

A home for living knowledge.

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Returning to Mother's Womb

A proposed women-led weaving and cultural heritage project in East Sumba. Through a consistent circle of learning, documentation and care, we want to help living knowledge pass from one generation to the next.

Begin with the women. Build the home together.

The first chapter supports compensated gatherings, skill sharing, a living archive and a children's learning book. The longer-term dream is Rumah Tenun: a home for weaving, a garden, an archive and cultural exchange.

People & purpose

Nensi brings local relationships and cultural continuity. Lindsay supports documentation, narrative and partnerships. Together, under Sumba Harmony, the project centres the women whose practice gives the work its meaning.

Care is part of the method

Compensated participation. Consent before recording or sharing. Clear attribution. Respect for knowledge that should remain within the community. Sponsorship does not confer ownership of motifs or cultural knowledge.

An invitation to build continuity.

01 / The first circle · proposed months 0–12

Support regular women's gatherings and teaching; materials and fair participation; careful recording of knowledge; and a children's colouring and learning book.

02 / Rumah Tenun · proposed years 1–3

Explore a permanent home with a studio, living archive, garden and spaces for exchange. Potential income activities could help sustain the work. Site, design and construction are not confirmed.

A partnership shaped through conversation

Partners can support teaching, documentation, children's learning, useful skills or resources, or the longer-term home. We begin by understanding shared intentions, then agree a practical scope, costs, responsibilities and a way to report progress.

The project is seeking partners. Timings are indicative and depend on local agreement, resources and funding. No funding target or confirmed building commitment is presented in this introduction.

Let's begin a conversation.

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