

# Mana Rapa Nui Wellness Center

*Hare Hakaro'a o te Koro'uru — House of Wisdom for the Elders*

Restoring dignity, health, and opportunity to elders and persons with disabilities on Rapa Nui — a replicable model of community-led development rooted in ancestral wisdom.

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**50**

homes (35 elder + 15 adapted)

**\$8.25M**

total capital cost

**1.46x**

benefit-cost ratio, 20 yr

**600+**

youth reached / year

## Rapa Nui has no aged-care home. None.

The most isolated inhabited island on Earth has zero residential beds for the elders and persons with disabilities who need integrated care. When a resident becomes too frail or medically complex for family care, the only option is evacuation to mainland Chile — a 3,700km flight from which many never return. The community calls it *te ngaro o te koro'uru*, the disappearance of the elders. We propose a different answer.

*“We are not asking for a hospital. We are asking for a house — a Rapa Nui house, where the last keepers of an endangered language can live, teach, and heal at home.”*

Erity Teave Hey — Founder & President · Vice President, Parlamento Rapa Nui

## A Village Built Around Its People

*U-shaped village concept · 1.7 hectares · Hanga Roa, Rapa Nui*

The Center is designed as a U-shaped village wrapped around a sheltered central courtyard — a layout that keeps the whole community connected and protected from the island's trade winds.

### The communal heart

At the head of the village: the Ceremonial & Dining Hall at center, the Wellness Centre alongside, and the Education building where elders pass knowledge to the young.

### Homes that face inward

Two arms of 35 elder dwellings extend from the hall, all facing the gardens and gathering plaza at the heart — so no resident is ever isolated.




### Easiest access where it matters




The 15 disability-adapted homes sit nearest the single welcoming entrance, where access is easiest and distances shortest.

### Rooted in ancestral form

Every dwelling draws its shape from the *hare paenga*, the elliptical houses of classical Rapa Nui society — ancestral architecture rebuilt for the people who carry ancestral knowledge.

## What We Are Building

-  **35 elder homes** — accessible, ageing-in-place dwellings
-  **Holistic medical center** — Western + traditional Rapa Nui healing
-  **Ceremonial & dining hall** — the social heart of the village

-  **15 adapted homes** — wheelchair-accessible, hoist-equipped
-  **Therapeutic workshops** — weaving, song, crafts, language
-  **Employment** — 45+ Rapa Nui jobs, 70% local within 5 years




## Investment & Return

Total capital cost **US\$8.25M** (US\$1,000/m<sup>2</sup> × ~5,140m<sup>2</sup>). Benefit-cost ratio **1.46x** at 5% over 20 years; net present value **~US\$15M**. By Year 5 the Center avoids **25+ mainland medical evacuations** per year.

**Funding mix:** 50% international donor coalition · 20% Chilean state (CONADI, SENAMA, SUBDERE, MINSAL) · 15% Familia Teave land · 10% diaspora & community · 5% optional concessional debt.

 [Read the Full White Paper \(PDF\)](#)

### Part of a Larger Ecosystem

-  **3SOL-X** — solar + atmospheric water
-  **ZEWAN** — circular waste management
-  **KA AHARAIA** — disability association
-  **Coffee Plants Project** — first harvest 2029
-  **School of Ocean Activities**

### Led From Within the Community

Founded and led by **Erity Teave Hey** — Vice President of Parlamento Rapa Nui (3 terms since 2007), Pacific Region Representative to COP28, founder of the HONUI Territorial Assembly. Governed by a Joint Council with majority Rapa Nui membership, including Familia Teave and the Consejo de Ancianos.

## Trusted Partners & Allies

 Parlamento Rapa Nui (endorser) ·  Corporación Hotu Matua ·  Mata Ki Te Rangī ·  The Wold Foundation ·  Comunidad Indígena Manakaru ·  Familia Teave

## Dignity, care, and sustainability — accessible to all

Every dollar goes directly to named individuals and community programs on Rapa Nui — a replicable model for indigenous communities worldwide.

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