



GENDER RESPONSIVE ALTERNATIVES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Dorah, from Eton, Vanuatu sells vegetables at the market she established in her village as a locally-led solution to climate change.

Advancing gender equality in climate-change and disaster planning and response

Project overview:

This is a collaborative project between ActionAid, The Huairou Commission and Monash University, to respond to the global gendered impacts of climate change. 14,000 women are being empowered to take collective action in preparing for and responding to climate change and related-crises in Cambodia, Kenya, and Vanuatu. Recognising intersecting inequalities, this project supports diverse women's engagement in relevant policy, planning and decision-making processes at subnational, national and international levels, working in coalitions with other NGOs and allies. The project supports sharing of good practice and innovations through cross-country learning and skill-building among community women.

Some of the key project activities and outputs:

This project is supporting women to build their influence and leadership by targeting unequal power relations in climate change and crisis planning and response at all levels, through:

- Supporting the Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT) forums in Vanuatu to provide a safe space for women to speak openly about climate change and the resulting disruptions to their lives, along with identifying alternatives to reduce these impacts;
- Supporting women in communities in Tangelbei, Kenya, to transform the current situation of food insecurity into an opportunity to create gender equality and improved climate change planning in the long-term;
- Working with women leaders of local Disaster Management Committees in Cambodia, to strengthen their engagement in disaster risk reduction and policy development;
- Establishing a Gender Responsive Framework to respond to climate change that bridges development, security and humanitarian divide.

“Before Cyclone Pam, the water was okay, but after Cyclone Pam all our water source dried up. The Chief didn't do anything, so we women responded... We have planted trees that the cyclone wiped away, along our coastal areas and our nice beaches. We all understand it will take ages. But I asked them: what will your children's children benefit from, in 2030? Where shall he or she get the water from? Because by 2030, if we don't do anything, all our water source will dry up.” - Dorah

Project duration:

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In partnership with:

ActionAid Kenya, ActionAid Vanuatu, ActionAid Cambodia, The Huairou Commission and Monash University

Location:

Kenya, Vanuatu and Cambodia

Project objectives:

- Supporting women to lead and implement locally led alternatives to climate change;
- Advance gender equality;
- Support women's collective voice and leadership in policy influencing.

Impact:

This project supports women leaders to strengthen their response to climate change, facilitating women-led dialogues on climate change preparedness and peer learning exchange with global communities. Women will be supported to increase their knowledge of and capacity to respond to climate change, transforming gender norms in their communities.

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