transparency, Reporting & Audit

Open books — for the community first, then the Board and funders.

Money managed in the open is money trusted. This chapter is how Allin Kawsay keeps its books to the light: who is told what, how often, and to what standard. The order matters — the community comes first.

To the community first

Each quarter, a plain-language summary of how resources have been used is shared with the communities — in Spanish and in Quechua, accessible to the people the work serves rather than buried in financial language (Chapter 41). The community is never the last to know how its own resources are spent. This is the heart of financial transparency, not an afterthought to it.

To the Board and funders

Regular financial reporting goes to the Board against the approved budget, with honest explanation of any variance. Restricted funds are reported against their designations, so each funder can see that a gift given for a purpose was used for that purpose. Reporting to funders follows the same standard: clear, complete, and honest about what is not yet known.

The annual audit

An independent external auditor reviews the books each year. Findings are acted on, not filed away, and open books are held as a standing principle rather than an annual event — the records are available to those with a right to see them, whenever they ask.

The standard

No surprises, no hidden lines, and honesty about what is still uncertain. Transparency here is not a compliance task but a practice of respect — and it is the deepest protection of the trust the whole work rests on. Where this Part accounts for the money, the next accounts for the impact: what the work is actually producing, and how it learns from what it finds.

PART EIGHT

Measurement, Learning & Reporting

Where Part Seven accounts for the money, this Part accounts for the meaning — what the work is actually producing in the lives it touches, and how it learns from what it finds. Measurement here is not surveillance and not box-ticking. It is the discipline of staying honest about whether the vision is becoming real, and the humility to change course when it is not.

A note on what gets measured. Allin Kawsay measures differently than many development projects. Alongside the ecological and economic indicators that any serious project tracks, it holds cultural measures — a language spoken in daily life, a ceremony practiced, an elder honored as a teacher — as equally real signs of success. Some of the most important things this work hopes to restore are hard to count, and the work refuses to value only what is easy to count. The numbers serve the story of the community's own life; they do not replace it.

CHAPTER 39

The Impact Indicators

Culturally relevant measures alongside ecological ones — the signs by which the work knows it is succeeding.

Each pillar chapter in Part Three closes with its own indicators of success. This chapter gathers them in one place, grouped for clarity, so the whole picture can be seen at once. Each indicator lives in full in its pillar chapter; here they are the dashboard of the work as a single living system.

Cultural and human signs

- Children speaking Quechua in daily life, and the language carried with pride (Chapters 10, 13).
- Traditional ceremonies actively practiced, and regular intergenerational transmission of knowledge (Chapter 13).
- Youth choosing to stay in the valley, and young people active in leadership and on the Council (Chapter 14).
- Elders receiving daily care and active as teachers and knowledge-keepers; the living community archive in use (Chapters 15, 21).

Education and youth

- Enrollment and retention at Yachay Wasicha, and accreditation milestones reached (Chapter 10).
- Skills Academy enrollment and completion across the six tracks, and graduates earning a livelihood across the pillars (Chapters 10, 14).

Health and nutrition

- Families served by the healing center; child nutrition rising and diet-related illness falling; maternal health outcomes (Chapter 11).

- Traditional healers actively practicing and teaching, with a balanced relationship to pharmaceuticals (Chapter 11).

Ecological and food-and-water

- Clean-water access across the twelve communities, and dry-season spring flow measured against baseline (Chapter 12).
- Households with functioning food production; seed libraries active; terraces and amunas restored (Chapter 12).
- Native canopy rising across the watersheds, and seedlings successfully established each year (Chapter 19).
- Organic waste composted and returned to the soil, and refuse diverted from open dumping (Chapter 20).

Economic and community

- Cooperatives sustaining their members, and value retained within the valley rather than flowing out (Chapter 16).
- The share of operating costs covered by enterprise revenue, rising over time (Chapter 16).
- Communities actively engaged, moving toward all twelve, with no community isolated or left behind (Chapter 17).

Expansion and the model

- Trained youth accompanying communities beyond Písaq, and others adopting and adapting the model (Chapter 18).
- The open-source framework completed and freely available, and Písaq recognized as a model others learn from (Chapter 18).

Baselines first

Every indicator is meaningful only against a baseline taken before the work begins. The first measurement in any community is the starting picture, not a score — so that change is measured against where each community actually began, and progress is never claimed where the ground was already there.

CHAPTER 40

Data Gathering & Cadence

What is gathered, how, and how often — with the community, never on it.

