



VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION

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WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2025 EDITION OF THE VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION NEWSLETTER

As COP30 approaches, and we near the conclusion of the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) programme, we take a moment to reflect on the programme's legacy across the globe. This edition of the newsletter highlights the local impact of VCA, showcasing how communities have advanced climate justice through grassroots action, advocacy, and creativity.

VCA partners have built movements, won awards, and shaped policy. You'll read about the legacy of VCA in Bolivia, Brazilian activism in action, movement building in Indonesia, women-led climate justice in Kenya, an environmental journalism award in Paraguay, advocacy for equitable climate finance in Zambia, and the programme's conclusion in Tunisia.

And there's more. VCA coalition partners recently presented the Next Level Grant Facility (NLGF) at the Bonn Climate Conference (SB62), advocating for climate finance that truly reaches the local level. With only 10% of global climate funding currently reaching frontline communities, VCA continues to push for locally led solutions and direct access to resources.

Explore stories, podcasts, publications, and upcoming events that show how climate action is being shaped by those most affected, and most committed to driving change.

We hope these stories inspire you as much as they inspired us.

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VCAS PARTICIPATION AT SB62



On 25 June 2025, WWF Netherlands, Fundación Avina, Slum Dwellers International (SDI), and SouthSouthNorth (SSN) came together at the Bonn Climate Conference (SB62) to discuss a crucial challenge: the persistent gap between global climate finance commitments and the realities of frontline communities.

Global climate finance hit a record \$1.9 trillion in 2023. Yet beneath that headline, the picture is far less equitable. Public climate finance declined by 8% from 2022 to 2023. And less than 10% of all climate finance reaches local actors, an even smaller fraction (around 1% or less) supports Indigenous Peoples and feminist organisations.

This session in Bonn posed tough questions: How can we bridge this gap? How can small grants and locally led funding models empower communities and deliver more just, effective adaptation?

Read more about it in [this article...](#)

FROM OUR COUNTRIES



BOLIVIA

SALTY LIFE: THE WEENHAYEKS' SILENT DRAMA

The Weenhayek people survive amidst extreme heat, a lack of potable water, and an absent state.

In the Bolivian Chaco, drinking unsafe water exposes its inhabitants to diseases, and life is further complicated by kidney



problems, poor nutrition, and projects that never materialise.

This report examines the resilience of a community that, despite being abandoned, has not given up. Yenny Escalante and Felicidad Alarcón wrote the report as part of the VCA programme, amplifying voices with the support of SouthSouthNorth, Fundación Avina, WWF Bolivia, and in partnership with the Foundation for Journalism.

VOICES THAT TRANSFORM TERRITORIES, THE LEGACY OF VCA

The Voices for Just Climate Action (VAC) programme is more than just a working platform; it is a living tapestry of stories, lessons learned, and

alliances. Women, young people, and Indigenous communities have come together to protect their territories and develop effective solutions to climate change.

On 2 July 2025, VAC partners and allies, including WWF Bolivia came together. More than 14 organisations shared their achievements, challenges, and dreams from the Pantanal, Chaco, and Chiquitanía. What began as a local effort today leaves a collective legacy that will continue to grow, because when local voices are heard, change becomes unstoppable. Because together, it is possible!



[Read more in this article...](#)

VCA SMALL NBS FUND: TWO DAYS OF CONNECTING VOICES, MEMORIES AND CLIMATE ACTION



More than 50 people from Chiquitanía, Chaco, and Pantanal gathered in Santa Cruz to share lessons learned and achievements as part of the VAC project's Nature-Based Solutions fund. Over two days (3 to 4 July), stories, memories, and bonds were woven between women, young people, and Indigenous communities, that are driving real action against climate change, starting locally and with a collective vision.

[Read the full details](#) of this event...

