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## About us

The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) is of 52 women's and environmental civil society one of the nine stakeholder groups of the United organizations, who are working together to ensure Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that women's voices are heard and their rights (UNFCCC). Established in 2009 and granted full prioritized in the fight against climate change. constituency status in 2011, the WGC consists

The Women and Gender Constituency, consisting of a broad variety of national and regional network organizations, represents hundreds and thousands of people across the globe, with advocates from over 90 countries.





GJCS awards ceremony at COP28 in Dubai, UAE

## Our Background

Since the Earth Summit in 1992, the United Nations has been working with governments and civil society to tackle one of the greatest challenges the planet has faced; climate change. At the summit, the Member States of the UN agreed to a new convention on climate change; a non-legally binding international treaty. The convention provided a new framework through which nations could work together to agree on limiting emissions of greenhouse gases, those which cause climate change, principally carbon dioxide. This UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, or UNFCCC, is an evolving commitment that develops through the ongoing discussions and agreements of governments around the world. There

are now around 1,400 such organizations observing the annual conferences, and many have grouped themselves into constituencies.

These constituencies provide focal points for easier interaction with the UNFCCC Secretariat, based in Bonn, and individual governments. There are currently nine constituencies, and they are broadly grouped by the type of organizations they represent: businesses and industry organizations, environmental organizations, local and municipal authorities, trade unions, research and independent organizations, and organizations that work for the rights of Capitalise Indigenous People, young people, agricultural workers, and women and gender rights organizations.

## Our Principles

WGC members work to promote full realization of the human rights of women and girls through specific goal-oriented, clear and measurable purposes and objectives. The Constituency embraces principles of democratic and participatory governance, ensuring respectful collaboration between members, especially of diverging positions. Providing a platform for women's leadership with broad and participatory access, procedures of the WGC are transparent, timely and flexible, further facilitating the potential for wide and inclusive membership. The WGC also emphasizes an equitable approach to representation, affiliation, age, and ability, encouraging members to build on our collective and individual history. As an official stakeholder body of the UNFCCC, the WGC also strives to mentor the younger generation and newcomers to the movement and the Constituency.

## **Our Goals**

The WGC promotes human rights and gender equality and the full and effective participation of women at all levels of decision making, as well as a gender responsive approach in all policies and measures related to climate change. The WGC provides a voice to women to formalize and unify the perspectives of women and gender civil society organizations active in the UNFCCC processes.

We provide a space for the Constituency members to raise their concerns and suggest priority actions,

and together formulate democratically shared positions, which we strengthen and promote.

The Constituency aims to further expand its outreach and engagement with various groups and unify a global movement demanding climate justice. We want to ensure that global commitments embrace gender equality and women's rights, especially with relation to climate change through UNFCCC conventions, and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. "Promoting and resourcing gender just climate solutions, locally driven especially by women and girls, are not just a matter of justice but survival. Women, girls, and gender diverse peoples are at the forefront, leveraging their lived experiences and leadership to build sustainable, resilient, and equitable futures".

> Ayshka Najib, climate justice activist and intersectional feminist



Ayshka Najib, Feminist young climate activist, in COP28 Dubai, UAE

## Solutions Award

The Women and Gender Constituency, along with other women, gender, and human rights advocates, has been actively pushing world leaders to ensure just and equitable climate policies that put respect for people's rights and the integrity of the planet first, while responding to injustice among and within countries in relation to climate impacts and resilience.

As we focus on implementing the Paris Agreement, the Gender Just Climate Solutions showcased in this publication provide concrete examples on how to center gender equality and women's rights in climate action. The Gender Just Climate Solutions Award comprises three categories:

We know the solutions to a more sustainable future already exist – and it is time to upscale them far and wide, and demand change!





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## We received

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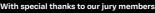
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eligible

#### The selection process was based on the following criteria:

- 1. Provides equal access to benefits for women, men and youth.
- 2. Aims to alleviate and/or does not add additional burden to women's workload (such as via additional natural resource management or care responsibilities without compensation).
- 3. Empowers women through better mobility/ accessibility, enhanced livelihood security, enhanced food security, improved health, access to safe water, etc. (as many benefits as possible).
- 4. Promotes women's democratic rights and participation by ensuring decision-making by local women, men, women's groups, cooperatives and communities.
- 5. Is locally led and/or locally driven (decentralised and appropriate).
- 6. Ensures self-sufficiency and a low input of resources (safe, affordable and sustainable).
- 7. Contributes to climate change mitigation, emissions reduction and/or climate adaptation (the project is sustainable).
- 8. Results can be shared, spread and scaled up (replicable elsewhere, not just benefiting one individual).
- 9. Shows interlinkages to cross-cutting issues, such as (including, but not restricted to) peace-building, natural resources management, food security and/or health, water and sanitation.

