



NON-TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

Women in urban slums act for climate resilience and COVID-19 recovery in Kenya

Description of the project:

This project brings useful responses to specific gendered impacts of the COVID pandemic, which left many women in urban slums without a job while increasing their household responsibilities. AWAK trained 700 urban women in slums to convert former domestic dumping sites into vegetable gardens, using organic compost to enrich the soil and biomass waste to produce biochar. The project provides women with sustainable sources of livelihood, including from vegetable sales, and promotes table funding as well as access to formal banking. It builds a holistic recovery program, with beneficiaries training more women, economic empowerment reducing domestic violence, and access to education for children.



TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact

	Reducing methane emissions by converting dumping grounds into green spaces
	Promoting organic farming, including organic compost
	Re-greening of urban areas

Gender impact

	Economic empowerment for women who sell vegetables, briquettes and soap
	Women gain technical and business skills and transfer knowledge to other women
	Promoting women's leadership in the community

Scalability / replicability

	Systemic approach to solve climate and covid crisis
	Women as demonstrators and leaders for the community
	Objective to reach 10,000 households countrywide

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