BOLIVIAN YOUTH DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS IN THE 2025 YOUTH WATER CONTEST

Three youth teams have been awarded as winners of the 2025 Youth Water Contest, organised by Fundación Gaia Pacha, UNICEF, and Fundación Avina under the framework of the Voices for Justice Climate Action (VAC) programme. The contest, launched in April and involving 201 teams from across Bolivia, concluded in July by recognising the most innovative proposals to address the country's water and environmental challenges.

First place went to the project "Evaluation of Phytoremediation as a Water Restoration Strategy in Areas Affected by Gold Mining in Huanuni", from the highland region of Oruro, which explores the use of plants to clean contaminated water sources. Second place was awarded to "Guardians of the Riverbank" from San Borja (Beni), in the Amazon region, which focuses on protecting riverine areas in the Tsimane Indigenous community from natural disasters. Third place went to "Clean Water for My Town", from Mineros (Santa Cruz), a transition zone between the valleys and lowlands, which developed a rechargeable homemade filter using hydroxyapatite derived from calcined bones to reduce fluoride levels in drinking water.

At the award ceremony held in La Paz, the winning teams and their mentors received laptops, tablets, and smartphones as recognition for their dedication and creativity. The event also marked the official launch of AGUARDA, a board game that compiles the key learnings and proposals from the five editions of the contest.

This is the second edition of the contest supported by Fundación Avina. At the 2024 contest, the winning projects included ECOHAIR (utilising human hair to filter water pollution), ROCIELO SELLANO (capturing water through condensation), and RECIJABÓN (transforming used cooking oil into eco-friendly soap), all of which showcased youth-led, innovative, and sustainable solutions.

The Youth Water Contest seeks to raise environmental awareness among Bolivian adolescents and young people, while promoting the creation of practical solutions that benefit their communities and help protect natural resources. In addition to raising awareness, the contest aims to identify and map nature-based solutions throughout the country.

Looking ahead, there is hope that future winners will go on to represent Bolivia at the Junior Water Prize organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) during World Water Week.

EXTREME HEAT AND PLAGUES ARE FORCING BOLIVIAN GUARANÍ COMMUNITIES TO MIGRATE TO CHILE



In Villa Montes, extreme heat, deforestation, and plagues are driving Guaraní communities from Bolivia to Chile. Since 2022, at least 688 Indigenous people have left their territory. Who stays and why?

Karem Mendoza and Leonidas Alvarez wrote **this report** as part of VCA to amplify voices with the support of SouthSouthNorth, Fundación Avina, WWF Bolivia, and in partnership with the Foundation for Journalism.

BRAZIL

ART IN BATTLE

“The unavoidable future of oil is underground; the unavoidable future of the forest is standing upright.”

Initially published in a 2021 free research report on art activism, environment, and climate collapse - and later republished in the **Voices Magazine** (Brazil edition) - this



powerful text explores the urgent call to action in a world already facing climate collapse.

As global temperatures approach the 1.5°C threshold, science warns of irreversible damage. Yet amid fossil fuel dependency and deforestation, a beacon emerges: art activism.

More than expression, it is a cultural force—mobilising imagination, disrupting narratives, and calling for justice through creative resistance. Through collective action and urban interventions, art becomes not only a witness but a catalyst for change. **Read the full article...**

DEVELOPMENT AND INVOLVEMENT: POPULAR RESISTANCE



Representatives of territories and social movements in Maranhão state debate the climate crisis and collective resistance to support the creation of the Popular Observatory of Socio-Biodiversity and Climate Policy.

Resistance and popular involvement are central points to facing the impacts of rampant development in the Amazon that directly contribute to climate change and environmental racism. In Maranhão, five entities are mobilising to build collective processes of resistance together with different voices from the territories, peoples, and traditional communities of the state through the creation of the Popular Observatory of Socio-Biodiversity and Climate Policy of Maranhão.

TAPAJÓS ON SCREEN



With cameras and cell phones, young people from Tapajós highlight the impacts of climate change on their territories and gain visibility in national and international awards. Through the Tapajós Voices Coalition, communities are producing award-winning films that highlight their struggles, solutions, and deep-rooted connection to the Amazon.