In order to implement the transformative shift needed to appropriately respond to climate change, genderjust solutions must be strengthened and scaled up in every country.



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## **United Nations** Climate Change



## **Reading Guide**





## **Technical Solutions**



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## Tajik mountain women leading the solar energy just transition

#### Description of the project

In the remote Yagnob Valley of Tajikistan, The Little Earth supports mountain-dwelling women to break isolation and implement a just energy transition. 40 women from 11 villages, who rely on kerosene and firewood, have been trained to use and maintain solar devices and resource efficient technologies. This shift reduces environmental degradation in

fragile ecosystems and improves communities' health and safety by eliminating harmful fumes. By strengthening women's technical skills, easing their unpaid workload, and integrating them into decision-making at local and national levels, the initiative promotes gender equality while opening new opportunities for income and leadership.

#### **Transformative Results**



## **Kitchen Energy Transition for Women** Around Tiko Mangrove

#### **Description of the project**

In Tiko, South-West Cameroon, over 90% of rural women rely on mangrove wood for cooking and fish smoking, exposing them to health risks and limiting their time for education and income-generating activities. Voice of Nature - VoNat - addresses these challenges by introducing an alternative, sustainable fuel, based on vegetable waste recycling. They are

#### **Transformative Results**

20% reduction in GHG emissions by switching to briquettes from mangrove wood.

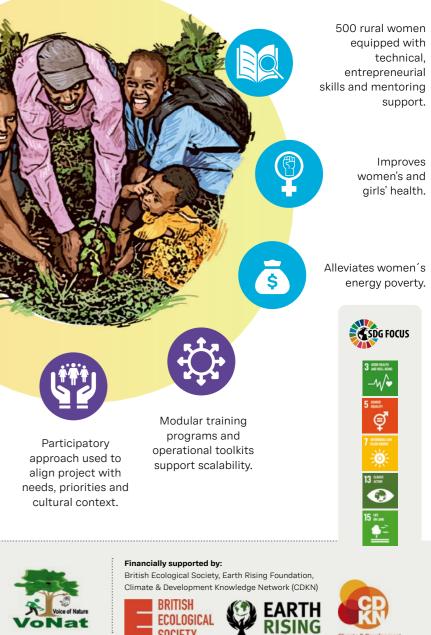
Reduces mangrove deforestation by up to 80%, preserving this critical carbon sink.

Promotes circular economy through low-resource, selfsufficient bio-waste transformation.



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training 500 women to produce affordable, clean biofuel briquettes from local bio-waste. This initiative improves women's and children's respiratory health, increases household income, and alleviates women's labour burdens by reducing time spent gathering firewood, freeing up space for income-generating activities, and personal development.

## Fostering women's leadership in climate resilient agriculture

#### **Description of the project**

Community Water Alliance supports climate vulnerable women farmers in Buhera, Zimbabwe, to adapt to extreme temperatures and droughts through access to irrigation and resilient agricultural practices. The project promotes gender equality by incorporating women into climate adaptation planning at the village level, focusing on strengthening their agricultural skills,

creating financial savings and credit cooperatives as well as access to the local markets. By providing solarpowered water pumps and irrigation systems and training female smallholder farmers in sustainable horticulture, the project enhances food security and climate resilience while promoting women's leadership in rural agriculture.

#### **Transformative Results**



Women data scientists support the construction of climate resilient spaces

#### **Description of the project**

Data for Resilient Spaces strengthens women's skills for digital environmental data analysis in southern Peru. Participants learn data collection, analysis, and visualization techniques through practical projects using LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - for communities, dashboard creation, and quantitative research. This includes workshops,

sector in Peru.

#### **Transformative Results**

Collects and analyses environmental data relevant to local communities: local weather patterns, water sources, biodiversity.

Utilizes LEED frameworks to identify and reduce carbon emissions.

Encourages datadriven decisions for addressing loca environmental challenges.

