



# Long Term Algo Dynamics

The Algorand blockchain network has its own native cryptocurrency, the Algo. At genesis of the Algorand blockchain, **10Bn Algo was minted and this 10Bn Algo represents the fixed and immutable maximum supply of the Algo**. Approximately 16% of total Algo supply has been injected into the circulation as of November 2020 through the inaugural auction in June 2019 and then via community rewards, Early Backer / Relay Node Runner reward vesting, grant funding, and structured sales. Here we lay out a clear vision for how the remaining supply of Algo will be distributed into the Algorand Ecosystem. The proceeds of the sales to date have been used to finance the development of dozens of community, academic, and industry projects in support of development of economic infrastructure and business opportunities on the Algorand blockchain.

Over the first 1.5 years of Algorand's existence, the Algorand Foundation has analyzed the Algo dynamics and has listened to the community. Based on analysis and feedback, the Foundation has built a long term program that will support the adoption of the Algo, drive even greater innovation on the Algorand protocol and contribute to business and social good projects that will advance the economic relevance and the inclusivity of the Algorand ecosystem. Importantly, the program will also contribute to the decentralization of decision making and governance on the blockchain - a goal long valued by Algorand and the community.

Consistent with the reduced rate of supply distribution implemented in 2020 through a reduction of the rate of participation rewards and of Early Backer / Relay Node rewards, **we have extended the distribution of the fixed and immutable total supply of 10bn Algo from 4 to 10 years from now**, ending in 2030, rather than in 2024 as initially planned.

Following the spirit of Silvio Micali's [proposal](#) on innovative community governance, we are moving from the initial reward design, aimed to benefit all participants to the Algo network in the initial phase of Algorand, to **a new reward system benefiting the participants, existing and future, who commit to participate in the**

**governance of the ecosystem and prove their commitment by locking their Algos for a potentially long term.** Long term commitment is necessary to align incentives, since participants will have a crucial role in allocating funds to different projects that unfold over an extended period of time. Thus, the level of these rewards will be very competitive, as detailed below. The shift from current to future reward design will be implemented through a balanced and prudent transition process and is expected to have an important, positive effect on tokenomics.

Algo tokenomics will also benefit from the **precise allocation of the funds originally slated for sales and that have instead been ultimately allocated to efforts and areas such as community incentives, governance participation, and ecosystem support**, giving certainty and predictability to the Algo tokenomics, and always with a rate of distribution planned to avoid inflation and maintain scarcity.

The Long-Term Program encompasses also a more comprehensive Ecosystem Support Program. This 10-year program allocates resources to be gradually distributed to **incentivize long term holding and economic and business activity on the blockchain, with the goal to achieve a rate of growth of chain loyalty and economic adoption more than sufficient to compensate the gradual diffusion of tokens associated with this 10 year plan.**

Table “Long Term Algo Allocation” details how the 10bn Algo will be used while the chart “Long Term Algo Distribution Schedule” summarizes the 10 year diffusion plan.

**Long Term Algo Allocation**

Community Incentives	Supply
Participation Rewards	2500 M
Early Backers Relay Nodes	2500 M
Contingent Incentives	1200 M

Total	6200 M
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Ecosystem Support

Supply

Innovation Fund	400 M
Protocol R&D and Capital Markets Innovation	400 M
Foundation Algo Grant Program (with community voting)	250 M
Research and Social Good Program	200 M
Total	1250 M

From Initial Allocation

Supply

Algorand Inc	2000 M
Algorand Foundation	500 M
Already Injected for operations and ecosystem	50 M

Total	2550 M
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## Long Term Algo Distribution Schedule

### Path to Decentralization

To help the community fully appreciate the change, as we move from Initial Algo Dynamics to Long Term Algo Dynamics, we present how the initial allocation of the fixed, total supply of 10Bn Algo has evolved. At launch, we published a preliminary distribution plan for the total supply of Algos, a fixed and immutable quantity of 10 Billion minted in the genesis block.....

#### Initial Algo Allocation

#### Supply

Estimated Algos to be injected into circulation over the first five years	3000 M
Early Backers Relay Node Runners Incentives	2500 M
Estimated Participation Incentives	1750 M
Ecosystem Support	250 M
Algorand Inc	2000 M
Algorand Foundation	500 M
Total	10 B

.... where the amount initially held at the Foundation for market injection, and for discretionary usage of Algo, was to be allocated over five years (ending in 2024) and reached a total of 3 Billion Algo.