By blending ancestral knowledge with digital storytelling, these collectives are not only raising awareness but asserting their rightful place at the centre of the climate debate.

[Read more in this article...](#)

YOUTH ON THE MOVE



Young people from Acre come together to form the Comunic(A)tiva Network Coalition, promoting communication and activism in the socio-environmental struggle. Four youths share a common desire: to preserve the territory they inhabit. Follow the stories of Laiane da Costa Santos, Luiris da Silva Carvalho, Raylane Onofres Rodrigues and André da Silva Marciel, who are at the forefront of defending not only the Amazon, but the planet.

[Read their inspiring stories...](#)

INDONESIA

ART AS A FORM OF ACTIVISM

When climate change threatens not just landscapes, but the very heart of a community's identity, the response must be more than technical.



It must be human. In Indonesia, where the voices of Indigenous peoples, women, youth, and other marginalised groups have long been sidelined in climate discourse, the alliance's member of VCA Indonesia has embraced an unconventional yet powerful tool to shift narratives and power: **art**.

[Read more...](#)

BEYOND THE CRISIS: COMMUNITIES ARE LEADING INDONESIA'S CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENT

In a year marked by rising climate urgency, communities across Indonesia are not just adapting, they are speaking up. From the banks of Dayeuhkolot



to the remote villages of East Sumba, a groundswell of local voices is shaping the climate discourse, proving that those most affected are also best positioned to lead. Supported by the VCA programme, these stories reveal the growing capacity of grassroots groups to influence change; locally, nationally, and globally. [Read more...](#)

GRASSROOTS RISING: LOCAL CHAMPIONS UNITE IN KUPANG FOR CLIMATE ACTION

On 19 and 20 June, Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) became the stage for a powerful gathering of grassroots voices during **Inspiring**



Gathering of Local Champions - Real Actions for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation in Nusantara, an event organised by C4Ledge through Bengkel APPeK with support from the VCA Indonesia alliance.

The event brought together over 60 participants, including climate champions from across Indonesia, government stakeholders, community-based organisations, and the media. These individuals, many of whom are women, Indigenous leaders, youth, and village officials, have been on the frontlines of climate challenges - managing land, seas, and resources under growing pressure from climate change. [Read more...](#)

CHANGING POWER FROM THE BOTTOM UP

The fight against climate change in Indonesia is not taking place in air-conditioned meeting rooms or glossy national reports. It's



unfolding in riverside kampungs, on contested farmland, through communal rituals, and in the quiet determination of women who are reshaping the narrative of who gets to design the future. As the climate crisis intensifies, so too does the resolve of those who have long been excluded from decision-making. Today, they are not merely asking for a seat at the table; they are building the table themselves. [Read more...](#)

FRAMING CLIMATE CHANGE AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE: YASINTA'S STORY FROM KUPANG



As climate change has worsened over the years, cyclones have become increasingly prevalent globally. A tropical storm that hit Indonesia in 2021 has significantly impacted the livelihoods of many and prompted women fishers to seek alternative ways of earning a living. Yasinta's story is one of quiet strength and collective resistance.

FROM CUSTOMARY FORESTS TO CLIMATE FINANCE: VCA INDONESIA IS CHAMPIONING CLIMATE JUSTICE FROM THE GROUND UP

In the heart of the archipelago, from the mangrove-lined shores of East Nusa Tenggara to the deep forests of Papua, a quiet yet powerful



transformation is unfolding. It is not driven solely by governments or institutions, but by communities, consisting of various indigenous elders, young activists, village heads, and local women, who are reclaiming their right to shape the future of their lands and climate. [Find out](#) how grassroots voices are being heard at the highest levels.

VCA HOLDS PUBLIC DIALOGUE TO FACE CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS

Indonesia is ranked as the third most at-risk country for climate change, after India and Nigeria.