Contact

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Open-source tools, training modules and low-cost technologies make the project easily replicable.

Strong partnerships with local institutions for long-term support.

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mentorship, conferences, and team-based data analysis. The project provided inputs to Arequipa municipality to optimize its waste collection system and calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction. The goal is to train 500 women in data analysis and digitalization, supporting the inclusion of more women in the STEM







## SWOP SIS: feminist fashion recycling

#### **Description of the project**

The SWOP SIS project is an eco-friendly fashion swapping digital platform that allows women to exchange clothing items from their wardrobes with curated pieces from a shared community wardrobe. Through "Dress to Express" events, which include fashion shows, mentorship with industry professionals, and workshops on fashion design

and self-styling workshops the project promotes sustainable fashion, reduces textile waste, and fosters a community of eco-conscious individuals. This initiative has reached over 500 women, boosting their confidence and self-expression through feminist and sustainable fashion.

#### **Transformative Results**



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City of Melbourne, Hume City Council

## COMPACT, social innovation for low-carbon construction

#### **Description of the project**

COMPACT is a social start-up for low-carbon construction using local materials. It addresses the booming use of GHG emitting concrete in Senegal. The founders, a female engineer, and a female entrepreneur, industrialized the production of Compressed Stabilized Earth Bricks (C.S.E.B.) that reduce cement use by 30 to 50%. They raised the technical skills of 20 local workers,

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medical care.

#### **Transformative Results**

Compressed Stabilized Earth Block (CSEB) reduces carbon emissions by 30-50% versus standard cement or concrete.

Reduces the use of toxic chemicals and promotes safe, ecofriendly buildings for sustainable cities.

Research & Development ensures continuous innovation, producing ready mixes for a large dissemination of CSEB technique.

Raising awareness in the workers' communities for the adoption of CSEB technique.

COMPACT

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and advocated towards governments, local authorities, design labs and architects to adapt standards in the building sector. Their first CSEB constructions serve women-led SMEs with a house for women fishers and small shops for an antique market. COMPACT employs workers living with disabilities, covering their



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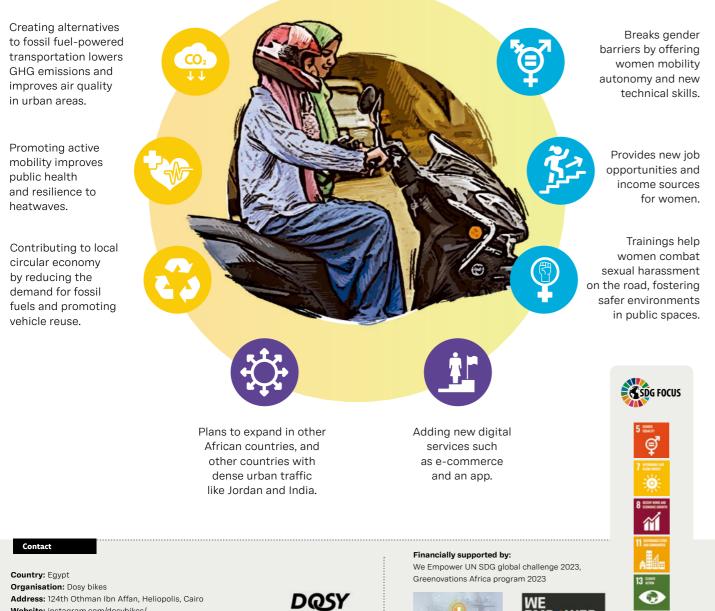
## Dosy bikes: clean mobility for climate and gender justice

#### **Description of the project**

Dosy is a digital platform fostering easy access to electric scooter and bicycle riding for women in Egypt and the MENA Region. It reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and air pollution by promoting ecofriendly transportation while breaking gender barriers. Dosy facilitates access to female biking instructors, vehicles, spare parts, maintenance and

self-defence services, for more than 10,000 women. This innovative digital start-up challenges deeply rooted social stereotypes by facilitating mobility freedom and creating new job opportunities for women as driving instructors or delivery riders. Dosy partners with local enterprises for scooter reuse and services, contributing to a local circular economy.

