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Alternative Voices for Climate Change Advocacy (AVCCA)

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This Alternative Voices for Climate Change Advocacy (AVCCA) project aims to contribute to the promotion of citizen's voices and climate change governance in Kisumu County, Kenya. This is a significant endeavour taking into consideration that Kisumu County is experiencing climate change hazards such as increasing flooding and episodes of drought and high temperatures. Climate change risks are threatening to reverse the economic gains the county has made over the years. The short-term goal is therefore to ensure that 2% of the county's development budget is allocated to climate change initiatives in the county as stipulated in the Kisumu County Climate Change Policy. This will be achieved through, among other interventions, the creation of youth movements, capacity building of the youth and women, video documentaries on best practices, and lobbying and advocacy actions. The project is expected to enhance women and youth groups in Kisumu to collaborate on policy and practice on devolved climate finance through an established advocacy platform, support the implementation of the Kisumu County Climate Change Policy and the Kisumu Integrated Climate Change Action Plan (2022-2027), and contribute to environmentally sustainable climate initiatives being identified, documented and accepted/replicated.

Take Climate Action

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT WATCH
(SUSWATCH KENYA)

KISUMU, KENYA

1 AUGUST 2022 - 15 NOVEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our network includes youth and women's groups, environmental and climate change civil society organisations (CSOs) in Kisumu, County government officials and local media practitioners.

Key Objectives of the Project

1
Create a youth and women advocacy platform for scaling up networking, dialogue, knowledge, information and experience sharing on policy and practice in the context of County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism/devolved climate finance.

2
Identify and upscale environmentally sustainable youth and women-driven climate change initiatives for livelihoods interventions.

3
Create and implement a Kisumu County Climate Change Policy and the Kisumu County Integrated Climate Change Action Plan (2022-2027) and participate in discussions prior to COP 27.

4
Engage local media practitioners in documenting and sharing youth and women's climate resilience activities from Kisumu County.

What Drives Our Work

Our work is in response to the climate change hazards which impact Kisumu County's socio-economic development. Flooding has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people, destroying investments and affecting fishing activities. Episodes of drought and high temperatures have also resulted in high crop losses and food insecurity. In response, Kisumu County has developed a County Climate Change Policy (2019), County Climate Change Act, (2020), County climate change finance regulation, conducted a County Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (2020) and Baseline emission inventory, as well as Energy Access Assessment. These documents were a foundation to the preparation of Kisumu County Integrated Climate Change Action plan (KICCCAP 2022-2027).

Despite these progressive policy steps, there is poor and uncoordinated public participation on key decision-making processes, especially in the budget process. Communities, especially youth and women are mostly unfamiliar with the budget process and have become comfortable with the government making decisions on their behalf. Their participation and that of People with Disabilities (PWDs) have also become limited. This affects how issues that directly impact them are considered in the county decision-making processes. Also, a Public Participation Policy was formulated in 2016 but is yet to be achieved. This results in communities not having the opportunity to influence budget allocations for climate change adaptation and mitigation projects. Community members, along with County leaders also lack an understanding of climate change. This makes it difficult for community members to change their social practices that contribute towards this global phenomenon, as well as for county departments to realise a coordinated approach to tackle climate risks.

INTERVENTIONS

The project will facilitate the mapping and profiling of youth and women organisations/ individuals in Kisumu County to identify youth climate change champions for engagement, holding an inception and awareness meeting with youth and women CSOs, as well as advocacy meetings with youth and women CSOs to detail and discuss experiences on policy and practice on the CCCF and the implementation of Climate Change Policy.

One training session on citizen participation in policy-making will be conducted as well as two training sessions on climate finance mechanisms and climate justice and training on climate finance mechanisms and resilience building. We aim to establish, identify and support one existing youth and one existing women platform for lobbying and advocacy for the implementation of the Kisumu County Integrated Climate Change Action Plan and the Kisumu County Climate Change Policy. Participation in two meetings with the County government officials to lobby and advocate for the implementation of the 2% climate finance provided for in the climate change policy will further be supported, while the development of project information and awareness material pack will also be realised. Additionally, two policy briefs will be developed for the National Government through the Ministry of Environment and Forestry on the Loss and Damage Financing as an element in COP27.

Other interventions include supporting five youth and five women to participate in a joint meeting between CSOs and the Ministry of Environment on the development of Kenya's

position before and after COP27. It also involves disseminating advocacy activities to youth and women engaged in Suswatch Kenya social media platforms, and co-funding a participant to participate in COP 27 to strengthen the capacity of the organisation to contribute to, and influence County and National Climate Change Policy formulations. Two capacity-building sessions for media on climate finance, climate justice and resilience building will also be held, a documentary on youths and women engaged in policy development like the CIDP will be carried out, and two media briefs to enhance local communities, especially youths and women on climate change finance will be conducted.

There will be participation in two radio campaigns to talk about youth and women's participation in budget and key policy-making processes in Kisumu's County government to enhance citizen dialogues will be realised, while the media will be used to hold two storytelling sessions for youth and women in Kisumu County to share their experience of policy-making, climate change adaptation and resilience building practices. Interventions will also be accompanied by the identification and profiling of three Youth and three Women Based Climate Enterprises (YWBCE's) for resilience building, as well as the convening of a capacity-building session on business development strategies for YWBCE's. Finally, we will carry out one local youth and women exchange visit for knowledge sharing on the best YWBCE's as well as the completion of a documentary on the best YWBCE's in Kisumu County.

Expected Impact

It is expected that ten women and ten youth groups in Kisumu will be strengthened to network and share knowledge and information on policy and practice on devolved climate finance through an established advocacy platform. Momentum will also be created and sustained on the implementation of the Kisumu County Climate Change Policy and the Kisumu Integrated Climate Change Action Plan (2022-2027). We aim to further empower local media practitioners in Kisumu County and support them in documenting and sharing youth and women's climate resilience activities. The project is expected to contribute to environmentally sustainable youth and women-driven climate initiatives being identified and documented.

PROJECT THEMES



Changing policy and practice



Climate finance



Gender equality and social inclusion

Who We Are



Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (Suswatch Kenya) is a registered Non-Governmental Organisation in Kenya composed of CSOs engaged in varied thematic issues contributing towards sustainable development. It draws its membership from various institutions spread across the country. It is a member of the East Africa Sustainability Watch (EA Suswatch) which was formed in 2005 and comprises networks of NGOs from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. It is also a member of the East Africa Chapter of the International Network

for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE) which is headquartered in Aarhus, Denmark. Our vision is a nation where citizens are mobilised on sustainable development, climate change issues (including adaptation, mitigation, resilience building, etc.) and livelihood interventions for improved quality of life. Our mission is to lobby and influence the government as well as other national, regional and global decision-making bodies to fulfill national, regional and international commitments on sustainable development and climate change.

Amplifying CSOs Voices for a Just Climate Action in Nakuru County

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our project, Amplifying CSOs Voices for Just Climate Action aims to ensure that civil society organisations (CSOs) and underrepresented groups from Nakuru County are positioned in roles that contribute to climate solutions. Through our project, CSOs have the potential to be at the forefront of collaborating on a shared agenda and co-create scaled solutions that benefit people and nature, and also support communities to develop locally shaped climate solutions. Our project promotes mutual capacity strengthening through the establishment and support of the Nakuru County Climate Justice Network (NCCJN) which aims to enhance collaboration and shape public debate on the just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient futures. The Network also facilitates multidisciplinary and inclusive collaborations among stakeholders. Our project is also developing a narrative scenario that describes a possible path for a just transition to a low carbon and climate-resilient future for Nakuru County.

Climate scenarios are tools that allow policymakers, academia, CSOs, youth, women, indigenous communities and others to explore possible climate futures and how they are shaped by collective actions. Our project also supports the implementation of the Nakuru County Climate Change Fund Regulations 2022. This is achieved by supporting the establishment of Ward Climate Change Planning Committees. These Committees are important channels for the implementation of locally-led climate actions as they will be part of coordinating and mobilising communities and other stakeholders in the ward to design and implement climate change response activities.

ARID LANDS INFORMATION NETWORK (ALIN)

NAKURU COUNTY, KENYA

JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

The project engages with a diverse range of stakeholders that include the Department of Environment, Energy, Natural Resources, and Climate Change of Nakuru County, Ward Administrators serving as Secretaries of the Ward Climate Change Planning Committees, Sub County Administrators and VCA alliance members and partners working in Nakuru County.

Key Objectives of the Project

1

The project aims to build widespread societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach in Nakuru County by December 2022. Part of the project objectives also include ensuring that the voices of citizens are amplified to shape public debate on the just transition to low carbon and climate resilient futures. Moreover, the goal is to support CSOs to collaborate on a shared agenda and co-create scaled solutions that advantage both people and the environment.

What Drives Our Work

Our work is in response to the numerous obstacles that line the path to climate solutions in Kenya. These difficulties include civil society organisations (CSOs) that fail to comprehend the importance of climate justice in safeguarding the rights of the most vulnerable and how it can help to share, in an equitable and fair manner, the burdens, benefits, and resolutions of climate change. A civic space where CSOs voices are heard on climate action is thus required to ensure partnerships that will secure climate justice, amplify the voices and support of women and their priorities and facilitate women's vital role as agents of change within communities. The first National Climate Change Action Plan 2013-2017 has also indicated that there is limited sharing of climate change data and knowledge across various sectors, including government, private business, CSOs, academia and research. Weak coordination, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among CSOs working on climate change in Nakuru County have contributed to duplication of efforts, a lack of platforms to share project information and unstructured advocacy on climate action. This has affected the power of CSOs to influence decision-making in Nakuru County. The National Framework Policy on Climate Change has also highlighted a lack of relevant climate change data and knowledge, as well as a lack of data available to researchers, planners, policy-makers and the public. The East African Community Climate Change Master Plan (2011-2031) envisages access to climate change information and technology as key elements to effectively respond to regional climate change. It thus calls for an increase in communication between relevant stakeholders for data exchanges and capacity building to provide accurate information for risk assessment.

INTERVENTIONS

Our interventions include the following

- **Map, mobilise and coordinate** inception meetings for the NCCJN
- **Hold** quarterly NCCJN coordination, learning and experience sharing forums to enhance collaboration and shape public debate on the just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient futures
- **Conduct** NCCJN and Nakuru County Government forums to support the implementation of the Nakuru County Climate Change Fund Regulations, 2022
- **Develop** a climate narrative scenario that describes a possible path for a just transition to a low carbon and climate resilient future for Nakuru County.

Expected Impact

The project contributes to ensuring that CSOs and underrepresented groups from Nakuru County take central roles as creators, facilitators and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions.

It can also enable diverse civil societies to collaborate on a shared agenda and co-creating scaled solutions that benefit people and natures.