An indicator is only as good as the honest, respectful gathering behind it. This chapter is how the data is collected: by whom, by what means, and on what rhythm — in a way that serves the community rather than extracting from it.

Gathered with the community, not on it

Wherever possible, community members are trained to gather their own data, so that measurement is something the community does rather than something done to it. The same trust-first, consent-based posture that governs entering a community governs gathering its data (Chapters 9, 32): a community is a partner in understanding its own progress, never a subject to be studied.

What is gathered

- The baseline first — the starting picture, before the work begins.
- The indicators of Chapter 39, tracked over time.
- Qualitative alongside quantitative — testimony, observation, photographs with consent, and the community's own account of what has changed.

The numbers and the stories are gathered together, because each without the other tells a partial truth: a figure with no story has no meaning, and a story with no figure cannot be weighed.

The cadence

Gathering happens on three rhythms: continuous light-touch observation in the daily work; a regular gathering aligned to the reporting cycle (Chapters 38, 41); and a fuller annual review. Baselines are taken as each community is entered — by sequence and trigger, not by fixed date, since communities are engaged as relationships and readiness allow.

Who holds it, and how it is protected

A monitoring role works under the Project Manager to hold the data and the rhythm. Community data belongs to the community; anything shared outward — in reports, research, or the open-source framework — carries the community's consent, under the protections of the partnership agreements (Chapter 34).

CHAPTER 41

Reporting to Community, Board & Funders

Closing the loop — what is learned, reported back to those it belongs to.

Measurement that no one sees changes nothing. This chapter is how what is learned is reported back — to the community first, then the Board and funders — completing the loop of transparency opened in Chapter 38.

To the community first, in their languages

Regular reports go to the communities in Spanish and in Quechua, in plain language and, where it serves better, in spoken or visual form. The people the work serves see what their own work is producing — the progress is reported *back to them*, not merely *about them* to distant audiences. This is the same community-first principle that governs the financial summaries.

To the Board

The Board receives regular reporting on progress against the indicators and the phase plan, paired with the financial reporting of Chapter 38, so that governance sees impact and money together as one picture and can steward the whole.

To funders

Funders receive honest reporting against what was promised, including the outcomes tied to restricted grants. The reporting is clear about both what has been achieved and what has not yet been reached — because a partnership built on real progress is stronger than one built on a flattering picture.

The standard

The reporting standard is the same as the financial one: no inflation, no vanity metrics, and honesty about shortfalls. A report that only ever shows success is neither trusted nor true. The willingness to name what is not working is what makes the report worth reading — and what makes the work worth supporting.

CHAPTER 42

Adaptive Learning Loops

How the work listens to its own results and adjusts — staying alive rather than locked to a plan.

The purpose of measuring is to learn, and the purpose of learning is to adjust. This chapter is how the data actually changes what the work does — the loop that keeps the project honest and alive, rather than bound to a plan that the ground has since outgrown.

The loop

On each cycle the work moves through a simple loop: gather, reflect, adjust, act. The indicators and the community's own feedback are reviewed together; what is working is strengthened, and what is not is changed. The plan serves the work — never the reverse.

Who reflects

The team reviews progress against the indicators; the Community Steering Council brings the community's read of what is actually true on the ground; and the Board holds the longer arc. This is the same adaptive management that governs the critical path (Chapter 30) and the budget cycle (Chapter 36), now applied to the whole of the work.

Adapting without drifting

The willingness to change methods is held firmly alongside fidelity to the principles. The operating principles and the non-negotiable orderings do not bend; the means of honoring them do. This distinction is what lets the work adapt freely to circumstance without ever drifting from its purpose — flexible in method, immovable in heart.

Learning shared outward

What the work learns does not stay inside it. The lessons feed the open-source framework (Chapter 18), so that the whole project is itself a learning model offered to other communities — its failures as instructive as its successes. And the most honest form of learning, the clear-eyed accounting of what could go wrong and how the work holds when it does, is the subject of the final Part.

PART NINE

Risk Management

A vision document describes the work as it is meant to unfold. An operational manual must also reckon honestly with what could go wrong. This final Part is that reckoning — offered not to dwell on danger, but because naming a risk clearly is itself the first step in meeting it, and because the communities, the team, and every funder deserve a clear-eyed account of how the work holds when circumstances turn.

The posture here is honesty over reassurance. Every risk named is real, and each is paired with a real response. The aim is not a promise that nothing will go wrong — no honest plan can offer that — but the confidence that the work has thought ahead, built in resilience, and is designed to bend and adapt rather than break.