The new Long Term plan shows how **the 3Bn Algo will instead be devoted to rewarding participation, usage, community governance, and service to the blockchain, while developing the technology and businesses running on the blockchain, so removing market uncertainty potentially surrounding the usage of this 3Bn Algo.**

This is an important improvement of our economic structure, giving a further benefit to our tokenomics in the movement from the Initial to the Long Term Algo allocation: the majority of Algos devoted to Ecosystem Support will be moved, in the form of a locked stake, to partners that will be universities, institutions including investment funds, and companies committed to the ecosystem governance and consensus, obtaining:

- **economic decentralization, since allocated funds, while locked, will be distributed from the Foundation to several ecosystem partners.**
- network decentralization through ecosystem partners participating in consensus.
- governance decentralization since both ecosystem partners and the community, through voting, take responsibility for fund allocation.

## **10 Year Algo Diffusion into Circulating Supply**

By building this 10-year program, the Foundation is providing clarity on how the outstanding supply of Algo will enter into circulation. By 2030, the Foundation expects over 99% of all Algo minted at Genesis to be in Circulating Supply according to a non-inflationary distribution rate. The “Circulating Supply” is the total supply of Algo that is available on-chain without contract restrictions. It is defined as the Total Supply less tokens held in restricted wallets (future vesting of rewards, future grants, participation rewards pools, contingent incentives, etc).

The paradigm we will follow in the 10-year Plan is diffusion of the Algo with gradual creation of long term digital scarcity. The diffusion has been planned to be faster when an even faster activity and economic development is expected. This is detailed below.

### **Community Incentives: Participation Rewards**

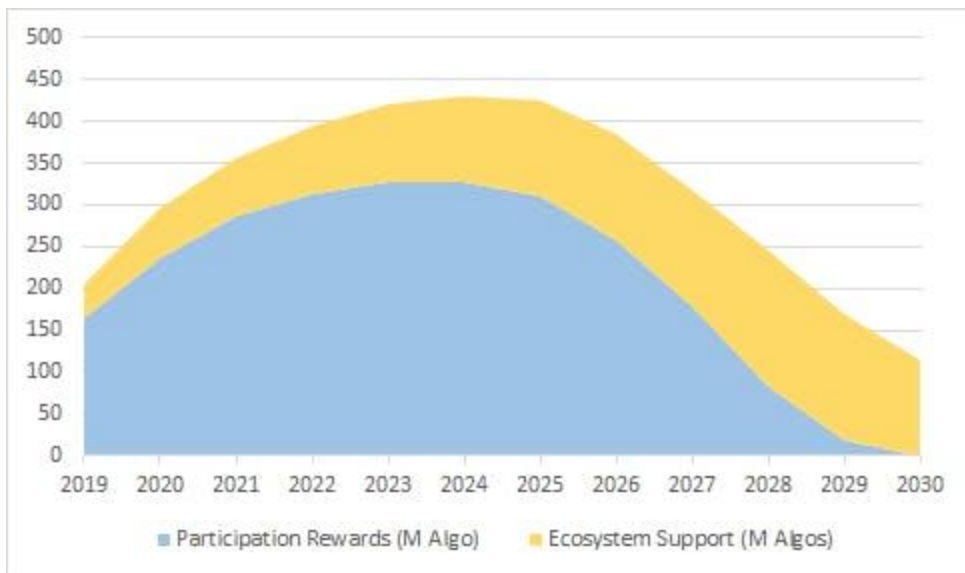


For the 2.5 Billion Participation Rewards, of which 300M have already been distributed, the distribution plan aims at keeping rewards competitive in the next few years, while letting digital scarcity kick in later.

For 2021 and 2022 the Foundation has allocated an amount of Algos to Participation Rewards which is around 8% of the pool receiving such rewards, which translates into a reward potentially much higher than 8% for those committing to participate in governance and lock their tokens for a longer term.

When the rewards total annual amount starts decreasing, we expect the difficulty (i.e. locking time required to participate to governance) of the services required to receive rewards (participation in governance and associated commitment) to increase, reducing the pool receiving rewards while keeping rewards competitive as a percentage of the size of the receiving pool.