The NCCJN will help to facilitate institutional learning, common problem solving, capacity building and networking in promoting climate action in Nakuru County. The project further facilitates, through the NCCJN network, multidisciplinary and inclusive collaborations between policymakers, CSOs and academia among others to ensure that decisions on climate change are participatory, transparent and accountable, strengthening gender equality and equity, support climate stewardship through utilising education, and securing climate justice through productive partnerships.

Who We Are

The Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN) is an NGO registered in Kenya. ALIN has over 20 years of experience working on sustainable development issues by providing a grassroots link to policy matters in addition to empowerment activities. Our mission is to improve the livelihoods of communities in East Africa through the delivery of knowledge and skills on sustainable agriculture and adaptation to climate change using modern technologies. The work covers 10 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. In our new strategy (2022-2027), ALIN promotes solutions that enhance the long-term resilience of communities and enable them to thrive in the face of devastating climate shocks, supports communities to achieve food security through new production technologies and access to markets for their produce, and enhances access to digital technologies to support innovation, business processes and civic participation.



Gender equality and social inclusion



Livelihoods development



Knowledge management and brokering



PROJECT NAME

Climate Change, Coping and Adaptation Strategies among Young Women in Rusinga and Mfangano Islands

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our project aims to train young women active in artisanal fishing and farming in the Rusinga and Mfangano Islands located in Kenya. This training will enable them to deal with and adapt to climate change impacting their environment, livelihoods and health. These young women are often the most affected by climate change, gender inequality and agricultural exclusion. This project ensures that they become a critical link to effective advocacy and action in the practice of sustainable climate-smart fisheries and farming.

We believe young women play a critical role in actioning climate change efforts in the region and intend to increase their skills and knowledge in climate-friendly fisheries management. Additionally, our project aims to empower young women through focused interventions that will prioritise the amplification of their voices in climate change matters.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network includes government departments such as the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Department of Youth, Gender, and Social Services and Beach Management Committees. We also work with academic institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs) and County gender technical working groups.

PROJECT ORGANISATION

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LINK

LOCATION

MFANGANO AND RUSINGA ISLAND, KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

15 DECEMBER 2021 - 14 NOVEMBER 2022



Key Objectives of the Project

1

Our overall objective is to contribute to the promotion of climate-smart agriculture, aquaculture and risk management programmes.

What Drives Our Work

Agriculture is the main economic activity in the Lake Victoria Base (LVB) and is mainly rain-fed and therefore susceptible to climate change impacts. About 136,000 people (67,106 Male and 68,969 females) in Rusinga and Mfangano islands depend on fishing and aquaculture. The majority live on subsistence farming, small-scale businesses, fishing and keeping domestic animals (Aguilar, 2004b).

Although climate change impacts will affect all communities, the impacts are differently distributed across regions, generations, ages, income groups, and gender (IPCC, 2001). The poor (of which 70% are women), primarily but by no means exclusively, are disproportionately affected (Drexhage, 2006).

Gender plays an important role in artisanal fisheries and farming and it is critical for both men and women to participate in fisheries and farming management. Traditionally and because of the cultural division of labour, men spend more time fishing and farming than women. Many female fish traders find themselves trading sex for fish to make a living, a practice that has contributed to high HIV infections and deaths, largely affecting women. Even with efforts put in place by the government and stakeholders to curb the HIV infections around the region, HIV prevalence rate along with malnutrition remains high in the region.

In light of the above, our project seeks to improve the skill and knowledge of young women for effective climate-friendly fisheries management, lobby for communal support and diversify women's capacity to promote climate-smart agriculture.

INTERVENTIONS

Our interventions will primarily focus on the following:

- ▶ Mapping and enrolment of young women into the project
- ▶ Training and supporting women to develop advocacy strategies and agendas remain central to our project to ensure meaningful participation (community participatory approaches)
- ▶ Organising lobby meetings with sub-county agricultural committees spearheaded by the permanent secretary Ministry of Agriculture with the aim of pushing for increased public financing to the agriculture value chain
- ▶ Conducting Lobby forums with seed companies, agriculture, environmental management and extension workers to promote identified locally driven solutions on climate change adaptations
- ▶ Conduct consultative round table meetings with women leaders in Homa Bay to amass their position on advocating for gender/climate change responsive budgeting - climate financing
- ▶ Building the capacities of local organisations and networks in Homa Bay County to effectively advocate and synergise efforts in amplifying the voices of the underserved on climate justice
- ▶ Linking young women to researchers, development workers and government departments
- ▶ Conducting media engagement through radio, social media activation
- ▶ Providing coaching to advocate for diversification of livelihoods and production systems for crops and fisheries and meaningful involvement of women in fisheries management

Who We Are

Our organisation, Women's Empowerment Link (WEL) is a non-profit organisation, non-partisan, non-governmental women's rights organisation based in Kenya. We invest in empowering women and girls to realise their full potential, worth and strength politically, socially and economically through advocating for their human and social justice rights. WEL works with women groups in Kenya and invests in reaching their full potential, worth and strength politically, socially and economically. Our organisation focuses on advocacy and training in the areas of Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls, Economic Empowerment for Sustainable Livelihoods, Transformative Leadership and Governance and Institutional Development.



Expected Impact

Our intention is to ensure civil society is collaborating on a shared agenda and co-creating scaled solutions that benefit people and nature. We hope to have locally-led climate solutions that will be funded by external sources both within and outside Kenya. We aim to strengthen and increase the capacities of CSOs, including youth, PWDs and IPs capacity to influence a just climate transition at a local and national level.

The voices and experiences of marginalised actors to influence climate change decisions at local and national levels remain key in working towards a low carbon and climate-resilient future. Additionally, the strengthening of multi-stakeholder collaboration on climate change and related sectors is another key goal of this project.



Gender equality and social inclusion



Coastal and marine resilience



Livelihoods development

Climate-Friendly Clean Cooking Solutions

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Climate-Friendly Clean Cooking Solutions project's main purpose is to increase the adoption of clean cooking solutions within the Kenyan coastal region, specifically for communities located in Kwale and Kilifi Counties. This will be achieved through various interventions, such as sensitisations and roadshows that highlight the importance of clean cooking solutions and the negative outcomes of firewood and charcoal usage on health and the degradation of forests. As part of the project, policy lobbying will also be undertaken in support of clean cooking budgetary allocation and establishing an environment that facilitates clean cooking businesses. Our project aims to strengthen the capacity of the private sector through training that describes how to produce, package and market clean cooking solutions and technologies. By focusing on conservation in the counties of Kwale and Kilifi, the project plans to also promote sustainable forest resource management and provide education at a local level that emphasises sustainable natural resource management and environmental protection.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network includes Kilifi and Kwale County government officials, private sector players, manufacturers and producers of clean cooking fuels and technologies, local communities, the Clean Cooking Association of Kenya members and clean cooking SMEs, technical vocational institutions instructors and students, youth and women's groups and media houses.

CLEAN COOKING ASSOCIATION OF KENYA

KWALE AND KILIFI COUNTIES, KENYA

1 JANUARY, 2022 - 3 DECEMBER, 2022



Key Objectives of the Project

1

Increase the adoption of climate-friendly clean cooking solutions within communities in Kwale and Kilifi Counties through extensive awareness creation, policy lobbying, and private sector capacity strengthening.

2

Improve knowledge and skills of women and youth on climate-friendly entrepreneurial ventures through capacity strengthening and co-creation in green entrepreneurial activities.

3

Increase consumers' awareness for increased adoption of climate-friendly clean cooking solutions within Kilifi and Kwale counties through social behaviour change awareness.

4

Enhance collaborative policy and improved budgetary allocation for clean cooking for Kilifi and Kwale county through advocacy.

What Drives Our Work

Kwale and Kilifi Counties are located in the coastal region of Kenya and have an estimated population of 641,118 and 1,453,787 people respectively. Almost half of Kwale's population are estimated to live in poverty, while approximately 83,317 people have no source of income. The majority of households in Kwale rely on firewood for cooking while the use of charcoal, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) also remains high among the population. Similar socio-economic conditions exist in Kilifi County, where 48.4% of the population lives in poverty and about 183,177 people are unemployed and without an income.

This has contributed to the high reliance of most people in Kilifi County on wood fuel for their energy. This reliance has subsequently added to the destruction of forests in the county. Liquefied petroleum gas and paraffin are also accessed by the population. For communities in Kwale and Kilifi Counties, the adoption of climate-friendly clean cooking solutions has not been straightforward. Communities are challenged by a lack of awareness of available clean cooking fuels and technologies, little technological know-how on using clean cooking solutions, as well as an absence of available and affordable clean cooking solutions. There is also a lack of after-sale services for existing clean cooking solutions. The challenge of climate-friendly clean cooking solutions is further exacerbated by an unstable policy environment and weak government prioritisation of clean cooking solutions.

INTERVENTIONS

We aim to:

- **Conduct** training workshops for women, youths and people living with disabilities (PLWD) on business/entrepreneurial skills, opportunities in climate-friendly clean cooking solutions, and access to affirmative funds with the government
- **Organise** sensitisation workshops for community health workers and project communities on the social, environmental, and health (indoor air pollution) implications, and economic value of climate-friendly clean cooking entrepreneurial ventures are one of our key interventions
- **Map and link** private microfinance institutions supportive of clean cooking business entrepreneurs in Kwale and Kilifi
- **Initiate** social behaviour change awareness through documentation, dissemination and sensitisation of clean cooking empirical information, **utilise** local radio stations to create awareness of climate-friendly clean cooking solutions benefits, and will **launch** caravan campaigns, demonstrations and road shows of clean cooking solutions to communities in Kwale and Kilifi Counties
- **Meet** with stakeholders to disseminate and develop an implementation framework for the already existing policy briefs for the two Counties and **compile** stories of change from the women and youth entrepreneurs from business capacity-building sessions on climate-friendly clean cooking solutions for Kilifi and Kwale Counties
- **Conduct** policy and budget lobbying with the County government of Kilifi and Kwale, **lead** introductory meetings with county and national government officials on clean cooking opportunities that require support from affirmative funding. **Conduct** sensitisation forums with county officials on integrating a clean cooking agenda into county policies and plans for Kwale and Kilifi and **hold** engagement meetings through the Inter-Ministerial Committee on clean cooking at the county level
- **Introduce** a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) officiated between CCAK and key county departments in Kwale and Kilifi and **convene** quarterly courtesy meetings with parliamentary committees for fiscal incentives lobbying.

Expected Impact

It is anticipated that the capacity-building training workshops detailing how to produce clean cooking fuels and technologies will improve the knowledge and skills of 80 women and youth on climate-friendly entrepreneurial ventures. Through the use of local communities' media houses, clean cooking publications, radio talk shows and interviews, the project will also strengthen consumer awareness to adopt climate-friendly clean cooking solutions in the project areas. It is expected that engagement meetings with parliamentary committees and ministries on VAT exemption on clean biomass cookstoves and MoUs created at county level will additionally contribute to enhancing collaborative policy decisions and improved budgetary allocation for clean cooking in the two counties. Through community sensitisation, the behaviour of people will be changed, which in turn will increase the adoption of clean cooking solutions. Our project holds the potential to improve ecosystem conservation and forest cover, as well as minimising mortalities and illnesses from household air pollution.

