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About us

The Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) is one of the nine stakeholder groups of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Established in 2009 and granted full constituency status in 2011, the WGC consists of 64 women's and environmental civil society organisations, who are working together to ensure that women's voices are heard and their rights prioritised in the fight against climate change.

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



GJCS awards ceremony at COP30 in Belém, Brazil

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 organisations 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 organisations they represent: businesses and industry organisations; environmental organisations; local and municipal authorities; trade unions; research and independent organisations; and organisations that work for the rights of Indigenous people; young people; agricultural workers; and women and gender rights.

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 formalise and unify the perspectives of women and gender civil society organisations 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 in relation to climate change through the UNFCCC process, and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Our Principles

WGC members work to promote full realisation 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 emphasises 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.

"The GJCS show that a gender-just transition is not a distant aspiration but a lived reality, already being built by women and gender-diverse communities all around the world. Still, these solutions remain under-resourced and unsupported by the multilateral system. A robust, gender-transformative Belém Antalya Mechanism would ensure these solutions are not isolated victories, but the expected outcome of a just transition process that is resourced, recognised, and replicated at the scale the climate emergency demands."

Magdalena Belén Rochi Monagas -
Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights



Magdalena Belén Rochi Monagas at SB64, Bonn

The Gender Just Climate 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.

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

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

1. **Technical Solutions**
2. **Non-technical Solutions**
3. **Transformational Solutions**

We received 340 eligible applications.

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 to women's workload (such as via additional natural resource management or care responsibilities without compensation)
3. Gives autonomy to 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 & scaled up (replicable elsewhere, not just benefiting one individual)
9. Shows interlinkages to cross-cutting issues, such as peace-building, natural resources management, food security and/or health, water and sanitation.