To address this, the VCA alliance convened a public dialogue, bringing together policymakers, community leaders, and changemakers from diverse regions to develop concrete steps. [Read more...](#)

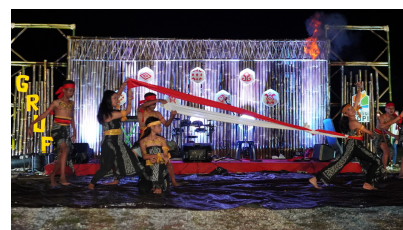


Across Indonesia, particularly in remote areas, local champions are weaving resilience, tradition and innovation into the fabric of their response to the climate crisis.

In this article, we learn how women, youth and urban farmers in Tapobali, Garusa, Beneik and Kawalelo villages are reviving traditional crops and adapting to climate change with innovation and local wisdom.

WHAT CITIZENS CAN DO: PRACTICAL LESSONS IN CLIMATE ACTION FROM YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES IN INDONESIA

Climate action begins with us. But before we act, we must first understand how the climate crisis affects us on the ground and how everyday people are already responding with courage, creativity, and community. One of the clearest examples of this lies in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), where the VCA programme, through coalitions and local partners, has supported and worked closely with youth and communities since 2021. [Read more...](#)



INDONESIAN YOUTH ACCESS LOCAL CLIMATE FINANCE THROUGH THE NLGF FUND

Traditional climate funds often overlook grassroots groups, which struggle to access support due to their small size and limited capacity to meet donor requirements. In Nusa Tenggara Timur, the Flobamoratas Executive Committee - the region's largest youth climate network - recently received funding through the VCA programme's **Next Level Grant Facility** (NLGF). This mechanism directs resources to locally led climate action and provides emergency support for environmental defenders and communities hit by climate disasters. [Read more...](#)

WHY FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BEGIN AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

At the heart of food security lies more than just access to food; it is about communities having the power to define, grow, and sustain their food systems.



WHEN VOICES RISE: VCA SHIFTS POWER TO COMMUNITIES AT THE FRONTLINES OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

On 24 September last year, in Maumere, Sikka, Indonesia, forty-five community representatives from youths, farmers, fisherfolk, Indigenous leaders, and civil society actors stood together and voiced what had long gone unspoken: that the climate crisis in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) compounds decades of structural injustice. [Read more...](#)



KENYA

JOINT ACTION PLAN FOR LOCALLY-LED CLIMATE ACTION AND FLLOCA

Siaya Muungano Network (SIMUN), in partnership with Women's Empowerment Link (WEL), organised a two-day workshop for CSOs in the Nyanza Region on 10 and 11 June 2025 at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel in Kisumu. The workshop aimed to develop the Nyanza Regional Action Plan for CSO Engagement in Locally Led Climate Actions, including the Financing Locally Led Climate Actions (FLLoCA) programme.



Read more about what was achieved.

COMMEMORATING WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

World Consumer Rights Day is an annual global event commemorated to promote consumer protection and increase global awareness of consumer rights. It also serves to raise awareness of market inequalities at the global, regional, national, and sub-national levels.



In March 2023, CUTS, under the VCA programme in Homabay County, coordinated stakeholders to commemorate this day under the theme "Empowering Consumers through Clean Energy Transitions".

In this video, consumers are urged to reuse and recycle items to protect the environment.

SPECIAL QUOTE



"VCA have supported various groups when it comes to tree growing, including my office as the DCC. They have also initiated the women empowerment programme, which has empowered more women within the wards of operation."

Mrs. Beatrice Odira – Deputy County Commissioner, Suba Central Sub-county

CUTS LEADING A BID TO RESTORE THE DEGRADED GWASSI HILLS



In December 2024, Homabay County, through the national government, launched "the chief's monthly tree planting campaign" on Climate Action Day. The tree planting project aimed to restore degraded Gwasssi Hills in Homa Bay County, where a landslide took the lives of three children and a woman, and destroyed homes, farms, and infrastructure in April 2024.

