



I am an aspiring changemaker for Indigenous peoples. As the founder of an organization for Indigenous peoples, I want to further harness my leadership capacity that will enable me to serve my fellow Indigenous peoples more effectively.

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As the founder/executive director of the organization, it is my role to lead the organization effectively. I am responsible for its overall management. I handle resource and donor management, volunteer engagement, networking and partnerships, community mobilization, project implementation and communications among others. I also continually raise awareness about Indigenous peoples' rights and issues.

**Hagiyo is an Ifugao word that means "shout for joy".*

Indigenous peoples make up one-third of the world's poorest. Most of us are uneducated, unemployed, discriminated against and marginalized. We want to change this narrative. We envision a community where Indigenous peoples are educated and empowered, a world where our rights and cultural heritage are recognized and respected. So through Hagiyo, we hope to raise Indigenous peoples as world changers - educated, empowered and champions of culture. In the end, the change we hope to see is that Indigenous peoples are exercising their right to self-determination.

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