



GENDER RESPONSIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN KENYA

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Project overview:

The third phase of this project builds on previous two phases, funded by Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and ARISE, aims to advance gender-responsive climate change solutions in Kenya. In Baringo and Makueni counties, pastoralist and farming communities face severe droughts and floods, worsening ethnic conflicts, and reduced livelihood opportunities. Women endure increased unpaid care work, violence, female genital mutilation, and child marriage. Women through their collectives have been leading livelihood diversification, protection of biodiversity in the wake of climate crisis. This project will empower women including women with disabilities, to strengthen their collectives, make informed climate adaptation decisions, and advocate for better policies at local and national levels.

Key project activities and outputs:

The overall goal of the project is to enable women and their collectives to participate meaningfully in climate adaptation for resilience to climate-related crises by:

- Facilitating women's participation in climate change initiatives
- Conducting training sessions on resource mobilisation
- Providing training on climate finance
- Conducting awareness campaigns and workshops on peace and cohesion (conflicts and insecurity is highly prevalent in the region)
- Implementing livelihood diversification programs focusing on agroecology enterprises
- Facilitating discussions and actions for climate financing
- Including women with disabilities in climate dialogues to ensure their meaningful participation and inclusion

"I have learnt that one of the causes of drought I face is deforestation, so I continue to plant more and more trees in the hope that they will pull more rain for future generations in my village." - Chepkalis (Program Participant)

Project duration:

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In partnership with:

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Location:

Makueni and Baringo Counties in Kenya

Project objectives:

- Women strengthen resilient livelihoods to adapt to climate change and related crisis
- Women and their groups secure resources, make decisions, and engage with the Government for climate resilience.
- Women take collective action to influence local, national, and global climate policy and planning.

Impact:

- 2,800 women participated in climate change planning committees
- 1,200 engaged in discussion with the Baringo government on accountability for climate finance
- 1,200 received climate finance training
- 1600 involved in promoting peace and cohesion
- 300 women were supported in livelihood diversification
- 60 women with disabilities were involved in climate dialogues