#### **Transformative Results**



## Renewable Energy Communities for a genderjust transition

#### **Description of the project**

WECF and Milieukontakt are advancing decentralized renewable energy generation in Albania, contributing to national and European energy transition goals. Renewable Energy Communities (REC) promote local energy production, distribution, and storage, while addressing climate change, energy poverty, and social inclusion. Starting with a gender analysis,

#### **Transformative Results**

Contributes to Albania's energy security by diversifying its electricity generation, that today depends to 90% on hydropower.

Supports Albania's commitment to the European Energy Community and EU accession, to diversify its energy sources and decarbonize its economy.

Citizens and local enterprises contribute to energy price stability, and climate mitigation.

> Cooperating with decisionmakers, energy agencies, utility companies, energy associations, NGOs, international organizations, using a participatory approach.

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Legal framework analysis to enable transition at national scale.

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the partners engage rural women, low-income households, youth, and policymakers. By promoting women's energy literacy and "prosumerism," the initiative empowers communities to participate in renewable energy projects. Policy recommendations focus on integrating RECs into the national energy system and enhancing gender-responsive citizens participation.

> Gender analysis of Albania's energy sector, for a gender just energy transition.

> > Women are trained on renewable energy production and consumption and included in decision-making processes.

Challenges traditional gender roles, fostering greater visibility and influence for women as change agents in the RE sector.

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Effective communication strategy ensures broad awareness

Financially supported by: DBU, GLS Stiftung, private foundation







## Zág women defending earth and climate

#### **Description of the project**

The Zág Institute acts to save the endemic Araucaria tree, known as Zág, and preserve the Laklãnõ-Xokleng traditional knowledge in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. The project fosters Indigenous Women's central role in restoring ancestral practices for biodiversity protection by giving them a coordinating role in conducting reforestation programs. They focus

#### **Transformative Results**

80,000 Zág seedlings have been planted, reducing around 930 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Implements Indigenous Peoples' practices for natural resource management.

Protects biodiversity and ecosystems by reintroducing native Zag species, threatened by extinction.



the Atlantic Forest.

Tree nurseries established in 4 villages with commitment to expand nurseries to other native areas of

Builds a local network for exchanging seeds and promoting the genetic diversity of native species.

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on educating youth, reintroducing native tree species while removing invasive plants, promoting regenerative farming. Connected to international networks, Zág Institute actively promotes women's participation in regional and global governance. They also foster women's financial autonomy through handicraft and organic honey production.

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Promotes flexible schedules to balance personal, family, and community responsibilities.

Ensures women's participation in local, national, and international conferences.



Zag Institute shares Indigenous knowledge worldwide via the Global Landscape Forum to replicate reforestation initiatives.

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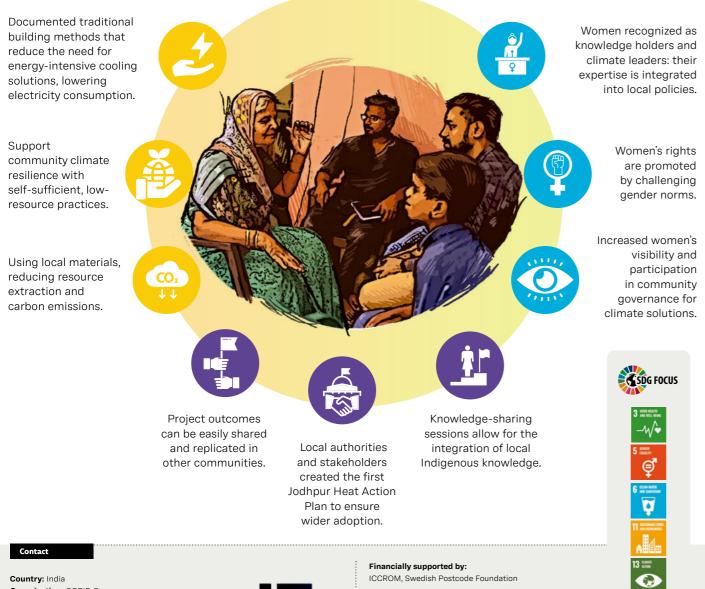
## Sanchay / CulTool: women's wisdom for climate resilient construction

#### **Description of the project**

Jodhpur, India, leverages traditional knowledge on climate resilient construction practices, heat management, and water conservation. Women, as custodians of this wisdom, actively contributed to documenting their knowledge, which was integrated into the city's Heat Action Plan. The project aims

The Sanchay/CulTool project by GRRID Corps in to elevate women as climate leaders, preserve cultural heritage, and build climate resilience by rehabilitating traditional knowledge, and practices. This solution enables women to share their knowledge with schoolchildren through workshops showcasing the importance of cultural heritage in building a sustainable future.