CHAPTER 43

The Risk Register

The principal risks the work carries — each named plainly, each already met with a response.

The register names the principal risks the work carries, each alongside the response already built to meet it. It is a living document, reviewed on a regular cadence (Chapter 44); what follows is its current shape.

Land-acquisition timing

The risk: the Písaq land acquisition takes longer than planned. *The response:* a significant down payment is already in place, experienced local legal counsel is engaged, and the Year Two timeline holds flexibility. The critical path treats land as a dependency to be secured, not an assumption to be relied on, and the relational and program work does not wait on it (Chapters 6, 30).

Regulatory and accreditation timelines

The risk: school accreditation or health-facility processes move slowly. *The response:* the IPEBA and Ministry of Health processes are begun early, guided by consultants who have successfully navigated these specific paths, and the work that depends on accreditation is sequenced to allow time for them (Chapters 5, 31).

Climate stress on water and agriculture

The risk: a changing climate strains the very water and food systems the work depends on. *The response:* the work itself is the response — spring and amunas protection, watershed and forest restoration, and climate-resilient varieties. The water-sovereignty pillar exists precisely because this risk is real (Chapters 12, 19).

Cultural commodification

The risk: attention and visitors turn living culture into performance. *The response:* programs are by, with, and for community members — never staged for outsiders — and visitor and retreatant participation is bounded deliberately, so the culture is lived rather than displayed (Chapters 9, 33).

Funding concentration

The risk: over-reliance on a single funder or source. *The response:* the deliberate hybrid model across six funding streams ensures that no single source holds an outsized share, so the loss of any one does not stop the work (Chapter 37).

Others the work watches

Beyond these, the register also holds the risks that any honest plan must name. The work depends on gathering the right professional team and, in its early life, on its founder — met by building real institutional structure (the NGO, the Council, the Board) and by documenting the work in systems like this Manual, so the vision is held by a vessel and not a single person (Chapters 1–4). There is the risk of moving too fast or imposing from outside — met by the trust-first method that governs every entry into a community (Part Two). There is administrative and political change — met by independence from any single administration and by clean legal standing (Chapter 31). And there is the sheer logistics of building in remote mountain terrain — met by infrastructure that is adapted and never templated, by local labor and knowledge, and by phased contingency (Chapters 24–25).

CHAPTER 44

Mitigation Protocols & Contingency Planning

How risk is held as an ongoing discipline — and what holds when a core assumption fails.

A register is a snapshot; this chapter is the discipline that keeps it alive, and the logic of what holds when a core assumption fails. Where Chapter 43 names the risks and their built-in responses, this chapter is the system around them.

Holding the register

The Project Manager owns the risk register and keeps it current. It is reviewed on each cycle with the Board, and with the Community Steering Council wherever a community is affected. New risks are added as the work reveals them, and risks are retired as the phases that carried them pass — so the register always reflects the work as it actually stands, not as it stood at the start.

The contingency principles

Three principles protect the work whenever something slips. First, adaptive management: when one stream is delayed, the streams that depend on it wait while independent streams continue, so no single delay halts the whole (Chapters 30, 36). Second, reserves and phase contingency, built in deliberately rather than hoped for (Chapter 36). Third, careful sequencing, so that no irreversible step — no wall before water, no title before legal standing — is ever taken on unready ground.

What holds if a core assumption fails

Honesty means naming the harder scenarios and answering them plainly:

- **If land timing slips** — the relational and program work continues, because relationship precedes building in every community; the work loses time, not momentum.
- **If a funding stream falls short** — the hybrid model absorbs the gap, scope flexes to the funded reality, and the work slows rather than stops; nothing is built that cannot be sustained.
- **If the founder or a key person steps back** — the institutional structure and the documented systems carry the work forward, because the vision was deliberately built to be held by a vessel, not a person (Chapter 1).

The deepest protection

The truest resilience is not in any single contingency but in the nature of the work itself. Because it is rooted in relationship, owned by the community, and built on what was already alive in the valley, it does not depend on perfect conditions to endure. A school the community itself runs, a language its children already speak, an elder already honored, a spring already flowing again — these are not fragile things. What is given back to a community to hold as its own is far harder to lose than what is merely delivered to it.

Closing the frame

This completes the operational frame of Allin Kawsay. What remains are the Appendices — the reusable working tools the chapters refer to throughout. Like the work it serves, this Manual is a living document, meant to be revised as the path reveals itself. It exists for one purpose: to help the vision become real, steadily and well, in the service of *la buena vida, vivida bien juntos* — the good life, lived well together.