Who We Are

Clean Cooking Association of Kenya (CCAK) is a membership association with members from both the private and public sector, representing the interests of its members and stakeholders engaged in providing clean and efficient cooking solutions in Kenya. CCAK is missioned as the sector champion influencing a suitable market environment and capacity development of its members and other stakeholders, enabling them to affect universal adoption of clean and efficient cooking solutions in Kenya. The Association has strengthened sector collaboration and coordination, improved policies, regulations and standards, and improved awareness on household air pollution amongst consumers and households. The Association advocates for an enabling environment both at the national and county levels to catalyse the growth of the clean cooking sector and promoting adoption of clean cooking technologies, capacity building of the sector and sector coordination.



Knowledge management and brokering



Sustainable energy

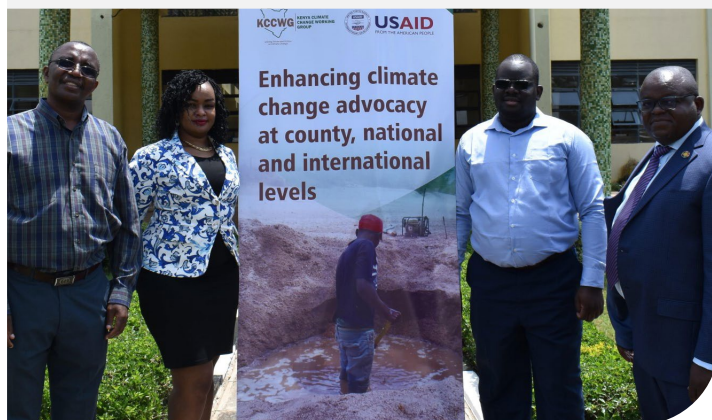


Conservation and forest management

Enhancing CSOs Capacity to Meaningfully Participate and Influence Climate Change Agendas at County, National and International Levels

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The 'Enhancing CSOs Capacity to Meaningfully Participate and Influence Climate Change Agendas at County, National and International Levels' project aims to ensure that civil society organisations (CSOs) are well equipped with the necessary skills to influence climate change policies and interventions at different levels. Influencing climate change policies across multiple levels ensures that the related projects, policies and outcomes resonate with the differentiated response needs of communities, especially those at the grassroots level. The focus of the project is national but deliberate efforts will be made to incorporate the voices of the devolved units and communities at the grassroots level where the impacts of climate change are felt most. For the sustainability of the project, some of the proposed interventions will be institutionalised for continuity beyond the project period such as training of thematic group conveners and select CSOs as Training of Trainers (ToT) on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes and climate diplomacy.



PROJECT ORGANISATION

KENYA CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION (KCCWG)

LOCATION

NATIONAL

PROJECT TIMELINE

1 MAY 2022 - 31 DECEMBER 2022

Key Objectives of the Project

1

Enhance the capacity of CSOs to meaningfully participate and influence climate change deliberations at all levels.

2

Enhance the resilience of communities to the adverse impacts of climate change due to the operationalisation of climate change legislative frameworks at county and national levels and domestication of key outcomes from the UNFCCC processes.

What Drives Our Work

Kenya has put in place robust policy frameworks on climate change at national and county levels, in addition to active participation in the UNFCCC-related processes. However, the implementation of these policies and the domestication of global decisions has remained low. For example, the delayed operationalization of the climate change council established under the Climate Change ACT 2016 has subsequently delayed the operationalization of the Climate Change Fund which could have provided resources for climate action.

At the county level, governments have developed climate change regulations with accompanying funds but the involvement of CSOs in processes has been inadequate. This coupled with the rolling out of climate change projects, including the World Bank financing locally-led climate action initiatives, indicates the need for grassroots communities and CSOs to influence these processes, understand the climate finance tracking and reporting tools for enhanced resilience, build trust and accountability concerning climate finance, and monitor trends and progress in climate-related investments. However, it is often marginalised and poor communities that are left out of major decision-making processes despite the impact that such decisions have on their lives. The lack of participation by communities in such a process has been attributed to various factors, including limited technical capacity to meaningfully engage and inform climate-related processes such as budgeting, policies and plans. This has resulted in poor prioritisation of community needs in climate change responses, which leads to poor or maladaptation to climate threats. These factors drive the project to seek to enhance the capacity of CSOs to fully engage in climate change-related engagements at all levels.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our key stakeholders include CSOs at county and national level, communities and community user groups, youth and women organisations as well as government agencies at national and county level.

INTERVENTIONS

Our project sets out to initiate a number of interventions to support the enhancement of CSOs capacity to effectively participate in climate change-related activities at all levels. These include:

- **Conducting** a dialogue with CSOs, community groups and relevant county and national representatives on the implementation of climate change regulations and related funding, as well as identifying key entry points for implementation
- **Train** KCCWG's thematic group conveners, secretaries and select CSOs as Training of Trainers (ToT) on the basics of the UNFCCC process and climate diplomacy as well as on the climate finance tracking and reporting toolkit
- We also aim to **conduct** a media dialogue on communicating climate information in the post-COVID-19 era and **plan** stakeholder meetings on the formulation of the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) III.



Who We Are

The Kenya Climate Change Working Group Association (KCCWG) is the leading national membership network of civil society organisations uniting voices and actions on climate change and nexus issues in Kenya. The Network is composed of over 400 agencies working on climate change and nexus issues drawn from different sectors and levels. KCCWG's mandate is to empower, coordinate, and represent CSOs' in collaborative advocacy action(s) on climate change matters in Kenya and beyond. It is organised into 8 thematic groups and draws background from some of the UNFCCC pillars. KCCWG has successfully influenced policy at international, national, and county government levels through the county networks, representation in different county environment committees as well as through observer status to the UNFCCC, UNEP, GCF, and membership to the African group of negotiators. KCCWG also makes deliberate efforts to incorporate



Expected Impact

The expectation is that the work in this project will lead to meaningful participation of CSOs in the UNFCCC-related processes due to an improved understanding of the processes. Our project can further enhance the resilience of communities to climate shocks as a result of the domestication of UNFCCC outcomes and improve informed and targeted fundraising by strengthening understanding of climate finance trends. Our project will also contribute to enhanced partnerships between state and non-state actors in climate action and a common country position paper for COP 27 will be realised through this climate initiative.



Knowledge management and brokering



Movement building



Finance for local climate action

Enhancing Locally Led Climate Actions and Financing in Homa Bay County

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project **Enhancing Locally-Led Climate Actions and Financing in Homa Bay County** aims to create an enabling policy environment for enhanced community-led climate change actions, financing and implementation in the targeted county. An enabling policy environment is required as shortfalls in the county's climate change policy agenda have affected climate change responses. One of the factors affecting Homa Bay County's climate responses is the lack of a climate change institutional framework which is required to advance funding of locally led climate change actions and the governance for climate change action. A project objective is therefore to empower Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to be actively engaged with the public and private sectors in climate change actions and in influencing climate change programmes, financing and practices in Homa Bay County.

The project envisions the county with a comprehensive legal and institutional framework and enhanced climate change financing and actions. The project is expected to increase adaptation and mitigating actions by locals to abate the effects of climate change, as well as empower community climate change champions to ensure that the due process is followed regarding climate change project identification, financing and implementation. There is also an expectation that through the project funding opportunities will increase for locally led climate change action by local communities, which in turn will aid to address issues related to the adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts at the community level.

PROJECT ORGANISATION

**CONSUMER UNITY AND TRUST SOCIETY -
CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE, ECONOMICS AND
ENVIRONMENT (CUTS-CITEE) NAIROBI**

LOCATION

HOMA BAY COUNTY

PROJECT TIMELINE

1 AUGUST 2022 - 15 NOVEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

CSOs working on climate action, Homa Bay County residents, Homa Bay County assembly committees for climate change and environment, women, youth and special interest groups, local communities and radio media.

Key Objectives of the Project

1
To create an enabling policy environment for enhanced community-led climate change actions financing and implementation in Homa Bay County.

2
To improve access to information and capacity in monitoring and tracking climate-related actions and finance flowing into climate projects in Homa Bay County by December 2022.

3
To build widespread societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach in Homa Bay County by December 2022.

What Drives Our Work

Establishing an enabling policy environment to strengthen climate change actions, financing and implementation is driven by the climate change policy agenda shortfalls affecting climate responses in Homa Bay County. The county has in place the Climate Change Policy 2021, but its draft Climate Change Bill, 2022 which is required to give the legal background is stuck at the county assembly. There is a further absence in the interim of a climate change institutional framework that supports the actualisation of the draft Homa Bay County Climate Change Act, 2022 once it is passed. The missing legal framework is a required necessity to advance funding of locally-led climate change actions and the governance for climate change action in the county. Also lacking are the drafts of County Climate Change Regulations, and the County Climate Change Fund Regulations that will enable the implementation and enforcement of Homa Bay County Climate Change Act, 2022 once it is in place. Creating an enabling legislative and policy environment at the county level is therefore key in scaling up community actions under the Financing Locally Led Climate Action programme (FLLoCA) model of devolved climate finance, which supports partnerships between government and citizens to identify and invest in solutions to address climate change. The county also needs a robust climate change response and action governance framework that promotes a clear leadership structure, a knowledge enhancement mechanism, mainstreaming of climate change into decision-making processes and a monitoring, evaluation, reporting and verification framework that supports activities that will move the county towards a reliable climate change governance framework. This framework is needed to aid the implementation of climate change response activities and enhance transparency and accountability in the use of climate change finances and related resources.

INTERVENTIONS

- We aim to **conduct** an inception meeting for 40 climate change action advocates in the county, **coordinate** the formation of three Community Climate change dialogue forums at ward level (1 forum per ward) in Homa Bay County, **develop** advocacy messages for submissions to support increased budgetary allocation for climate change actions, **hold** 2 lobby meetings with community climate change champions, county assembly and executive for increased budgetary allocation for climate action in Homa Bay County, **conduct** 2 advocacy meetings with relevant county assembly committees to fast-track the passage of its draft Climate Change Act and **develop** Homa Bay County advocacy messages from the baseline study of the VCA programme.
- We will also **lead** 2 capacity building workshops targeting 15 MCAs and 40 community climate change dialogue forum members (including youth, women, faith-based organisations, people living with disabilities) for sensitisation on the contents of the County Climate Change Policy, 2021 and the Draft Homa Bay County Climate Change Act, 2022, **hold** 2 community climate change training/dialogue/simulation events on monitoring and tracking climate related expenditure using Climate Budget Tagging (CBT) targeting at least 50 households, **conduct** 2 community radio programmes on climate change dialogue/simulation events targeting at least 200 households, **develop** 2 climate change participatory planning training toolkit, **conduct** 2 training sessions on climate action participatory planning and decision-making targeting 40 community climate change champions and finally **develop** the draft of the Homa Bay County Climate Change Regulations and the Homa Bay County Climate Change Fund Regulations.

