

Grassroots women-led climate information learning centre

Description of the project:

In the arid rangelands of Kajiado County, Kenya, the Rural Women Network supports locally led initiatives with agro-pastoral communities to conduct climate adaptive agriculture for resilient livelihoods. A climate information learning centre was established after consulting 40 local group leaders. Over 600 Maasai women organized in self-help groups have been trained via farmer-field-school (FFS) on climate adaptive crop agriculture, poultry breeding and bee-farming, improving the livelihoods of 2,805 community members. This project launched a trainer-of-farmers programme, benefitting 24 trainers. The locally led learning centre is operating 11 raised bed nurseries, 7 conical and 10 sunken bed gardens.



TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES

Climate impact



Growing farm forests for sustainable carbon sequestration.



Introduces household level water harvesting and water saving techniques.



Promotes locally adapted mitigation and adaptation solutions embedded in community ownership, and human capacity.

Gender impact



Women become equal decision makers in food and nutrition to benefit the whole community.



Women's workload is decreased by promoting sustainable agriculture in the home.



Education and training give women confidence to become leaders.

Scalability / replicability



Climate-resilient livelihood methodologies provide locally based solutions to alleviate famine.



Learning centre demonstrate local, innovative technologies and management practices that can be replicated.



Entire communities promote agroforestry and water harvesting techniques, food security, leadership and good governance.

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