Local women’s groups engaging with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Nigeria

Description of the project:
This two-year project has built the capacities of local women’s groups in Nigeria to advocate for gender responsive climate finance and actively engage in the Green Climate Fund’s evaluation processes. By training women on the fundamentals of climate finance and the GCF mechanism, the project facilitates women’s groups collaboration with Nigeria’s National Designated Authority, Direct Access Entities, and GCF Readiness Support programs. It has contributed to the development of “No objection” procedures for endorsing projects presented on behalf of Nigeria by international accredited entities and opened up opportunities for local women to benefit from climate finance.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- Provides inputs into Nigeria’s National Adaptation Communication document adopted recently and Nigeria’s GCF readiness Support programs
- Women-led climate adaptation solutions and gender responsive Technology Needs Assessments are now considered in Nigeria’s readiness support programs

Gender impact
- 165 women and 81 men trained on understanding the GCF and its readiness processes
- Women CSOs recognized as observers in the GCF’s funding mechanism and their climate solutions can benefit from climate finance flows

Scalability / replicability
- Women’s Community of Practice on climate finance and GCF with 55 organizations
- Access to and collaboration with other local women in different spaces across Nigeria and Africa
- Link to global governance processes and global CSO networks

Amplifying women’s voices in climate adaptation policies through visual storytelling

Description of the project:
Recognizing the need to amplify the voices of underrepresented women in National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes, the NAP Global Network has partnered with Lensational, a social enterprise whose mission is to empower women from marginalized groups and communities using photography. The project is providing participatory photography and storytelling training to women affected by climate change in Ghana and Kenya. Through visual stories, the trainees will communicate their experiences and their visions of resilience to adaptation decision makers at the national level, facilitating dialogue on priorities for NAP processes to enable gender-responsive and locally led adaptation action.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact
- NAP processes will drive investments in adaptation over the coming years and foster policy coherence across sectors
- Improved effectiveness and sustainability in adaptation planning processes via gender integration
- Locally led and gender-responsive adaptation action builds resilience for most impacted populations

Gender impact
- Women are empowered to share their experiences and priorities with decision makers at local and national levels
- Creation of new revenue sources for women via the sale of the trainees’ photographs on an online platform.
- National policymakers gain understanding of and support women’s priorities in adaptation action

Scalability / replicability
- Builds on the Lensational’s tested approach of visual storytelling and education tools
- Replication in other countries has the potential to increase the number of gender-responsive NAP processes

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