CUTS, in collaboration with VCA, local government, and Victory Firms, planned to build gabions and plant trees to combat soil erosion and prevent disaster. This collaboration, initiated in November, focused on climate change awareness, mitigation, and adaptation actions in Suba Central Sub-county of Homabay County.

ROOTS OF HOPE: MFANGANO YOUTH PARLIAMENT'S GREEN REVOLUTION

Nestled in the shimmering waters of Lake Victoria lies Mfangano Island, located in Suba West sub-county, Homa Bay, Kenya. Once a lush green

paradise, where indigenous trees and wild fruit trees danced in the breeze, and birdsong filled the air.

But over the past few decades, the island's green cover has been steadily disappearing, swallowed by the flames of charcoal burning, cleared for farming plots, and replaced by a growing fishing economy that often overlooks the fragile balance of nature.

Find out how Mfangano Youth Parliament, a community-based organisation, is channelling the energy and voices of Mfangano's youth into climate action. [Read more...](#)



THE COST OF BLACKOUTS

In May, the LAWA team visited Faza as part of the “Building Climate Futures in Lamu” project to explore how climate-related challenges are affecting everyday people, especially women, and how communities can adapt, thrive, and build resilience in the face of such threats. What they found was a story both inspiring and painful - a story of survival against all odds, and of progress that stalls with every blackout. [Read more...](#)



KARIOBANGI INITIATIVE TURNS WASTE INTO SCHOOL SUPPLIES



In Kariobangi, Nairobi, a community initiative called Taka for Education is tackling waste and keeping students in school. The programme allows residents to exchange recyclable waste for school supplies, promoting both education and environmental responsibility.

[Watch this media report](#) about this amazing initiative.

UNSUNG HEROES: KEEPING KISUMU, KENYA'S CLEANEST CITY SPARKLING



Kisumu has been named Kenya's cleanest city — but behind the sparkling streets and spotless sidewalks lies the untold story of its unsung heroes. [This video](#) takes you into the Kisumu Waste Pickers Welfare Association, a vibrant community of over 350 members of youth, single mothers, and reformed individuals who are transforming lives through waste collection and recycling.

CLIMATE ACTION FROM THE KITCHEN

In many rural communities across Kenya, the kitchen is more than a cooking space; it's a frontline in the fight against climate change.



In Lamu, women are not just caregivers and homemakers; they are climate champions. Amid rising temperatures, unpredictable weather, and vanishing forests, the women of Lamu are quietly leading a green revolution with a humble yet powerful tool, the energy-saving jiko. [Read more...](#)

MANTONDONI VILLAGE: A COMMUNITY IN DANGER

On a recent field visit to Matondoni Village, a place renowned for its rich culture, stunning scenery, craftsmanship, and dhow-making, the



Lamu Women Alliance was struck not by the charm but by the crisis. [Find out how plastic waste](#) has affected the livelihoods of those living in Matondoni village.

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE: EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

What does a learning exchange visit mean to women, and what role does it play in empowering women to shape climate change narratives and solutions? [Learn how Siaya Muungano Network](#) are helping women not only improve their farming and natural resource management but also take part in shaping solutions to climate change through peer-to-peer learning exchanges.

FROM POLICY TO ACTION: IMPACT STORIES FROM HOMA BAY COUNTY



[In this video](#), CUTS documents the success stories of initiatives they have led under VCA.

Through lobbying and advocacy efforts, including engaging in collaborative legislative support for Homabay County, CUTS is driving policy to action.

VCA KENYA PODCAST SERIES EPISODE 5: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LINK



[In this episode](#) of the Hali Hewa Podcast, our guest, Gertrude Tala from the Women Empowerment Link (WEL), takes us through the vital role of women in leading climate justice. WEL's work focuses on empowering women and advancing gender justice within the Voices for Just Climate Action programme, ensuring that women's voices are central to climate solutions.