Who We Are

CUTS
International

Consumer Unity and Trust Society - Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS-CITEE) Nairobi is a Kenya registered NGO with over 17 years' experience in policy research, policy advocacy, networking and capacity building in key programmatic areas including consumer protection and education, climate change action and environment, international trade and development, regional integration and competition, investment and economic regulation. We offer a wide array of services including knowledge generation on key issues affecting consumer welfare in Kenya and EAC region. The Centre undertakes evidence-based advocacy to influence policy and practice change, capacity development for stakeholders including consumers, private sector and governments (national and county). Additionally, the Centre undertakes outreach activities including information dissemination and awareness creation.

Expected Impact

Through capacity building, training and local-level climate change dialogue forums, citizens and CSOs can be empowered to actively engage with the public and private sectors in climate change actions and in influencing climate change programmes, financing and practices in Homa Bay County. By enhancing the knowledge base of local communities through sensitisation/information being disseminated via local media, it is also expected to increase adaptation and mitigating actions by the locals to abate the effects of climate change.

Training and community dialogues on the integration of participatory planning tools in decision-making can also empower community climate change champions to ensure that due process is followed regarding climate change project identification, financing and implementation. Transparency and accountability will therefore be enhanced in the process. Additionally, by having in place a legal framework in the form of Climate Change Act, Climate Change Action Regulations, and the Climate Change Fund Regulations for Homa Bay County to guide climate actions in the county, it is expected that funding opportunities will increase for locally-led climate change action by local communities, which in turn will aid to address issues related to the adaptation and mitigation climate change impacts at the community level.



Changing policy and practice



Finance for local climate action

Expanding the Policy, Financing and Advocacy Space for Communities most Affected by Extreme Climate through Strong Political and Community Agency

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the weak systems of community resilience in the wake of climate variability through the mobilisation of strong political and community agency. Mobilising these areas will promote alternatives, secure human rights, and livelihoods, and improve health and expand the policy, financing, and advocacy space for communities most affected by climate change. The project will adopt a vertical approach that will empower communities susceptible to conflicts on account of shared ecosystems in Mombasa/Kakamega; Nairobi/Kajiado and Kakamega/Kakamega to negotiate for climate-change friendly policies at the county and national levels. This approach will involve supporting the deliberate participation of vulnerable and marginalised demographics in the development of climate change mitigation frameworks, as well as the promotion of evidence-driven decision-making with regard to local communities' preparedness to climate change. It will also seek to build a climate change movement that can plug into the shifting national policies, reforms of industry, and development of technology.



PROJECT ORGANISATION

LEGAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION TRUST,
ECONEWS AFRICA,
UJAMAA CENTRE

LOCATION

SIAYA, KAKAMEGA, NAIROBI, KAJIADO, MOMBASA,
AND TANA RIVER COUNTIES

PROJECT TIMELINE

1 SEPTEMBER 2022 - 18 NOVEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

The stakeholders include the Environment and Land Courts (ELCs) in the targeted counties, National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ), National Environmental Tribunal (NET), National Environmental Complaints Committee (NECC) - Environmental Ombudsman, Environment and Land Court - Court Users Committee (ELC- CUCs), National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya Forest Services (KFS), Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), Departments of Environment - national/county governments, Kenya Water Towers Agency (KWTa), Kenya Marine & Fisheries Research Institute, Kenya Marine Authority, Beach Management Units (BMUs) and the Kenya Meteorological Department.

Key Objectives of the Project

Broadly, our overall long-term objective is to build the leadership of women, youth, small-scale farmers and marginalised communities to adapt to climate change and implement economic transition strategies that take into account current and future risks. We have three specific objectives which include:

1

Amplify community voices, build capacity, and positioning families, communities and local institutions to effectively adapt to climate change, and improve grassroots prioritising of climate management systems, community institutions' practices and mitigations to address climate change in targeted counties.

2

Facilitate national and county level policy, legislation, and action that address climate change impacts, financing, and that aligns with the Paris Agreement.

3

Harness and pursue strategic ecosystem leadership, programming, climate proofing, and financing in the counties of Siaya, Kisumu, Mombasa, and Tana River.



What Drives Our Work

Kenya's ecological justice seems a lesser priority within national and county governance conversations despite the presence of climate change laws, policies and guidelines in several countries. There is a lack of political will to navigate the political economy that sustains poor climate change responses, hence reducing propulsion to gender equality, higher standards of living, less income inequality and decent jobs. Nevertheless, Kenya has laws, policies and action plans in place that reinforce the value of prudent institutional governance. The National Climate Change Secretariat, and thematic working groups coordinate climate change responses in alliance with the National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA) and county governments.

INTERVENTIONS

The interventions in this project include **developing** a publication and editing a toolkit for use in community sensitisation on climate change using the Climate Change Mobilisers model, **identifying** Training of Trainers (ToTs) at community level and train to apply climate action capacity building toolkit, **holding** VCA HIVOS Project Working Group Consultative forums/ meetings of 8 representatives, **undertaking** modular, practice-based capacity building led by climate community mobilisers to strengthen community agency and leadership, **conducting** a study on policy, legislations, and institution frameworks at the national and county levels to establish gaps, how the policies respond to climate change impacts, financing and their alignment or deviation from the global Paris treaty.

We also aim to generate a compendium of ecological jurisprudence, and best climate practices, **support** Court Users Committees (CUCs) quarterly dialogue forums to drive debates on compendium/ecological justice in each of the 6 counties, **conduct** county training on ecologically sensitive financing, planning, and budgeting processes through meetings in 6 counties, **lead** bi-annual legal audits to create Ecological Programming Index (EPI) - Independent actors will develop an index by gathering data on the climate justice performance of target counties, **employ** finance expert consultant to document trends in climate financing in target counties, **initiate** working group water practices study, community forums for dialogue on water working paper per county, and a national forum to debate water policies and conflicts, **carry out** an analysis of County planning policies (CIDP, ADP, budget estimates) to influence programming and budgeting for the climate change and finally, **conduct** a critical analysis of the disjuncture between indigenous mechanisms for water retention and modern practices.



Expected Impact

There are information gaps, and inconsistency in the way that national and the County Governments mainstream climate policy, legislative and institutional reforms to safeguard livelihoods, and mitigate climate change. This project will address this gap by promoting coordination and collaboration between the two levels of government to achieve climate justice goals. The project will also address thinning rural livelihoods occasioned by weak community resilience, climate policy processes, and state agencies' climate actions in the wake of climate variability. We will further aim to protect the participation of women, youth, small scale farmers, pastoralists, and other marginal groups in climate change mitigation frameworks to advance local agency, and increase the effectiveness of climate mitigation, capacities for adaptation, resilience and economic climate proofing strategies.

Our project will create and strengthen counties' symbiotic leverages with the national government to increase support for ecological economies, institutional oversight(s), and coordinated interventions, away from non-compliance to climate change policies and legal frameworks. We will pursue the creation and harnessing of local and global knowledge to motivate national, and county governments to integrate community-led climate change solutions into the mitigation mix, rather than labelling it riskier, labour intensive and difficult to measure. Moreover, it will improve professional understanding of climate change and promote evidence-based decision making regarding local communities' preparedness to climate change unpredictability and building resilience for social protection.

Who We Are



Legal Resources Foundation Trust is a non-profit human rights organisation in Kenya, whose vision is a just and equal society, and within the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan exists as a bridge to justice institutions seeking to harness the collaborative benefits of strategic partnerships to gain holistic participatory interventions towards justice, equity, and resilience in communities. Our approaches that are applied in social justice, governance, and community organisation, includes human rights-legal education, community organisation, strategic partnerships, participatory interventions, research, and policy advocacy. We commit to local, regional and global conversations to improve access to justice, including climate justice.



Econews Africa is a Kenyan non-governmental organisation (NGO) that was founded in 1992 by other NGOs in Kenya as a backstopping facility to support organisations working on social development issues. ENA has grown to be a regional and advocacy organisation that works to bridge the local, national, regional, and global information gaps on development issues, specifically on trade and investments, environmental integrity, and sustainability. Our vision is "A Just and Empowered Africa that is in Charge of its Development" and our mission is "To Inform and Transform Africa's Development Processes and Systems through Capacity Building and Evidence-Based Advocacy".



Ujamaa Centre was founded in 2001 and believes that community development is a cause to which one must be deeply committed. Over the years, Ujamaa Centre has worked with peoples and communities in Kenya to enhance popular participation in socio-economic and social justice processes; community-based decision-making and governance, and efficient and sustainable use of natural resources.



Changing policy and practice



Climate finance



Movement building

Facilitating Collective Action of Women in Marine Resources Management

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **Facilitating Collective Action of Women in Marine Resources Management** project aims to facilitate the collective action of women in marine resources management within South Coast Kenya, specifically those in the Shimoni-Vanga Seascape. The project beneficiaries and target groups are women in conservation located in three thematic activities. These activities include actions conducted by the mangrove conservation group, the seaweed farmers, and marine litter collectors who use collected materials to create wealth through recycling the waste.

Our project aims to strengthen knowledge and information management on coastal and environmental issues, engage women in ocean literacy, and influence policy and support for best environmental practices. By involving community groups, the project will enhance action that sustains the blue and green economy. This will be achieved by identifying opportunities for intervention that promote women's potential in the sustainable blue economy. The project uses an approach that targets resource users who have inadequate technical capacity to navigate climate change impacts and enhance their climate resiliency. It also encourages learning through the sharing of knowledge derived from traditional contexts to modern settings and documenting stories from indigenous communities and fisher folks on their past and present experiences. Climate agenda-setting will also be driven through engaging with local media and social media platforms to influence public and resource users' actions, attitudes and behaviour, and prompt the government to finance climate-smart marine and coastal ventures.

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (COMRED)
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WWF-KENYA

SHIMONI-VANGA SEASCAPE

6 APRIL 2022 - 31 DECEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our project engages with stakeholders from The County Government of Kwale through line ministries of environment and fisheries, Shimoni-Vanga community groups (Beach management units, Hewa safi/Mikoko group from Bondo, Eco-friendly group from Mkwiwi dealing with solid waste management, and seaweed farmers group from Kibuyuni, BMUs) as well as women and youth groups.