## Ecosystem Support



The 1.25 Billion Algo allocated to Ecosystem Support will be locked and distributed, under smart contract, periodically over 10 years at the rate of approximately 10% per year. In the next months the amounts will be allocated to new and existing partners (decentralization) but will remain locked and gradually released via smart contracts. This will ensure that the release required to raise the funds supporting the ecosystem is smooth and non-inflationary. Because of the gradual decentralization of the funds, we expect that the implementation will be 60% at the end of 2021 and growing to reach 90% in the following three years. This will make the distribution sustainable and non-inflationary. In fact, the distribution will be lower in the first years and larger in the last ones, balancing the reduced distribution over time of the participation rewards.

This distribution achieves a slow gradual release in the first years and subsequent increase in the rate of distribution more easily absorbed by an already large and developing market, supported also by the economic activity fueled by the Ecosystem Support Program itself.

The Ecosystem Support effort shows different categories. Let us add some details about them:

- The 250M Foundation Algo Grant Program is already running at the Foundation, with approximately 50M Algo already committed and dozens of projects already at work. For the remaining part the focus will be on the development of the infrastructure above the protocol, and there will be an increasing role for the community in the choice of the projects to finance, through several rounds of blockchain voting.
- The involvement of the community will also apply to the 400M Algo Innovation Fund, to be built in partnership with selected regional organisations, external to the Foundation and of proven credentials, that will then select the projects with the highest probability of business success. The allocation is ongoing.

- The Research and Social Good program will be implemented through individual partnership with universities, public institutions and private companies. This 200M Algo will be gradually moved to partners throughout 2021 and 2022.
- The R&D fund for Protocol Development, R&D and Capital Markets is implemented as a 400M Algo partnership with Algorand Inc., aiming at a continuous expansion of the protocol and at the creation of the right conditions for the usage of the Algo currency and of the rest of the blockchain's native or tokenized value. ~70M Algo have already been spent in the initial development effort, the remaining 330M Algo will be in parallel with the developments coming from our decentralized ecosystem.

### Community Incentives: Early Backers / Relay Nodes



In the chart, we show how the initial distribution to Early Backers / Relay Nodes group would have resulted in a significant spike in supply between 2020 and 2021, while the market was immature. [EIP-11252019AF](#) was proposed by the Early Backers / Relay Node community as a solution to this problem and the vote on this passed, bringing our current distribution plan into effect. The distribution of **Contingent Rewards** to Super Staking Participants and to Early Backer / Relay Node Runners affected by EIP-11252019AF was part of the same process of economic reform.

Some of the buckets in the new allocation require some further details:

- While Early Backers / Relay Node runner and participation rewards are already known to the Algorand community, the 1200 Million allocated to Contingent Incentives need clarification. This fund has actually already been allocated for the most part, but to projects with different names: participants in the Super Staking program and Early Backers / Relay Node Runners affected by the Economic Improvement Proposal EIP-11252019AF will receive 800M from this fund in the next years, and the fund includes also the approximately 25M that were burned at the end of the Auction Refund . All these initiatives addressed the supply issues that emerged in the first months, and aligned the interest of participants to the community. For example EIP-11252019AF introduced an economically virtuous link between Early



Backers / Relay Node rewards distribution and the market trend. The remaining amount of 380 M is kept as a locked reserve to address similar needs that could emerge in the future.

## Participation Rewards Schedule

Period	Starting Round Number	Approximate Dates	Projected Rewards (millions of ALGOs)
23	11,000,000	Dec 22nd, 2020 - Jan 15th, 2021	18,950,000
24	11,500,000	Jan 16th, 2021 - Feb 10th, 2021	19,700,000
25	12,000,000	Feb 11th, 2021 - Mar 8th, 2021	20,050,000
26	12,500,000	Mar 9th, 2021 - Apr 2nd, 2021	20,400,000
27	13,000,000	Apr 3rd, 2021 - Apr 28th, 2021	20,750,000
28	13,500,000	Apr 29th, 2021 - May 23rd, 2021	21,150,000
29	14,000,000	May 24th, 2021 - Jun 18th, 2021	21,500,000
30	14,500,000	Jun 19th, 2021 - Jul 13th, 2021	21,850,000