EMPOWERING LAMU THROUGH CLEANUPS AND RECYCLING

Lamu Women Alliance (LAWA) has spent time cleaning beaches and teaching people how to recycle and manage waste.



Through women's inclusion in the climate justice project, beach cleanups have now grown into a movement that is changing how Lamu sees its waste, its environment, and its future. [Read more...](#)

ASAL PRESS FORUM: A ROBUST JOURNALISTS NETWORK FORMED TO AMPLIFY CLIMATE CHANGE STORIES

The ASAL PRESS FORUM (APF) is a robust platform for journalists from Marsabit County and the wider northern region, launched in June to bolster the reporting of climate change and other human-interest stories in the Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) regions.



The workshop, which saw journalists, bloggers, and podcasters from Marsabit County and the wider northern region trained on climate change reporting and emerging trends in journalism and technology, including artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), augmented reality, and machine learning, among others, was led by experts from Thinkout Africa.

[Read more](#) about the development of this platform.

FROM DROUGHT TO ABUNDANCE IN KENYA

In the heart of Marsabit's drylands, the Shurr Conservancy community is redefining climate resilience, not just for people, but also for livestock and wildlife.



By combining traditional knowledge with climate-smart innovation, this pastoralist community is confronting the harsh realities of climate change head-on, improving food security, strengthening livelihoods, and protecting biodiversity. [Read more...](#)

DUOND MINE FORUM: A GROWING MOVEMENT OF WOMEN CLIMATE CHAMPIONS IN SIIYA

What began as a local forum to connect grassroots women and duty bearers has evolved into a vital platform shaping Siaya County's climate justice agenda.



The Duond Mine Forum, now in its second year, is proving that when women lead, climate responses are more inclusive, practical, and grounded in real experience. [Read more...](#)

PARAGUAY

WINNERS OF THE 2025 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM AWARD ANNOUNCED

In Asunción, Paraguay, the winning entries for the second edition of the National Environmental Journalism Award were announced.

The award recognises investigative journalism on climate crisis, human rights and sustainability in different formats and territories.



This year, 38 reports from six departments were submitted. In the professional category, the winners were: La otra Guerra del Chaco (Ciencia del Sur), Los guardianes del bosque bajo amenaza (The Paraguay Post), and En busca de la tierra prometida (Última Hora and Revista Pausa). In the student category, which was introduced for the first time, the winners were Blankets that Shelter the Planet (Universidad del Norte) and The Two Faces of Agriculture (Universidad del Pacífico).

The award is part of the Journalism for Climate Action agenda, promoted by Global Infancia, Emancipa Paraguay and El Surtidor, with the support of WWF-Paraguay and Fundación Avina, within the framework of the VCA programme.

The reports are available in **Emancipa Magazine**.

DIPLOMAS IN LAND MANAGEMENT AND FIRE MANAGEMENT IN PARAGUAY CONCLUDE

For the first time, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the National University of Asunción offered diploma courses in land planning and fire management. The courses took place between

#CONOCEHUGUAPOI: STRUGGLE, DIGNITY, AND HOPE



The Paraguayan Human Rights Coordinator (Choudhury) launched the miniseries #ConoceHuguaPoi, a production that denounces, highlights, and moves the historic struggle of the Mbya Guaraní community. With support from the WWF-Paraguay project, this documentary series invites viewers to confront a painful reality: dispossession, discrimination, and state neglect.

The three episodes premiered on 7, 14 and 21 July. They address issues such as the living memory of Chief Montanía, the struggle for land, and the spiritual defence of the territory. Through powerful testimonies, the community speaks from its roots, from its unwavering dignity, and from its unyielding hope.

