

UGANDA WOMEN AND YOUTH STANDING UP AGAINST NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PEOPLE AND NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS.

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Figure 1: Successful fight against climate change impacts ecosystems should result in healthy natural wooded landscapes, protected areas and forests.

Introduction:

Background

Being one of the founding members of the East Africa Community, EAC in acronym, in the nineties, Uganda with the capital city Kampala is a landlocked East-African country bordering Rwanda and Tanzania to the south, DRC to the east, South Sudan to the north, and Kenya to the East. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. The country lies in the African Great Lakes region within the Nile basin and has a varied but generally moderate equatorial climate. As of 2023, it has a population of around 49.6 million, of which 8.5 million live in Kampala the capital and largest city in the country.

The fast-growing national population with an average density of around 165/km² shows the necessity for a wise and sustainable natural resources management throughout the country so Ugandans can continuously benefit of so vital ecosystem services despite the constantly increasing and detrimental impacts of current global climate change.

The current proposal is hence aimed at contributing to the fight against those negative impacts which are already affecting the livelihoods of rural people in Uganda, because of accelerated occurrence of extreme climatological events in the form of droughts and floods bearing with them very harmful consequences and correlations on agriculture and pastoralism, the very basis of rural population survival.

The initiative will base its action on 2 population groups whose daily interactions with the natural environment on the countryside are critical, namely women and youth. Activities for their awareness raising on nuisances of global warming and subsequent involvement in sustainable development actions of this project are deemed to have a positive and long-lasting impact on the wellbeing of their immediate natural environment and hence a good way to fight negative changes happening to their environment and deriving from actual climate change.



Figure 2: Landslides are very harmful to the rural economies and can be consequences of extreme weather events in the form of heavy precipitations on a fragile soil type.

MORE TO BE SHOWED ON

- Prospective project site and its natural ecosystems as well as services deriving from them.
- Relevance of those ecosystem services to the local people
- The need to stop climate change negative impacts on them to avoid jeopardizing local people livelihoods and future survival

Project background tools

Overall, Uganda environmental policies emphasize much the sustainable management of its natural resources that are the basis both for rural and urban livelihoods but more so for the rural ones. This is well reflected in the fact that the Government in the past issued

several national policy instruments intended to strengthen conservation and preservation of the national natural resources heritage. Those instruments will represent an important background for this proposal. The most important among those are

- NBSAP from 2022
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Further relevant policy documents comprise:

- National Strategy to combat Poverty
- National Action Plan for the Environment
- National Action Plan for adaptation to Climate Change Effects
- United Nations Framework for Development Aid for Uganda
- Etc....

MORE TO BE SHOWED ON

- National environmental policies that will help contribute to the government efforts to secure livelihoods of local people in protecting them against the impacts of global warming.
- Any other tools that will help better implement the project and make sure it is a participatory activity that will be well owned by the local people

Long-term objective: To contribute to fighting the harmful effects of climate change on human livelihoods and ecosystems in raising awareness of Ugandan women and youth on the negative impacts of current global warming through awareness raising and field activities.

Short-term objective: To enhance environmental awareness of Ugandan women and youth on climate change impacts, and to carry out field activities intended to protect natural landscapes in planting trees on fragile and climate change sensitive rural areas.

Indicators of success:

- Environmental Awareness raised among women and youth in Uganda.
- The role of women and youth in environmental management strengthened.
- Selected landscapes planted with trees to reduce impacts of extreme weather events on ecosystems.

Project activities would include:

- Building environmental management capacity of local women and youth in selected rural villages of Uganda
- Sensitization of women and youth on their predominant role in the fight against impacts of climate change
- Production of advocacy material on climate change adaptation and fight
- Selection of rural landscapes for tree planting activities.
- Planting of selected trees in predetermined rural areas.

Partners:

The main partners to this project will include at the regional level ESARO, the East and Southern Africa Regional Office of the IUCN, the Gland-headquartered International Union for the Conservation of Nature and at the national level the following institutions:

- NEMA of Uganda
- UWA
- NatureUganda

ETC....

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- Project partners and stakeholders on the project site and elsewhere
- Their relevance to the project

Time and Budget

The project is scheduled for a period of 3 years that will include an initial inception period of maximum 3 months for project activities validation by the whole range of partners and beneficiaries. Total budget is estimated to **USD 413.350** (US Dollars four hundred thirteen thousand three hundred fifty) To properly calculated in writing a detailed activity oriented budget

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Project goal.

To contribute to fighting the negative impacts of climate change on human livelihoods and ecosystems through

- raising awareness of Ugandan women and youth on the negative impacts of current global warming
- national campaign of tree planting as a means to reduce the impacts of extreme weather events on human and natural habitats

Purpose.

To enhance environmental awareness of Ugandan women and youth on climate change impacts and to protect natural landscapes by tree planting activities in rural areas.

Outputs.

1. Environmental Awareness raised among women and youth in Uganda
2. The role of women and youth in environmental management strengthened
3. Selected landscapes planted with trees to reduce impacts of extreme weather events on ecosystems

Activities.

1. Building environmental management capacity of local women and youth in selected rural villages of Uganda
2. Sensitization of women and youth on their predominant role in the fight against impacts of climate change
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