What Drives Our Work

There is an underlying belief in our work that community development programmes achieve greater impact when it targets the right audience. However, development initiatives often fail to consider the potential of women and gender-differentiated programme outcomes. These considerations are important as women play a central role in the management of fisheries, and coastal and marine resources in the target region. Despite the vital roles that women and youth groups play in marine resource management and its contribution to climate actions, their efforts often go unnoticed. Adding to the susceptibility of women, this group is more vulnerable to climate change impacts and bears most of its dire consequences. Effectively highlighting gender dimensions in resource use and management can provide a greater platform for policy interventions and actions. This will contribute to sustainable marine resource use and economically stable coastal livelihoods. The project is therefore designed to target women and youth groups in South Coast Kenya, specifically those in the Shimoni-Vanga Seascape. The joint co-management area is endowed with rich yet fragile biodiversity and fisheries resources that support thousands of livelihoods. The project addresses information and knowledge gaps on climate change, the lack of engagement of women groups in decision-making, and the lack of advocacy of women's conservation needs in policy and climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Key Objectives of the Project

1

Improve the ocean literacy level by 30% per year for enhanced management of ocean resources.

2

Identify opportunities for intervention that promote women's potential in a sustainable blue economy

INTERVENTIONS

The interventions planned to achieve our project goals are:

- ▶ **Conducting** rapid literacy needs assessment
- ▶ **Affecting** awareness sessions on the value of key habitats (mangroves, sea-grass and coral reefs); their connectedness, threats, and outcome of their loss and degradation
- ▶ **Carrying** out situation assessment on the role of women in existing community resources management and decision making
- ▶ **Initiating** a value chain analysis for marine products of high loss through post-harvest spoilage and training on value addition
- ▶ **Designing** and **producing** different ocean literacy material for training and publicity and having a **dialogue** on indigenous conservation systems and Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EbA) that can facilitate climate change mitigation, adaptation and coping mechanisms.

We also aim to engage local youth and women groups to create awareness of indigenous knowledge sharing through storytelling and creative art, **identifying** and **map** prior and existing indigenous knowledge systems related to climate and natural resources conservation, **develop** a gender and social inclusion practical guide for women in coastal and marine conservation in Kenya and finally, **develop** an engagement strategy for women actors in climate change and natural resources management.

Who We Are

Coastal and Marine Resources Development (COMRED) is a non-governmental organisation whose mission is to nurture practical solutions to problems facing coastal, marine environments and communities for sustainable development. COMRED is located in Mombasa, operates in all the coastal counties of Kenya and also engages in collaborative projects within the Western Indian Ocean countries. The goal of COMRED is to promote the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources through stakeholder engagement, enterprise development, management-oriented research, and fostering mutual partnership. COMRED focus is on; i) nurturing sustainable livelihoods aimed



Expected Impact

Our project holds the potential to enhance the capacity for natural resource management by local women in fisheries from the Shimoni-Vanga Seascape and strengthen their involvement in decision-making processes within the region. It will ensure indigenous and EbA best practices on climate change mitigation are identified, recorded, and shared amongst community members and the public. It will furthermore strengthen women's participation and involvement in the sustainable blue economy through the provision of an engagement strategy amongst key stakeholders in the region.



at poverty eradication while securing food through green and blue economies. ii) training and capacity building of communities on natural resources governance iii) facilitating smart cities approach in ensuring urban space is sustainable and resilient to shocks and unprecedented challenges common to modern coastal cities.



Gender equality and social inclusion



Coastal and marine resilience



Local indigenous knowledge



PROJECT NAME

Green Champions For Change

PROJECT ORGANISATION

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS (CRAWN) TRUST

LOCATION

KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

DECEMBER 2021 - NOVEMBER 2022

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Green Champions for Change Project seeks to ensure the meaningful participation of women and other marginalised groups in key climate processes with an aim to influence climate change decisions at the local and national levels. The goal of the project is to ensure that gender and eco-friendly alternative climate solutions are taken into account in policy, practice and budget allocations in Kenya. The project forms part of our dedication to fostering a democratic society, informed people, peaceful and cohesive coexistence, diversity, human rights and justice.



OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network includes a number of focal point persons, individuals, institutions, organisations and groups from different sectors. These include **women's groups** and **associations** such as the National Women Steering Committee, the Association of Professional women with disabilities and marganalised groups as youth and people with disabilities (PWDs). These groups work on and support climate change action.

Government institutions include The Ministry of Environment and Forestry, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya National Highways Authority(KENHA). We also work with Duty bearers from Kenya as well as from national and global governments.

Additionally, our network includes **Non-government Organisations (NGOs)** and **civil society organisations (CSOs)** as well as community mobilisers and community champions.

Key Objectives of the Project

1

Advocate for the engendering of national climate change policies.

2

Engage diverse women and girls in decision-making on climate change policy and action.

3

Develop tools and a criterion for monitoring gender mainstreaming in climate change policy implementation.

4

Build a network of human rights advocates who will enhance climate solution discourses and strategies.

What Drives Our Work

Our work is steered by the need to address the accelerating climate risks and negative consequences it holds for sustainable living, particularly for women and other marginalised groups. According to the National Climate Change Action Plan 2018-2022 for Kenya, climate risks include escalating temperatures, sporadic rainfall patterns, rising sea levels, stronger storm surges, increasing extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and landslides and ocean acidification. Some attributing factors to these threats include poverty, gender inequality, environmental degradation, high reliance on rain-fed agriculture, water scarcity and mismanagement of water resources, insecure land tenure and land fragmentation, population growth and migration to urban areas. These worrying trends have a direct effect on livelihoods since agriculture and tourism are some of the biggest contributors to Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

INTERVENTIONS

- In fulfilling our objectives, we aim to **facilitate** research and **document** climate change solutions as well as **develop** and **publish** knowledge materials on intergenerational climate change education for awareness-raising and advocacy. We will further **conduct** discussions and meetings with environmental champions on gender mainstreaming in-county climate financing and inclusion, and **establish** multi-stakeholder collaboration on climate change. The utilisation of documentary film, social media and radio activations will ensure that the voices and experiences of marginalised actors are amplified to influence climate change decisions at local and national levels. Finally, we hope to **hold pre-budget meetings** on climate financing to increase resources for addressing climate change impacts and lead dialogue and advocacy meetings with officials in the project counties.
- Ultimately, our interventions are aimed at identifying scalable climate change solutions for co-creation and resource mobilisation. This will also help build the capacity on influencing just climate change.



Who We Are

Community Advocacy and Awareness (CRAWN) Trust is a change catalyst providing African women and girls with the tools, voice and platforms in which they can effect change at the level of the individual, family, and community within local, regional, national, continental contexts in economic, social and political spheres. Our mandate is to empower women and girls in confronting threats to their freedoms and helps them to become change agents in their communities. This means raising awareness through civic and political education to the extent that citizens can pause, take stock of their decisions, and re-imagine a better



Expected Impact

We are working towards the enhancement of environmental consciousness among women and Kenyan citizens, increased awareness on gender mainstreaming in climate action plans and increased engagement by women, girls and youth on climate action. Working with women, girls and youth means that they will be empowered to lead change in their communities, challenge obstacles interrupting social and political freedoms and contribute to new and alternative solutions to climate risks.



society. We intend to harness fresh, untapped talents and skills from the marginalised in society. Our mission is to further empower citizens with the necessary information and skills so as to promote an informed society that will drive change and harness the available opportunities for sustainable development.



Media, storytelling and digital activism



Youth leadership



Changing policy and practice



PROJECT NAME

Knowledge Brokering for Advocacy in VCA Kenya

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN) project will address the limited sharing of climate change information and knowledge across the national and county government, the private sector, CSOs, academia and research institutions, and individual researchers. This includes the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) programme, where little information is available on the partner projects, activities or knowledge products developed. Other challenges include data and information gaps and knowledge-sharing initiatives that exist and operate in isolation from each other, risking duplication of effort and weak 'knowledge infrastructure' within the climate and development sector, which limits the practice of sharing and learning. The project will address these challenges by supporting mutual capacity strengthening for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions and amplified storytelling.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

- SouthSouthNorth (SSN), Hivos, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA)
- Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Africa Uncensored (in a coalition with Youth for SDGs Kenya)
- Legal Resource Foundation (in a coalition with Econews Africa and Ujamaa Kenya)
- Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (in coalition with Juhudi Mashinani and Thinkout Kenya)
- Save Lamu
- Siaya Muungano Network
- CRAWN Trust
- Women Empowerment Link
- Lamu Women's Alliance
- National Alliance of Community Forest Association (NACOFA)
- ADA Consortium
- Nature and People as One (NaPO)
- Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG)
- Clean Cooking Association of Kenya (CCAK)
- Friends of Lake Turkana (FoLT)
- Coastal and Marine Resources Development (COMRED)
- The Catholic Diocese of Maralal - Caritas Marala

PROJECT ORGANISATION

ARID LANDS INFORMATION NETWORK (ALIN)

LOCATION

KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

2022 - 2023



Key Objectives of the Project

1 Provide knowledge management and brokering support to create an enabling ecosystem for collaboration, learning and implementing locally shaped solutions.

2 Communicate and amplify the role of the work in VCA communities through case studies and success stories, among others.

3 Advocate that local solutions become integral to Kenya's local and national climate change responses and policies.

What Drives Our Work

Kenya's Climate Change Act, 2016, amplifies the importance of having measures and mechanisms in place to manage information and knowledge on climate change and its access to all. On the other hand, the National Framework Policy on Climate Change envisages that generating climate change knowledge and information, combined with effective communication strategies, can enhance public participation and awareness. Despite this, there is still limited sharing of climate change information and knowledge across various sectors, from National and County governments to individual researchers. This lack of sharing climate change data and knowledge is also present in the VCA programme, where comprehensive information about affiliate initiatives or knowledge products developed is unavailable. This situation exists alongside other obstacles restricting the practice of sharing and learning, including incomplete information and data, knowledge-sharing projects that are not integrated, which increase the likelihood of replicating work, and weak 'knowledge infrastructure' within the climate and development sector. The shortfalls in information and knowledge sharing underlie the conceptualisation of this project.

INTERVENTIONS

- Support knowledge management by working with the VCA Kenya Communications Committee or the VCA alliance members and partners communications team to support VCA partners with clear, simple, localised and contextualised success stories, case studies and publications.
- Build the capacity of the 17 VCA Kenya partner organisations and other underserved/marginalised persons in data generation and knowledge on information sourcing.
- Produce and distribute semi-annual Joto Afrika publication (previously done under CDKN support) to amplify inventive locally shaped climate action.
- Organise quarterly knowledge roundtables to provide an avenue for knowledge exchange, learning and experience sharing, collaboration, and peer support within VCA.

Expected Impact

It is envisioned that the project can facilitate strengthening knowledge management, communications, and knowledge brokering in the VCA Kenya programme and enhance the capacity of VCA Kenyan partner organisations and other underserved or marginalised persons in data generation and knowledge on information sourcing. If these expectations are realised, then diverse civil society will be collaborating on a shared agenda and co-creating scaled, locally-shaped solutions that benefit people and nature and amplified citizens' voices will shape public debate on the just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient futures.