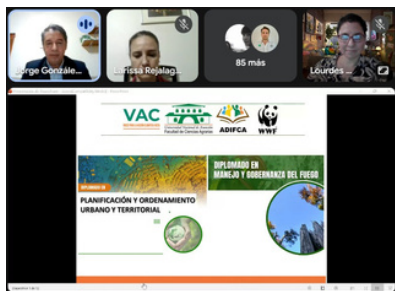
This series not only informs, but it also challenges. Because Hugua Po'i does not beg for alms, it demands justice.

Watch Chapter One '**Memory**', Chapter Two '**Resistance**' and Chapter Three '**Ancestral Right**'.

February and June with the participation of some 200 people from different regions of the country.

The programmes combined virtual classes and face-to-face meetings, providing up-to-date tools in remote sensing, planning, and environmental management. They were aimed at professionals, technicians, and community leaders interested in addressing disorderly urban development and forest fires.

The initiative was promoted by the Association of Teachers and Researchers of the FCA-UNA, with the support of WWF-Paraguay within the framework of the VCA programme. In addition to technical content, the diploma courses promoted collaborative networks to strengthen the response to environmental challenges.



EMANCIPA PUBLISHES THE FIRST REPORT, TELLING THE STORIES OF VCA

In Paraguay, one of the countries with the highest concentration of land ownership in the world, many rural communities face lengthy processes to access and defend their territories. In this context, Emancipa magazine published the first report in a series documenting the experiences of the VCA programme, which is in its final stage of implementation.



The report focuses on the community of San Oscar Romero, formerly known as Marina Kué, which managed to advance in the titling of its lands after more than ten years of conflict and organisation. The text was written by journalist Noelia Díaz Esquivel, with photographs by Leonor De Blas and editing by Mónica Bareiro. The publication includes testimonies from families living in the settlement, as well as the obstacles and lessons learned during the process.

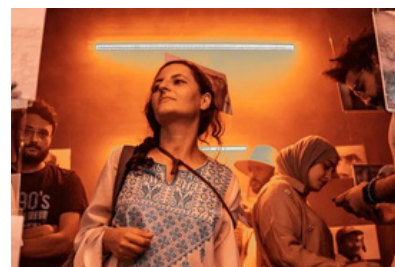
The series aims to highlight various experiences supported by the VCA programme in Paraguay. Future instalments will address other community initiatives related to land, the environment, and collective rights.

The report is available on [the Emancipa website](#).

TUNISIA

LOOKING BACK AT THE VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME IN TUNISIA

The VCA programme in Tunisia has just ended. While the programme's work in other countries continues for a few more months, we're looking back at its results in Tunisia. [Read more...](#)



360° CORE: GREEN RESILIENCE SOUNDS

Between the worlds of artistic creativity, journalistic precision and commitment to struggle for nature and man, Nawaat accompanies you on a unique and innovative journey, to the spirit of the forest and the glory of its mountains, to the sea of islands and its bounties and the laws of life of its women and men and the oasis besieged by chemical emissions.



Through stories that begin in the mountains of Ain Draham in Jendouba, to the oasis of Gabes and its bay, voices are raised to sound the alarm in the face of environmental risks to nature in Tunisia. Voices of

Resilience is an urgent call for ecological resistance through an artistic composition. Using mixed reality technologies, they explore the narrative possibilities of digital journalism innovations in three creative videos. [Explore these stories...](#)

VOICES OF RESILIENCE



"Voices of Resilience" is an urgent call for ecological resilience, shaped into an immersive mixed reality installation.

Captured in three parts: Totem of the Oasis, Totem of the Fauna, and Totem of the Water, the project explores the narrative possibilities of digital journalism.

NAWAAT FESTIVAL #4: DAY ONE



The first day of the fourth edition of the Nawaat Festival, held in September 2024, marked a significant moment of creativity and artistic engagement.

This event, also celebrating the twentieth anniversary of Nawaat, provided a platform for the dissemination of Innawaation projects, allowing incubated artists to showcase their works. The first day of the Nawaat Festival not only celebrated innovative artistic works but also honoured two decades of struggles for freedom of expression and social justice, capturing the very essence of Nawaat.