#### **Transformative Results**



## Textile upcycling to reduce menstrual poverty of internally displaced persons

#### **Description of the project**

TeamUpcyclers was launched by a Nigerian group of young women to address the interconnected challenges of economic disempowerment, poor waste management, period poverty, and climate change. By collecting and upcycling textile waste into reusable sanitary pads, TeamUpcyclers provide a sustainable solution to menstrual hygiene issues

#### **Transformative Results**

Upcycled over 150 tons of textile and plastic waste annually, preventing waste from reaching landfills, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

3,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 50 individuals with disabilities (IWDs) were trained to manage waste and promote resource efficiency.

Training materials and techniques for waste management and upcycling are standardized and documented and can be shared.

> Collaboration with over 30 NGOs and community organizations that established participatory workshops and feedback sessions.

Partnerships with local NGOs and community organizations enhance the project's reach, enabling the distribution of reusable sanitary pads to more communities.

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faced by displaced women and girls. The initiative promotes green skills and waste management education in schools and internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Each year, TeamUpcyclers reaches over 8,000 individuals, 70% of whom are women, through climate education, hands-on skills training, and sustainable development awareness programs.

> 500 women and girls received reusable sanitary pads, addressing menstrual hygiene needs in displaced and lowincome communities.

> > Promotes gender equality by ensuring equitable access to training, resources, and economic opportunities for women and girls.

Increased women's social standing by encouraging them to lead training sessions and advocate for their rights.



Reduces the gendered burden of managing menstrual hygiene during climate-related displacement.

Financially supported by Our Kids Climate, GEEP Youth Innovation Challenge, Bow Seat Fellowshi









## Women deploying waste upcycling for a local circular economy

#### **Description of the project**

The Waste Upcycle Training and Business Mentorship Program, launched by Development Impact Pathfinders Initiative, Devimpath, supports Indigenous women and girls in Abuja, Nigeria, by teaching them sustainable waste management practices, and business skills. This project enables participants to upcycle materials like tires, plastic

bottles, and fabrics into sellable products such as interior décor, furniture, and vases. Following the pilot training, 25 more women have been trained through a "replicate yourself" model initiated to motivate the participants to each train one more woman on the skills they have learned.

#### **Transformative Results**



## Interactive theater for gender and climate justice

#### **Description of the project**

The Young Changemakers' initiative uses participatory theatre performances to raise awareness about climate vulnerability and gender, and drive change in communities across Faisalabad and Lahore, Pakistan. The project engages women, youth, and marginalized groups in discussions

#### **Transformative Results**

Facilitating 20 community-driven climate solutions, including tree planting and water conservation efforts.

50 theatre performances on climate have helped reach over 5,000 community members.

Communities adopted local adaptation strategies like rainwater harvesting and organic farming.

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Train-the-trainer model enables local volunteers to replicate theatre performances and workshops in their communities.

Community-driven script development and performance execution ensure local ownership.

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on gender equality and climate justice. Through workshops, advocacy campaigns, and interactive shows, the project fosters community-driven environmental solutions, strengthens social cohesion, and amplifies voices for genderresponsive climate action.



Women and narginalized groups find supportive spaces to advocate for their rights in climate action.

Messages raise awareness on the intersection between gender and climate justice.

Addresses crosscutting issues such as biodiversity loss, food security, and social protection.

Financially supported by: The Global changemakers UK, YCAB Foundation









## **Guardians of Nature network**

#### **Description of the project**

This network launched by the Association for Sustainable Consumption and Circular Economy (BasN) responds to climate challenges and promotes environmental sustainability across 8 protected areas in Portugal. By engaging 500 women and training 120 of them in permaculture, agroforestry, ecosystem recovery, and biodiversity conservation

the association contributed to the design and implementation of 90 sustainable projects that are well integrated in their territory, enabling local communities to care for their natural heritage. The network actively contributes to the priorities defined in the EU Rural Development Strategy and the National Forestry Strategy.