Who We Are

The Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN) is a Kenyan NGO with over 20 years of experience in knowledge management. It focuses on agriculture production, climate change adaptation, and mitigation and uses Information and Communication Technologies to drive rural digital innovation.



The information and knowledge activities target infomediaries, people who act as a source of information and knowledge for the rest of the community out of duty or social responsibility. ALIN supports these infomediaries by building documentation capacity, knowledge management using ICTs and production of information products and services.



Knowledge management and brokering



Local climate solutions



Movement building

Promoting Climate Voices Through Enhanced Media And Communications Engagement

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project seeks to strengthen the vital role that journalists and media play in climate awareness and transmitting climate relevant information to communities in Kenya.

This is crucial considering there exists a knowledge gap in climate concerns in Africa. Communities can attest to the changing weather patterns and many are not able to understand what is happening or grasp why and what is the best action to take. Addressing climate change will remain overwhelming if the climate discourse is not diversified to involve everyone. This necessitates a sustainable, more people-focused partnership, one that is built on awareness of communities' practices, natural response, and a deepened understanding of the climate challenge. We believe that the training and fellowship of journalists to enhance climate change storytelling in Kenya will make a significant contribution to building climate awareness.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

We work with a number of institutions and organisations particularly, civil society organisations (CSOs), research, academic and media Institutions, indigenous groups, key government institutions, county governments and private sector players.

PROJECT ORGANISATION

AFRICA UNCENSORED & YOUTH FOR SDGS KENYA

LOCATION

NANDI, MAKUENI, KITUI, KILIFI, ISIOLO, MARSABIT, AND KISUMU - KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

NOVEMBER 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022



Key Objectives of the Project

1

Elevate climate change aspects, communities' needs and experiences in tackling climate change.

2

Enhance knowledge and strengthen the capacity of young journalists and communication experts in climate change communication using a fellowship approach.

3

Facilitate dialogue between Kenya's media, communication, and climate stakeholders to enable effective climate communication.

What Drives Our Work

The goal to address the lack of adequate coverage and in-depth analysis of many issues relating to climate change, in spite of the way it disrupts our social, economic, and environmental life underscores our commitment to our work. Media often only highlights the undesired eventful scenarios of climate change, such as droughts and floods and does not critically and consistently discuss climate change challenges. The low coverage of climate stories impacts awareness raising and knowledge among citizens on this matter. Limitations such as inadequate understanding of climate change aspects and language also bar climate communication and reporting.

A nuanced approach focusing on changing this reality is lacking and partnerships between journalists and climate change stakeholders are momentary. The amplification of climate change voices through mainstream media and other media platforms also remains a challenge. The climate change movement fails to stimulate and advance public debate on the subject. Nationally and on the global stage, climate change issues are largely discussed by development and planning decision-makers while disregarding the input of ordinary citizens and local communities. Media can play a significant role in raising public awareness and understanding of the climate change discourse leading to increased knowledge and behavior change amongst members of the public.

INTERVENTIONS

Our interventions focus on communication in a way that brings together storytellers, community representatives at the forefront of climate change and the wider climate stakeholder community to spotlight, discuss and re-imagine a people-centered climate action. It has the power to shift culture, drive social change, and build communities and movements. More can be done to involve young journalists and communicators in the climate discourse and place them at the core of supporting climate change awareness-raising. There is a dire need to empower and equip youth in the media and communication space. Tackling the climate problem demands that our planning, policies, and decision-making are rooted in lived climate realities and aspirations for a safe, resilient, and sustainable future.

Our interventions include **screening** short films about climate issues, **publishing** climate feature stories and stimulating climate action with infographics that enhance climate knowledge and awareness. We aim to **promote** climate issues and stories via online social media engagement and plan to **develop** a fellowship guide as well as **enhance** the knowledge and capacity of young journalists in climate change communication using a fellowship strategy. Our project will further **undertake** online/physical capacity-building training sessions on relevant climate issues and **implement** studies to assess barriers, gaps and opportunities to effective climate change communication in Kenya. Lastly, we will promote meetings and workshops with key stakeholders, including the Media Council of Kenya, Editors Guild, Ministry of Environment and civil society organisations and **establish** media cafes.

Who We Are

Africa Uncensored is an independent investigative and in-depth journalism collective, founded and based in Nairobi, Kenya. Our goal is to investigate, expose and empower. Having worked in investigative journalism for years, we broke off to follow the stories that matter to the country and the people. Our goal is to show Africa in its true form. Africa's story is often a disjointed summary of facts (and fiction) that fails to do this continent justice. Yet there is so much to say and show about Africa. We believe that the power of investigative and in-depth journalism can be used to hold up a mirror to Africa and show it as it really is. We are involved in exposing wrongdoing by the powerful and shining a light on the things that truly matter to the people of this continent.



Expected Impact

Our project aims to enhance the climate discourse and nurture sustainable people-focused partnerships by including everyone, including the public to be involved in the fight against climate change. This means that communities will be informed and made aware of climate change through media platforms to understand what is happening, why it is occurring and what the most suitable action to take is, particularly youth, women, and the elderly who are most at risk and susceptible to the negative impacts of climate change.

We intend to enhance the climate transition discourse by encouraging youth to effectively engage in contextualising this discourse within their country's context. They will also be strengthened to simultaneously be involved in a just transition narrative by evaluating policies that support the call for youth inclusion, empowerment, innovation, and employment. We foresee youth on the front line of establishing what just transition would really mean to Kenya. This means engaging youth in loss of jobs and employment solutions, how to access new jobs created from the impending shift to sustainable patterns and most significantly, understanding and evaluating the implications to existing unsustainable production patterns, how to govern the transition ensuring equity, justice, and a rights-based approach are upheld.



Media, storytelling and digital activism



Youth leadership



Changing policy and practice

Strengthening Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in Marsabit County through Mainstreaming Climate Change Fund Act 2020

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The purpose of the project is to strengthen adaptation and resilience to climate change through the development and support for newly established structures under the Marsabit County Climate Fund Act 2020 and thereby influence climate change fund flow to the wards. The project focuses on mutual capacity strengthening for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions through locally-led climate action financing, agenda setting, and amplification of community voices through policy dialogue and development of Ward Development Plans (WDPs). Broadly, we aim to strengthen adaptation and resilience to climate change in Marsabit County by mainstreaming the Climate Change Fund Act 2020 and enhancing community resilience to climate change.

Additionally, the project will aim to lobby for annual County development funds' budgeting at ward level, to address projects that contribute to climate change adaption and resilience policy to shape locally-led climate solutions. Under lobbying, the project will utilise an advocacy communication strategy leveraging mainstream and community media stations from Marsabit County. It will also utilise social media platforms such as Facebook and community WhatsApp groups.

Overall, we will contribute to strengthening community adaptation and resilience to climate change, climate policy interventions, gender policy development, community voices and storytelling, and lobbying and advocacy.

PROJECT ORGANISATION

PASTORALIST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE (PACIDA);
THINKOUT AFRICA LIMITED;
JUHUDI MASHINANI FOUNDATION

LOCATION

MARSABIT COUNTY, KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

1 SEPTEMBER 2021 - 14 OCTOBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our network includes County governments line departments - Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Livestock and Agriculture, community climate change fund management structures - Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPCs), civil society organisations - Caritas Marsabit and the NAWIRI project, Concern World-wide, NEMA and the Kenya Forest Services (KFS) and Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS).

Key Objectives of the Project

1

Establish administrative structures and capacity building to ensure the efficient management of locally-led climate actions.

2

Develop ward and county-level policy frameworks to promote climate change adaptation and resilience in the county.

3

Promote lobbying and advocacy for climate change funds to flow to community level and promote inter-communal peace advocacy induced by climate change resource competition.

What Drives Our Work

We are motivated to attend to the major environmental changes in Marsabit County, which are almost entirely linked to a changing climate. There has been an increase in the frequency and intensity of climate extremes, such as droughts and floods owing to rising global temperatures and other anthropogenic factors, including population pressure, land-use change, and the continued destruction of forests, grasslands, wetlands and other critical ecosystems. These extreme weather events have greatly affected community livelihoods and threaten the sustainability of the County's development and economic survival since livelihoods are mainly based on pastoralism (camels, sheep and goats), and to a lesser extent on small-scale agriculture. Like other counties in Kenya, Marsabit County's economy is dependent on natural resources and thus is highly vulnerable to climate variability and change.

INTERVENTIONS

- Our interventions include **establishing** 10 ward WCCPCs, one in each administrative ward, **supporting** the training of 10 WCCPCs on co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions and their roles and responsibilities as established under section 18, as well as roles and responsibilities of other structures and linkages thereof under the County Climate Change Fund Act 2020
- We will **facilitate** educational tours for WCCPCs to the other counties which have well-established and functionally similar climate fund management structures and **utilise** mainstream, community, and social media platforms to bolster the visibility of public participation as well as county climate fund structures forums. Supporting and **facilitating** agenda setting and formulation of 5 WDPs with specific emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaption priorities
- Additionally, we will **support** and **facilitate** agenda setting and formulation of the County Climate Finance Framework in collaboration with CCCPCs through the service of a consultant, **facilitate** the production of ward development funds projects implementation tracking and accountability tool "Mulika tracking tool" and **raise** the visibility and influence of ward development funds projects implementation tracking and accountability tool "Mulika tracking tool" in the mainstream, community and social media.

Who We Are

The Pastoralist Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA) is a Non-Governmental Organisation committed to sustainable pastoralist development. PACIDA works with pastoralist communities in Kenya and Ethiopia to end poverty, hunger and disease while addressing the most pressing challenges affecting the communities. PACIDA was founded in 2008 by local scholars and development practitioners who were concerned with the huge and widening humanitarian needs, deepening vulnerabilities and huge development gap in the region. We have been making a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the local communities of Marsabit County for the last 13 years. Our mission is to improve the well-being of vulnerable arid and semi-arid lands communities through sustainable development while our vision is to realise a peaceful, progressive, prosperous, and resilient community.

PACIDA
Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance
Building on Indigenous Knowledge and Traditions

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JUHUDI MASHINANI

Expected Impact

The project's theory of change stipulates that if capacity is built and well supported structures are established under Marsabit County Climate Fund Act 2020, then community adaptation and resilience to climate change will be improved. If 40% of WCCPCs who was established and received skills on locally-led climate actions are also able to significantly demonstrate these skills, it is expected that mutual capacity for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions in the county will be enhanced.

The existence of operationalised gender-sensitive WCCPCs in 40% of the county's administrative wards will be an indication that agenda-setting is being realised and that a movement in climate action through amplified community voices and storytelling has been created. The success of the lobbying and advocacy plan to make policy and financial flows responsible for locally-shaped climate solutions will be signified if 70 % of the strategy to establish WDPs stipulating the need for ward climate actions is successfully adopted. It is further expected that embedding advocacy communication and communities' voices through storytelling will not only raise the visibility of the project but also bolster lobbying and advocacy outcomes.



