



## TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

# Indigenous Peoples' culture-led regenerative agriculture

### Description of the project

To address the needs of pastoralist Ovazemba communities in Otjiyandjamwenyo village in Namibia, facing recurring droughts with loss of livestock, The Marginalized Mirror supports culture-led, gender-responsive planning and implementation of regenerative agriculture. Knowledge sharing sessions on vermicompost, crop rotations, permaculture and drip irrigation were organised. A vegetable garden was set-up and managed by women and youth, producing organic healthy food. The project champions indigenous people's rights for self-governance, independent decision making, and peer-to-peer learning. Working with community leaders, this initiative provides daily meals to orphans, the elderly, and disabled individuals.



### Transformative outcomes

#### Climate impact



Planted 36 trees and installed a 1080 kWh solar energy supply to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



Uses drip and hydroponic irrigation techniques.



Integrates local, culture-led pest management practices and soil enrichment with vermicompost.

#### Gender impact



Women are involved in all decision-making processes, from design to monitoring and evaluation.



Integrates income opportunities for women via value-added activities, project management and financial literacy training.



Uses a 60:40 women-to-men work plan and established a gender-based code of conduct.

#### Scalability / replicability



Developed a community-based resource management manual that can be replicated.



Employs a "train-the-trainer" and peer-to-peer learning approach.



Engages with policymakers and government agencies to protect and promote Indigenous People's rights.



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