APPENDICES

Templates & Working Tools

The chapters describe how the work is done; these appendices are the reusable tools the chapters refer to throughout — the charters, frameworks, role descriptions, templates, and reference material meant to be used, adapted, and filled in as the work unfolds. They are written as living frames rather than finished forms: each names the structure and what belongs in it, ready to receive the specifics as the team is gathered and each community is engaged. They do not invent names, figures, or dates that the work has not yet reached.

APPENDIX A

Community Steering Council — Charter & Meeting Protocol

The standing frame for the Council described in Chapter 2.

Purpose and authority

The Community Steering Council is the seat of community ownership over the work. It governs the scope of what happens in the communities, holds the work accountable to the people it serves, and ensures that Quechua leadership is central — not consulted, but governing. Its authority is set out in Chapter 2; this charter is its working frame.

Composition

The Council is composed to represent the whole community, holding seats for: elders and knowledge-keepers; parents and family representatives; youth; representatives of each engaged mountain community; and traditional authorities. The balance is held so that no single group dominates and the voices most often unheard are deliberately present.

Decision-making

Decisions are reached by consensus, guided by the Andean principles of Ayni and Mink'a. Matters reserved to the Council include: the scope of any work affecting a community; major funder commitments; and changes to how the work is carried out among the communities. Where consensus cannot be reached, the matter is held and revisited rather than forced.

Meeting protocol

- Meetings are held on a regular cycle, with the ability to convene sooner when a decision cannot wait.
- Meetings are conducted in Quechua and Spanish, so that language is never a barrier to participation.
- A quorum reflecting the represented communities is present before binding decisions are made.
- Decisions are recorded plainly and reported back to the communities, in their languages.

Terms and renewal

Members are seated through the communities they represent and serve for agreed terms with regular renewal, so that the Council stays both stable and renewed. The specific terms are set by the Council itself as it is seated.

APPENDIX B

Land-Use & Partnership Agreement Frameworks

The reusable shapes behind the agreements in Chapters 6 and 34.

B.1 — Mountain-Community Land-Use Agreement

Used where the work builds on community land. The framework protects the community's ownership absolutely; the land is never transferred. Each agreement names:

- The parties — the community (as landholder) and the NGO.
- The land — its location and boundaries, with title remaining in the community's name.
- The grant — exclusive, permanent use rights to the NGO for the agreed purpose only.
- What is built, and who maintains and ultimately holds it for the community's benefit.
- Duration, review cadence, and the conditions of renegotiation.
- A graceful exit that leaves the community whole and the land in its hands.
- Signatures and witnesses, in keeping with local custom and law.

B.2 — Partnership Agreement

Used for governmental, institutional, and allied partnerships (Chapter 34). Each agreement names the parties, the shared purpose, what each side brings and can expect, the term and review cadence, and a graceful exit — and carries, without exception, the five non-negotiable clauses:

- Community ownership is never transferred.
- Traditional knowledge is never appropriated.
- No exclusivity that creates dependency.
- Transparency to the community.
- A graceful exit that leaves the community whole.

APPENDIX C

Role Descriptions

The mandates of the roles named in Chapter 4 — described by role, since the team is not yet gathered.

These describe what each role holds, not who fills it. They are framed so that the right people can be recognized and gathered, and so that each role's responsibilities are clear from the day it is filled. All roles honor the compensation philosophy of Chapter 4 — paid local labor and honored knowledge.

Project Manager

Holds day-to-day delivery of the whole work: the critical path, the budget within Board authority, the risk register, government and operational relationships, and the coordination of the Program Leads. A local Peruvian professional with NGO and government experience (Chapter 4).

U.S.-based Fundraiser

Holds the capital campaign and the cultivation of the funding streams — major philanthropy, impact investment, grants, and the grassroots base (Chapter 37). Works closely with the Project Manager and the Board.

Program Leads

One for each pillar, holding the design, delivery, and indicators of their pillar in partnership with the community and the relevant knowledge-keepers (Part Three).

Finance / Bookkeeping

Records and reconciles the accounts under the Project Manager, holds restricted-fund tracking, and prepares the material for the annual external audit (Chapters 35, 38).

Monitoring

Holds the data and its rhythm — baselines, indicators, and the gathering done with the community (Chapter 40) — and prepares the reporting (Chapter 41).

Governance bodies

The Board (fiduciary and strategic oversight, Chapter 3), the Community Steering Council (community governance, Chapter 2 and Appendix A), and the Healers' Council (authority over healing philosophy and practice at Sumaq Kawsay, Chapter 11) each hold their described mandates.