Changing policy and practice



Finance for local climate action



Media, storytelling and digital activism

Strengthening Community Voices and Capacities in the Management of their Natural Resources

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Strengthening Community Voices and Capacities in the Management of their Natural Resources project seeks to protect, conserve and restore three water towers in Northern Kenya in a way that engages and empowers the local communities to take control of sustainably managing their natural resources to cope with climate change. The vision is to have communities engaged in conserving biodiversity and wildlife in Northern Kenya and deriving tangible benefits from their stewardship.

The project will ultimately strengthen the role of indigenous governance systems and traditional knowledge in rangeland management of three water towers in Marsabit and Samburu Counties. To achieve this goal the project includes various interventions, such as identifying key stakeholders in the project sites, developing community resource maps of the project sites, and strengthening community voices. These interventions will aid to document community perspectives of the landscape, highlight community interventions supporting community members to manage natural resources in the face of climate change and develop the capacities of youth and women to engage in advocacy, leadership and governance. Ultimately, the project aims to make conservation more inclusive.



NATURE AND PEOPLE AS ONE (NAPO)

MARSABIT AND SAMBURU COUNTIES

MAY - DECEMBER 2022

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network includes the indigenous Rendille and Samburu communities, County Government of Marsabit - Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service and the National Administration, Chiefs, youth and women.

Key Objectives of the Project

1

Strengthen the role of indigenous governance systems and traditional knowledge in rangeland management in Northern Kenya for improved climate resilience.

2

Identify and document existing knowledge and interventions used by indigenous communities (Rendille and Samburu) to sustainably manage and utilise their natural resources to cope with climate change.

3

Strengthen community voices in advocacy for their priorities and climate-resilient futures.

4

Develop community capacities in rangeland management - incorporating both traditional and contemporary knowledge.

What Drives Our Work

The significance of three water towers in the ecosystems of the Ndoto, Mount Marsabit and Mount Nyiru to contribute to empowering local communities to sustainably manage their natural resources to cope with climate change underpins the work in this project. These ecosystems are of great importance to the indigenous Rendille and Samburu communities and play an important role in the ability of communities in Northern Kenya to cope with the ever-worsening effects of climate change. The areas are biodiversity-rich hotspots and are also key habitats for endangered wildlife including the African elephant, Grevy zebras, Beisa oryx, lions, and wild dogs among others.

These three ecosystems face a myriad of threats, including land-use changes, overgrazing and overstocking, charcoal production and unsustainable firewood collection, encroachment, fires from traditional beekeeping activities, increased demand for construction materials, and inter-community conflict over natural resources.

In a rapidly changing world, the new generation of community elders lacks the needed capacity (both modern and traditional) as well as incentives to effectively manage the ecosystems. There is a clear need to build upon existing local structures and to provide incentives for the conservation of biodiversity and wildlife, as well as make conservation more inclusive. Furthermore, the project seeks to protect, conserve and restore these fragile ecosystems in a way that engages and empowers the local communities to take control to sustainably manage natural resources to cope with climate change.

INTERVENTIONS

- Our interventions during this project include identifying existing community structures and key stakeholders in the project sites, contextualising climate change from the community perspective and documenting existing positive local interventions and traditional knowledge in coping with climate change, holding Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with key community members to get an understanding of climate change from the community perspective (historical profiling), conducting key informant interviews (KIIs) to document traditional knowledge and different approaches to rangeland management used in the project sites, including traditional range management techniques i.e. grazing plans and traditional by-laws for sustainable management and utilisation of community resources.
- Additionally, we aim to develop community resource maps of the project sites, conduct participative forums with the project team in collaboration with women, youth and elders to map out community resources and develop community resource maps that include cultural sites, watering points, grazing areas and other areas of community importance, conduct workshops with elders and herders (youth) to build their capacities on successful contemporary rangeland management techniques while collaboratively exploring pathways for incorporating both traditional and modern rangeland management techniques, identify local community champions and hold capacity-building workshops covering leadership and governance and finally, train local community champions to be a voice in the community and to engage different stakeholders to leverage resources for community priorities.

Who We Are



The Nature and People as One (NAPO) is a non-profit conservation organisation that partners with local and indigenous communities to conserve landscapes, biodiversity, wildlife and culture, in collaboration with key stakeholders including the government and the private sector. NAPO's key objectives include supporting community-led conservation, improving livelihoods through nature-based enterprises, and enhancing peaceful co-existence between people and wildlife. We build upon local knowledge and existing community systems to implement solutions that ensure communities benefit from the positive management of northern Kenya's landscapes. The

Expected Impact

The project sets out to strengthen inclusive governance by enhancing the role of communities in the governance of ecosystems. This will engage all actors, including youth and women in the sustainable management of natural resources in the water towers in Northern Kenya. This activity will actively seek to encourage harmony and coexistence between people and nature. This action will assist communities to be empowered to manage their lands. Through the project, understanding the importance of the landscapes to the communities will be improved when community perspectives of the landscape are documented. The project will document and highlight community interventions to manage their natural resources in the face of climate change. This understanding will ensure future interventions by NAPO and other actors are guided by community perspectives and their knowledge of their ecosystems. Furthermore, the project will develop the capacities of youth and women to engage in advocacy, leadership, and governance. This will enhance the community efforts for a self-determined climate-resilient future.



long-term goal for NAPO is to improve the lives of local and indigenous communities while ensuring that nature thrives.



Nature-based solutions



Local indigenous Knowledge



Livelihoods development

Strengthening Indigenous Communities Response and Adaptation to Climate Change (SICRACC)

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Strengthening Indigenous Communities Response and Adaptation to Climate Change (SICRACC) project aims to amplify the voices of indigenous communities in Samburu County on climate change issues while integrating indigenous knowledge with scientific knowledge. Due to structural barriers in Kenya's Samburu County, women and youth not only have limited participation in climate action by the state, but are also not considered in the development, financing and implementation of climate change initiatives.

Our project further seeks to strengthen the capacity of community structures, government and other leadership formations on climate change governance, diversified livelihood sources for indigenous groups and the development of community-led policies at country level. As a form of knowledge dissemination, local radio stations will be utilised to further enable communities to share indigenous knowledge with the general public on topics related to conservation, early warning management, adaptation, and human-wildlife interactions.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network is comprised of groups that contribute to enhancing the action and adaptation of indigenous communities to climate threats. These groups include the National Drought Management Authority and the National Environment Management Authority, Department of Livestock Fisheries and Agriculture, Environmental Justice, Kenya Forest Service, Climate Justice Champions, Ward Climate Change Planning Committees and Ward administrators, the Office of the County Commissioner, Samburu County and Radio Mchungaji.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MARALAL-CARITAS MARALAL

MARALAL, SAMBURU COUNTY

APRIL 2022-DECEMBER 2022



Key Objectives of the Project

1

Increase the capacity of indigenous associations and organisations in engaging with government institutions on issues relating to climate change governance.

2

Improve the policy environment for sustainable rangeland management, livestock production and the use of climate information services.

3

Promote livelihood diversification options amongst the pastoralist communities for resilience and sustainability.

What Drives Our Work

Our project is focused on supporting and amplifying the voices of indigenous groups to participate in forums such as public participation that inform county policies and community dialogues that provide communities with platforms to voice their grievances or needs. Existing community structures, like Barazas (public meeting places) and local leadership, will also be linked with government leadership structures like chiefs and ward administrators to engage in dialogues and community-led development plans prioritisation. The input from community institutions will contribute to analysing district plans, programmes and implementation, as well as the granting of climate funding for investments in prioritising adaptation actions.

Our project is also driven by the gender disparities in social and economic roles, women, youth and men experience the effects of climate change differently. Climate change exacerbates these inequalities which makes it critical to understand the differential gendered risks and impacts of climate change. In addition, patriarchal traditional institutions in Samburu County responsible for climate change actions have not only limited roles for women and youth recognised within governance structures, but also have not integrated gender considerations into planning, budgeting and implementation of climate change actions.

INTERVENTIONS

- Our interventions are designed to engage indigenous communities in climate change issues and connect indigenous wisdom and scientific knowledge
- Focus on **disseminating** information to the public on various issues, such as early warning and disaster management, indigenous knowledge from elders and story sharing among communities
- **Supporting** the enhancement of policy-making processes, validation processes and policy-strengthening forums that represent and document community views in policy documents will be a key focus
- **Facilitating** advocacy group meetings where indigenous community members can participate in the policy-making process and be informed of county processes and plans will be a priority. Other interventions aim to focus on **supporting the county** government in marking international days so that indigenous communities can use these dates to participate in celebrating and showcasing their culture while learning scientific and innovative practices from government institutions and other stakeholders
- **Supporting** Council of State Government (CSG) meetings that allow stakeholders to share information on their interventions, target areas and population within the county together with **educating** farmer groups on climate-smart agriculture to diversify sources of livelihood for the indigenous communities who are predominantly pastoralists will be prioritised
- **Enhancing** the sustainability of livelihood options adopted by indigenous groups as income generating activities by emphasising market linkages and **conducting** training on value addition to enhance production and household capital that are derived from income-generating activities adopted by households and groups are additional interventions we aim to conduct
- We will focus on **conducting** training of CSOs on climate change, including climate information systems utilisation, and patterns and issues related to climate change like conflict and malnutrition.
- **Training** rangeland management committees on grazing patterns since they have a key role to play in environmental conservation and **instructing** climate justice champions on environmental conservation strategies as they contribute to amplifying indigenous voices and sharing information from stakeholders and government institutions with their communities are key interventions that will be rolled out
- Finally, we aim to **train** village peace committees on climate justice approaches in order to share knowledge and solve resource-related issues amicably.

Expected Impact

Our intended impact is for indigenous communities to be able to participate in county planning activities, adopt alternative sources of livelihood, like the practice of climate-smart agriculture, engage in saving groups such as village saving and loaning associations and improve their pool of income. These outcomes will consequently reduce overdependence on natural resources like wood and overstocking which exerts huge pressure on land and water resources. The advocacy and lobbying work from our project will also create opportunities for communities to see the consideration and implementation of their own policy contributions, as well as the integration of indigenous knowledge with scientific knowledge for the enhancement of sustainable adaptation strategies.

Who We Are

CARITAS Maralal is the social development arm of the Catholic Diocese of Maralal that was established in 2001. The organisation works with various donors, government agencies and people of goodwill to address the development needs of marginalised communities within Samburu County. The Diocese of Maralal has 14 Ecclesiastical Parishes spread across the entire Samburu County which provide structures at the grass root level through which Caritas Maralal addresses the development needs of communities. CARITAS Maralal at the Catholic Diocese of Maralal focuses on the following seven priority issues affecting its target groups; livelihood and food security, water, sanitation and hygiene (wash), human health, justice and peace, quality education, gender equity, disaster risk reduction and humanitarian emergency response. The following six main thematic areas have been key in developing community driven development programmes; health and nutrition, wash, disaster risk reduction and climate change, peace and justice, sustainable livelihoods and education, gender, HIV/ AIDS and capacity building.