[Watch the video](#) that captures this inspiring event.

ZAMBIA

AMPLIFYING GRASSROOTS VOICES IN CLIMATE FINANCE ADVOCACY

Climate finance has become a crucial pillar in the global fight against climate change. From mitigation projects to adaptation efforts, financial flows are



crucial in determining who gets supported, how resilience is built, and which communities can thrive amid climate shocks. However, one key stakeholder group often remains marginalised in these discussions: grassroots communities.

Despite being on the frontlines of climate impacts, their voices are seldom heard in climate finance decision-making. Amplifying these voices is a matter of justice and is essential for effective and inclusive climate action.

[Read how](#) Panos Institute of Southern Africa bridges a knowledge gap on how grassroots communities can access climate finance in an information session in the Siavonga District.

NEW MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY TO ENHANCE SANITATION AND SAFETY AT SOWETO MARKET

The new multipurpose facility, located in Soweto Market - Zambia's biggest and most vibrant marketplace - is set to transform the working



conditions for female vendors. The facility under construction at Soweto Market aligns with ongoing slum upgrading initiatives led by the People's Process on Housing and Poverty in Zambia (PPHPZ).

[Read more...](#)

DAM REHABILITATION IN CHONGWE DISTRICT



Over 3,000 residents in Chongwe District will benefit from the Dam Rehabilitation project, funded by the Next Level Grant Facility (NLGF).

The People's Process on Housing and Poverty in Zambia (PPHPZ), with support from the Next Level Grant Facility under the VCA programme undertook the rehabilitation of Bimbe Dam.

The extensive restoration, which began in January 2025 with an investment of over K190,000, has revitalised the dam, ensuring accessible water for more than ten nearby villages in Chongwe District, located in Zambia's Capital City, Lusaka.

In this video report, community members reflect on the benefits the restoration of the dam will bring.

AGENTS OF CHANGE PODCAST: YOUTH ACTIONS AND INNOVATIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION



The "Nature and Biodiversity from the Zambian Youth Contest" aims to engage young people in Zambia in showcasing their understanding, actions, and creative expressions related to nature and biodiversity.

These contests are typically designed to raise awareness about environmental issues, promote youth-led conservation efforts, and celebrate the role of young people in safeguarding Zambia's natural heritage.

Listen more in this podcast...

ENDING PLASTIC POLLUTION

This book, launched during World Environment Day, showcases the vibrant wildlife, dedicated conservation activities, and insightful artistic commentary that reflect the essence of Zambia's rich environmental heritage.



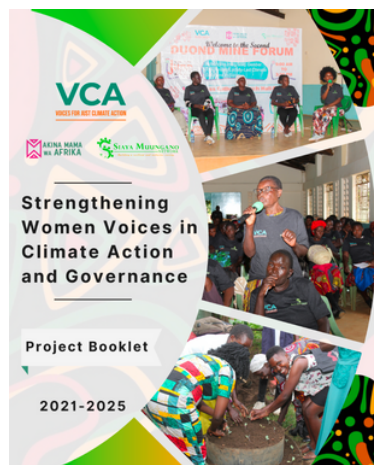
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Each photograph is a testament to the efforts of the Kukonza Chilengedwe Artists' Network on climate change, supported by Hivos through the Voices for Just Climate Action programme.

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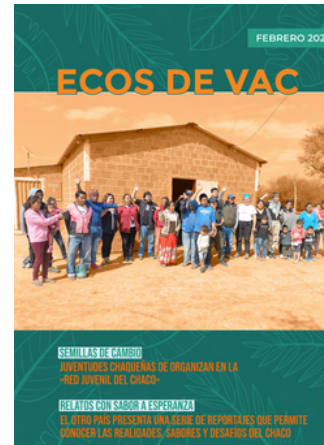
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