#### **Transformative Results**



Women mobilized for the climate resilience of Diaoulé territory

#### **Description of the project**

In the arid territory of Fatick, Senegal, the Diaoulé women's association is working to reforest, regenerate soil and restore degraded ecosystems. They created 9 tree-nurseries that can produce 300,000 seedlings a year, launched an agroecological school farm, and promoted the adoption of drip-

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irrigation systems and organic compost. All actions are initiated, planned and developed by the 200 women involved in the project, who benefit from technical training, best-practice exchange sessions and access to decision making. Local authorities are also involved at every step of the programme.

WGC contribution

## Awesome Blossoms: empowering women and girls to ensure a sustainable future

#### **Description of the project**

Awesome Blossoms is an initiative by the community-based organization Safe Spaces that transforms urban farming in the Mathare informal settlement, Nairobi. With 500 organic, waterefficient gardens, the project empowers 75 women and supports girls' education through partnerships with three local primary schools. Awesome Blossoms

provides nutritious and organic vegetables grown with minimal water and land, fosters environmental education, and promotes women's microentrepreneurship. Having surpassed initial goals, the project now aims to acquire land for vertical farming systems, further enhancing sustainability and impact.

#### **Transformative Results**

500 hydroponic gardens planted in 3 school farms to grow organic, nutritious vegetables for school lunches and sales, educating pupils.

45 peer educators trained in organic farming, sales/ marketing, organizational skills.



Contact

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Financially supported by: FAWCO, FAWCO Foundation





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# Transformational solutions





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## Women leading on all fronts to save the ocean

#### **Description of the project**

Located in Jangamo Bay, Mozambique, Love-The-Oceans protects endangered marine life with a community-based, holistic approach involving research, education and campaigning, professional skill-building for local jobs and sustainable entrepreneurship. They have increased young women's ocean literacy and technical skills, training

the first 5 female swim teachers and lifeguards, certifying the first female scuba divers in the district, and developing innovative women-led mussels aquaculture projects. Their unique initiative focuses on scalable self-sufficiency, ensuring women's economic autonomy, fostering long-term climate resilience and generational change.

#### **Transformative Results**



## SheCures: sustainable menstrual hygiene solutions

#### **Description of the project**

The social enterprise SheCures Sanitary Product, based in Sierra Leone, promotes sexual and reproductive health for adolescents by providing them with safe, affordable, and reusable sanitary products. SheCures also conducts menstrual health education for girls and women, including persons with disabilities and the LGBTQ+ community. They trained

#### **Transformative Results**

Reduces plastic waste pollution in Sierra Leone coming from single-use sanitary pads by producing and disseminating reusable sanitary pads.

Supports communitybased climate resilience by mobilizing youth and local authorities to collaborate on environmental and waste management issues.

Advocates for improved policies to promote sustainable alternatives and circular economy at national level.

> Social enterprise model ensures revenue generation for the sustainability of menstrual health education by trained teachers.

Feedback mechanisms established in schools and communities allow for continuous program improvement and longterm sustainability.

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75 girls as Community Ambassadors to ensure their project is locally driven and organized workshops with product users to develop new initiatives, products, and services that are culturally appropriate, accessible, and effective. Youth participants are mobilised to engage with communities and authorities to address the issue of plastic pollution.

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Provides 20,000 adolescent girls with reusable sanitary pads, addressing their basic needs and reducing the stigma of menstruation.

> Improves school attendance for girls by offering them products and services to manage their periods with dignity.

The only organization in Sierra Leone responding to the specific menstrual hygiene needs of persons with disabilities.

A community ambassador model gives agency to local women to lead awareness campaigns and distribute products, deepening grassroots ownership.

#### Financially supported by:

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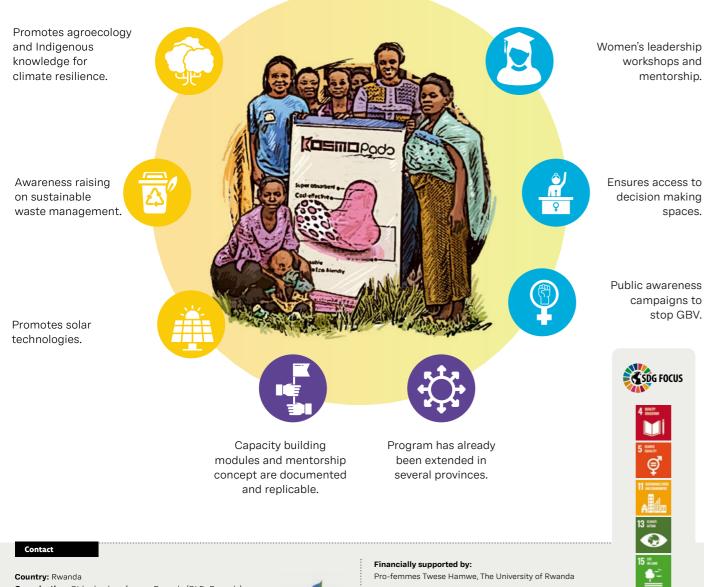
## Women can do it