APPENDIX D

Program & Community-Entry Protocol Templates

Reusable shapes for documenting any program and for entering any community.

D.1 — Program documentation template

Every program is documented against the same shape used in the Part Three pillar chapters, so that any new program is described completely and comparably:

- **Purpose** — what this program is for, and the need it answers.
- **Programs and protocols** — how it works in practice.
- **What gets built** — any physical infrastructure it requires.
- **People and partners** — who leads it, and who it works with.
- **Sequencing and milestones** — the order of its unfolding, by trigger rather than fixed date.
- **Indicators** — how its success is known, against a baseline.

D.2 — Community-entry protocol

The trust-first sequence from Chapter 8, used as a checklist each time a new community is engaged — never skipped, never reordered:

- Begin with the children — start weekly classes.
- Listen first — learn the community's own priorities before proposing anything.
- Build relationship and presence before infrastructure.
- Reach agreement and consent on what the work will be.
- Begin classes and the first build together — the simultaneous model.
- Employ local labor and honor knowledge-keepers throughout.
- Sustain ongoing consent — the community can always shape or pause the work.

APPENDIX E

Reporting & Impact Templates

The shapes behind the reporting in Chapters 38 and 41.

E.1 — Quarterly community summary

Plain-language, in Spanish and Quechua, shared with the communities each cycle. Contains: what was done this quarter; how resources were used, in plain terms; what is planned next; and how the community can respond or raise concerns. Written to be read aloud or shown visually where that serves better than text.

E.2 — Impact report

Organized by the indicator groups of Chapter 39, each indicator shown as baseline, current, and change — paired with the stories and observations that give the numbers meaning. Honest about what has not yet moved.

E.3 — Board and funder report

Progress against the indicators and the phase plan, set beside the financial reporting (against budget, with restricted funds shown against their designations), and a clear account of both achievements and shortfalls. The same honest standard throughout.

APPENDIX F

Construction Checklist & Sequencing Guide

The building principles of Chapter 22 and the critical path of Chapter 30, as a working checklist.

The non-negotiable orderings

Held on every site, never reversed (Chapter 30):

- Relationship before building — the community-entry sequence is complete before construction begins.
- Water before walls — water systems are installed before any other major construction.
- Legal standing before title and accreditation.
- Funding secured before deployment.

Per-site checklist

- Listen to the site — assess land, water, sun, slope, and the community's own knowledge of the place.
- Secure the agreement and consent for what will be built (Appendix B).
- Install the water system first.
- Build with natural and local materials, in the Andean idiom and the Chakana proportion where fitting.
- Build with the community — paid local labor and honored local craft.
- Integrate ecologically — the building sits within the land, not on top of it.
- Adapt, never template — every mountain-community build is shaped to its own place (Chapter 24).

APPENDIX G

Quechua Glossary

The living terms carried through this Manual and the Vision Document.

These words are not decoration. They carry concepts that the work is built on, and that often have no exact equivalent in English or Spanish. They are aligned with the glossary in the Vision Document.

Allin Kawsay — the good life, lived well; living in right relationship. The name and the heart of the whole vision.

Sumaq Kawsay — the beautiful, harmonious life; closely kin to Allin Kawsay. The name of the natural-healing center.

Yachay Wasicha — the little house of knowledge; the school (yachay, knowledge; wasi, house).

Ayni — sacred reciprocity; the principle of giving and receiving in balance, the foundation of Andean community life.

Mink'a — collective labor freely given for the common good; the communal work party.

Ayllu — the extended community and kinship group; the fundamental Andean social unit.

Apu (pl. **Apus**) — the sacred mountains and their protective spirits; the watching peaks of the valley.

Pachamama — Mother Earth; the living, sacred earth to whom the work is accountable.

amunas — the ancient Andean water-sowing channels that guide rain into the mountain to re-emerge in the springs of the dry season.

mallki — a tree or seedling, and also an ancestor; to plant a tree is to plant kin (Chapter 19).

Chakana — the Andean cross; the stepped-cross figure carrying the order and cosmology of the Andean world.

waru waru — the pre-Columbian raised-field technique that protects crops from frost and flood.

qiwna, quishuar, qulli — native high-Andean trees raised in the reforestation nurseries (Chapter 19).

paqos — Andean ritual specialists and keepers of ceremony.

This completes the Operational Manual. Like the Quechua words themselves, it is meant to be living and spoken — carried into the work, and revised as the work teaches.