Local indigenous knowledge



Knowledge management and brokering



Livelihoods development



PROJECT NAME

Women for Climate Justice in Lamu

PROJECT ORGANISATION

LAMU WOMEN ALLIANCE - LAW

LOCATION

LAMU/COAST/LAMU WEST, KENYA

PROJECT TIMELINE

1 JANUARY 2022 - 31 DECEMBER 2022

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our overall project goal is to empower women and rural communities in Lamu County in the fight for climate justice and to increase their participation when decisions are made that affect their lives and human rights. We aim to strengthen advocacy and resistance to unsustainable infrastructure projects in Lamu, especially in promoting the inclusion of women and rural indigenous communities.

The amplification of citizen voices are key to help shape public debate on the just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient futures. We further intend to ensure that civil society is collaborating on a shared agenda and co-creating scaled solutions that benefit people and nature. In light of the power imbalances that exist between men and women, an additional key focus area is to ensure that women's voices are not silenced on the issues of climate change.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

Our stakeholder network includes official authorities such as NEMA and relevant county government offices who are involved in environmental management. We will work with regional NGOs such as Natural Justice and the DeColonize movement in capacity-building interventions. At a local level, we will engage community-based organisations (CBOs) who are involved in waste management and climate action.



Key Objectives of the Project

1 To have a diversified, women-inclusive civil society defends the rights of people and nature and advocates for a climate-just future in Lamu.

2 To ensure the voices of women and rural communities are heard in public debates on climate change, the LAPSET the Lamu Coal Power Plant projects.

What Drives Our Work

Since 2012, infrastructure development projects such as the Lamu Coal Power Plant project and the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project have been continuously jeopardising Lamu citizens', especially women's and rural indigenous communities' human rights with their multiple attempts to move on with these projects without adequate public participation, community consultation and compensation.

Women, girls and rural communities in Lamu County are the most vulnerable to climate change and the impacts of such unsustainable projects. In Lamu's patriarchal society, women face additional barriers to public participation. It is a system that normalises the exclusion of women's representation in key decisions that affect their lives. There is a power imbalance on multiple levels, between industrial mega-investors and local communities and within the male-dominated households. This will only worsen with the effects of climate change when water, food, and land become scarce. Thus, there is an urgent need to push back and empower women and vulnerable communities to stand up for their human rights and build resilience to climate change.

INTERVENTIONS

Our interventions aim to **strengthen civil society, women and marginalised communities in Lamu to have their voices heard on climate action** through strategies that are focused on **building the capacity of women** on climate justice, human and environmental rights. We aim to increase their participation in public consultations. This will be delivered through training events, forums, dialogues and community awareness sessions. Our aim is to place **women at the forefront of driving a climate change movement** in Lamu County and to actively contribute to global efforts on waste minimisation and environmental protection. We will create a platform where solid waste management actors can meet, gain technical knowledge and coordinate their efforts in making Lamu clean. Our intention is to use **traditional and new media channels** (radio, social media) to let the voices of women and rural groups in Lamu County be heard as they are negatively impacted by climate change and unsustainable development projects.

We will also **bring stakeholders together** to discuss climate change-related problems, find solutions, and build a communication bridge between the affected marginalised groups, local government officials, and the LAPSET and Coal Power Plant Projects.



Expected Impact

We will work on the local Lamu County level to contribute to the goal of establishing an improved civic space in Kenya, where civic society voices, in particular, those of indigenous/marginalised populations.



Who We Are



Lamu Women Alliance (Lawa) is a legally women-led registered kenyan not-for-profit organisation that was formed to empower women on their rights to actively participate in advocating, protecting and utilising natural resources and environment in a sustainable responsible manner to secure their livelihood. We strive to to create and provide safe spaces and facilitate socio-economic well-being for vulnerable women and girls in Lamu County, through leveraging available resources, and forging true partnerships and collaborations to yield impactful actions that enable them achieve resilience and thrive.

Our overall organisational objective are to raise awareness on resource rights to communities to enable control over their natural resources and foster their sustainable use and to support girl child education, increase access, encourage enrollment and

full transition to basic primary/secondary school. We aim to make quality maternal and reproductive health services accessible as well as preserve the cultural and social identity e.G., women, minority community, youth and people with disabilities of the marginalised indigenous communities in Lamu. Our organisation further aims to support the economic empowerment of women, promote and advocate for gender and human rights.



Gender equality and social inclusion



Rural development



Movement building

Women Voices in Climate Action and Governance in Siaya County

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Women Voices in Climate Action and Governance project aims to strengthen the engagement and voices of women in climate change decision-making processes and agendas. Our initiative focuses on training and educating women in climate-related areas such as climate risks and solutions, advocacy, policy, and gender concerns. Rural women and women in self-help groups in the community will form the primary targets to generate gender-sensitive discussions on climate change at a grass root level and to build a community women's movement for strong advocacy on feminist principles in climate spaces.

As part of our wider outreach goals, we plan to showcase the contributions toward climate solutions from the women in Siaya County in a documentary film. Public debates on climate change will also be stimulated via radio discussions with women leading the climate change agenda. Our project further connects our stakeholder network, such as women rights organisations, government departments, and social groups in working towards supporting gender equality and women's involvement in climate action plans and policies. The project is part of our commitment to engage women in environmental governance and to enhance gender-responsive climate initiatives in Siaya County.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

We work with women rights organisations and other civil society organisations such as West Gem Savings and Loaning CBO, Kenya Female Advisory Organisation will facilitate wider advocacy. Our stakeholder network also includes duty bearers and policymakers in government such as the County Assembly of Siaya, Department of Environment, Ministry of Forestry, Department of Finance and Economic Planning, and Directorate of Public Participation. We also work with social groups such as those in the business sector as well as transport including trade unions in Siaya. They are significant in building critical mass in the county for wider stakeholder involvement to advocate for adequate climate financing.

SIAYA MUUNGANO NETWORK

SIAYA COUNTY, NYANZA, KENYA

15 DECEMBER 2021 - 14 NOVEMBER 2022



Key Objectives of the Project

1

Empowering women and building their capacities to demand for gender-responsive climate actions, budgets, policies and plans in Siaya County by 2022.

2

Building collaborative frameworks and feedback mechanisms on climate and gender issues between the county government of Siaya and the grass-root women in Siaya County.

What Drives Our Work

The limited participation of women and lack of female voices in the existing climate change decision-making spaces, like ward climate change committees or County Climate Change Planning Committee in Siaya County drives our work to advance women in climate change decision-making and further gender-responsive climate projects. There is often limited prioritisation made by the County Government of Siaya to support and broaden the existing local climate solutions made by women at community level. Inadequate budgetary allocation to finance climate change response programmes and initiatives has also been characteristic of the County Government of Siaya.

Addressing climate risk has further been compromised by accountability gaps in climate change programmes or activities launched by government. Most importantly, our work is driven by the need to address the capacity gaps among rural women in Siaya on gender issues in climate change that could enable them to challenge and contribute to government systems meant to develop gender sensitive climate change policies, plans and budgets.

INTERVENTIONS

We have a number of interventions that include the training of 20 women climate action and advocacy champions. Conducting civic education with 20 grassroots women groups in Siaya on gender issues in climate change and solutions in another key intervention as well as educating 20 CSO's and women rights organisations in Siaya on climate financing and existing frameworks to promote climate justice.

We aim to launch sub-county level climate change response accountability forums with women and CSO's on the implementation of climate change initiatives by Siaya County Government and will be facilitating roundtable stakeholder engagement meetings with national and county government representatives, WRO's/women groups/networks, private sector, CSO's, business groups, academic institutions and financial institutions in Siaya.

Connecting transporters (Matatu and Boda-Boda) and local women artisanal miners in Siaya in discussions on the best approach for climate change actions and reviewing the performance of existing climate change response plans and initiatives is something we believe will make a big difference to climate change efforts. Developing a documentary on women's contributions to climate change responses in Siaya County for evidence-based advocacy and wider outreach is another focused intervention.

Mobilising women groups to develop proposals on climate change response projects at the ward level and lobby for funding by Siaya County Climate Change Fund as well as

Who We Are



Siaya Muungano Network (SIMUN) is a women's rights and youth development organisation working as a Community-Based Organisation that is mainly focused on promoting gender equality, civic education, good governance, accountability, economic empowerment for women and youth, and community and health education and advocacy. We aim to build women and youth movements at the grassroots level as well as facilitate community forums and discussions in various spheres of development and public participation, budget advocacy and accountability and championing for women's inclusion in decision-making and governance.

The formation of Siaya Muungano Network was driven by the need to implement vibrant programs that would impact the greatest change in the lives of communities and their organised structures in Siaya County and its neighbourhoods. Our main goal is to support simple community efforts to build a sustainable society and to raise the competency of community institutions and their representatives in advancing people's voices and inclusion.

leading community town hall forums targeting women, societal actors and duty bearers on climate and gender as a means to encourage more women into climate change decision making spaces in Siaya are key.

Employing radio talk shows with women champions on climate change in Siaya to generate public debates and discussions on climate change solutions and responses. We aim to present town walks in Siaya with women that will culminate in addressing the press to build pressure on the county government and the public to support and prioritise climate change response and inclusion of women in climate change agenda.

Other key interventions include arranging county annual conference/stakeholder forum on climate change in Siaya County, organising women's rights organisations and CSO's in Siaya to issue press statements and media briefs on the status of climate financing by the county government of Siaya, running meetings with the County Assembly of Siaya Committee on Environment, County Executive Department of Environment, CSO's and Women Networks to influence implementation of Siaya County Climate Change Act and increased budgetary allocation for climate change response projects and programmes. Finally, we aim to co-ordinate pre-budget ward level forums with women and women groups to develop memoranda with women's priorities on climate change impact solutions to feed into the county's CIDP 2023 -2027 and subsequent county annual plans.

Expected Impact

We anticipate that our project will increase women's participation in environmental governance and climate change response spaces in Siaya County. This will be achieved through training and civic education of women, as well as enhancing their civic awareness capacities on gender issues in climate change and relevant policies in Siaya County. Women will be empowered in ways that enable them to hold their leaders and the county government accountable to gender issues in climate actions. Our project also intends to improve attitudes and behaviours of duty-bearers to uphold gender equality and promote women's participation in climate action priorities and plans in Siaya County. We intend to increase collaborative frameworks and feedback with duty bearers to address and mainstream women's issues in climate actions and decision-making, while simultaneously adopting more gender-responsive climate plans and policies.



Gender equality and social inclusion



Movement building



Media, storytelling and digital activism



Rural development

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