#### Description of the project

Since 2017 Girls Leaders Forum Rwanda empowers girls and boys from universities and communities as climate actors through leadership workshops and mentorship, community engagement, climate resilient practices training, and policy advocacy. Activities include promoting solar powered irrigation, organic farming based on indigenous

knowledge, supporting girls to participate in cooperatives and local environmental committees, and organizing policy dialogues. Girls Leaders Forum also offers workshops on menstrual hygiene and leads campaigns to stop GBV. Their program "Women can do it" involves 215 girls and 100 boys in different regions of the country.

#### **Transformative Results**



Financially supported by: nwe, The University of Rwanda Pro-femmes Twese Han



## Women-led waste management with dignity

#### Description of the project

SWaCH Pune Cooperative Society integrates over 4 million residents, the cooperative collects informal waste pickers, predominantly women from marginalized castes in India, into the formal waste management system. Formed in partnership with Pune's municipality, SWaCH provides door-todoor waste collection services while giving agency to women through dignified, stable work. Serving

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### Transformative Results

Diverts 220 tons of dry waste daily from landfills, significantly reducing carbon emissions.

Promotes source segregation with 98% of Pune's households participating.

Facilitates in-situ composting of 18 tons of organic waste daily.

> The cooperative's success provides evidence to motivate municipalities to enhance citizen participation in waste management.

The partnership between waste pickers and local municipalities provides a global model for formalizing waste management systems.

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#### Transformational solutions

1,400 tons of waste daily, recycling over 220 tons and composting 18 tons. By ensuring safer working conditions for women and leveraging their expertise, SWaCH promotes a circular economy while fostering social equity, environmental sustainability, and economic independence for women waste pickers.

> Ensures women's leadership, with 70% of cooperative members being women, and a nearly 100% women-led board.

Fosters gender equity in the recycling sector by enabling women to take on decisionmaking roles in cooperative scrap trading centres.

2,724 women waste pickers, many widowed or single mothers, gained stable incomes and decent working conditions.

The flexible work structure ensures adaptation to diverse social contexts, including to the needs of single mothers, widowed women, and elderly workers.

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Financially supported by: The local government. The Pune Municipal Corporation





## Seeds of Change: Ogiek Indigenous women acting for resilience

#### **Description of the project**

Koibatek Ogiek Women and Youth Network, was founded to enhance the resilience of Indigenous Ogiek women by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and seed-saving techniques. "Seeds of Change" strengthens the knowledge of Ogiek women on agroecological farming, Indigenous plant cultivation, and responsible land management. It

also supports ecosystem-based income generation by distributing honeytree seedlings for beekeeping and establishing kitchen gardens. The organization's transformational leader, Judy Kipkenda, has lobbied to reform seed-exchange laws that disadvantage Indigenous communities across six counties of the Rift Valley region in Kenya

#### **Transformative Results**



## Women leading forests protection and food sovereignty

#### **Description of the project**

In South Kivu Province, Democratic Republic of Congo, decades of conflict and deforestation have threatened Indigenous Pygmy communities and the Itombwe Rainforest, the world's secondlargest tropical rainforest. Since 2014, the WECAN forest program, led by women, has tackled climate

#### **Transformative Results**

Over 500,000 native trees planted traditionally by hand, no harmful chemicals or machinery, 83% tree survival rate.

Over 1.6 million acres protected

Food Sovereignty efforts fed over 1,200 families in 2023.



Successful model for reforestation, forest protection, and food sovereignty, centered on women's leadership, peace, and Indigenous knowledge.

#### Contact

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protection, ecosystem restoration, and community resilience. Through traditional ecological knowledge, reforestation, food sovereignty, and women's leadership, the program has secured women's land rights, regenerated forests, protected 1.6 million acres of old-growth forest, and strengthened community resilience.



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Women's Leadership, Women's Rights.





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