Christy Martinez, Fundación Sin Límites, 2025 awardee

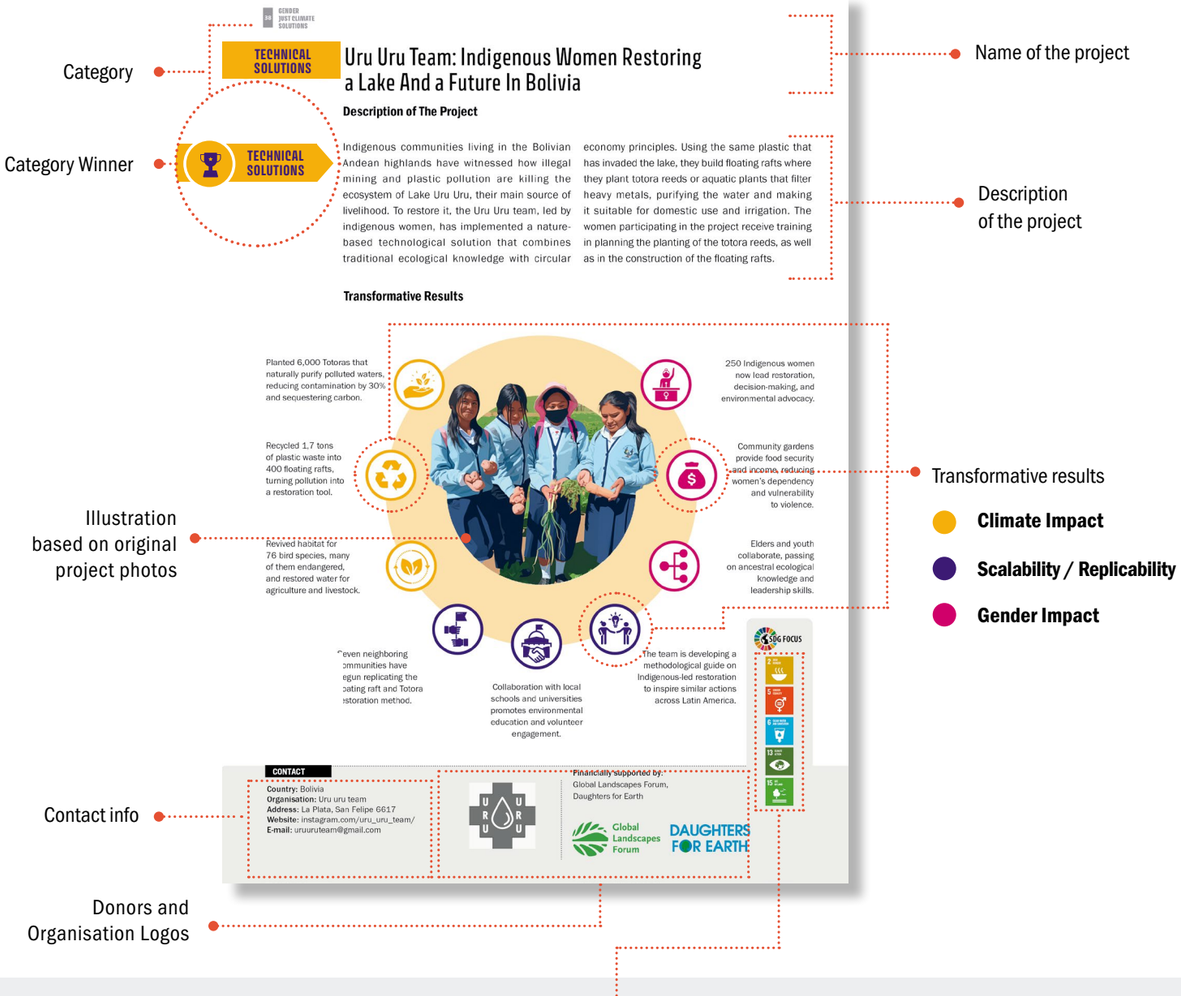


In order to implement the transformative shift needed to appropriately respond to climate change, gender-just solutions must be strengthened and scaled up in every country.

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Uru uru team, 2025 awardee

Technical Solutions

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Vanuatu Women Lighting The Way To Energy Security

Description of the project

In Vanuatu, nearly 34% of the population, particularly in rural areas, lacks access to electricity, and households rely on costly, polluting fuels like kerosene and firewood. This energy poverty falls hardest on women, affecting their health, safety, ability to use technology, and financial independence. Women I Tok Tok Tugeta (WITTT) trained women from the remote Lawital community in North Tanna to install and maintain solar systems built with repurposed lithium-ion batteries from e-waste. Through this project, Vanuatu's women are taking energy access into their own hands, providing reliable, renewable energy to their communities.

Transformative Results

Installed 3.77 kW of solar generation including 119 small home systems, 5 community systems, 10 solar streetlights, and 50 solar power banks; plus 22.6 kWh of battery storage built from repurposed lithium-ion batteries.

Replacing kerosene saved an estimated 2,000 litres of fuel and avoided approximately 5,000 kg of CO_2.

Phones charged through the project and connected to WITTT's early-warning network let the community act on a Category One tropical cyclone warning, directly linking the project to disaster preparedness.



Trained 60 women as technicians to install, maintain, and repair the solar systems, checking system health, replacing batteries, and collecting data, giving them technical skills and control over the infrastructure.

WITTT Sunshine ensured 5 women with disabilities were represented as direct project participants.

Revenue flows into a community fund, managed by members selected from the project's direct participants; local women in the project decide how it is reinvested (in maintenance and equipment).

The WITTT network has built consensus to subsidise monthly payments for vulnerable households unable to pay and has already supported one such household, ensuring no one is excluded from access.

The model employs locally led community consultation and site selection, training and paying women as technicians and administrators, and establishing a community-owned revolving fund governed by local women.

A proposal now under evaluation would expand to 8 new communities (859 households, 41 community spaces, 2 solar Economic Hubs), with higher-capacity systems, tiered PayGo pricing, and stronger institutional support.

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Energy For The Yeknemilis (Buen Vivir): Masewal Women Leading A Community Energy Transition

Description of the project

In the Sierra Nororiental of Puebla, Masewal Indigenous communities use open firewood fires that cause indoor air pollution, respiratory illness, heavy firewood use, and pressure on the surrounding forest. The burden falls hardest on women, who spend the most time cooking and collecting firewood, while being directly exposed to the smoke. Fundación Tosepan developed a Community Energy Management Model around efficient stoves, water heaters, and food dryers that reuses the stove's own residual heat. Women are trained as community technicians, working alongside the Tosepan Union of Cooperatives' existing health, organic production, and microfinance programmes. With less time spent gathering wood and cooking over open fire, Masewal women are reclaiming time for assemblies, training, and leadership for their own energy sovereignty.

Transformative Results

Prevents an estimated 113.76 tonnes of firewood use and over 200 tonnes of CO_2 emissions a year through 79 efficient stoves, water heaters, and multifunctional dryers.

Each family cuts firewood use by 40% on average (1,440 kg a year) and saves an estimated MXN 4,320 a year in fuel costs.



Women decide where each stove and dryer is installed, based on their own daily needs and how their kitchens are used.

Less time spent gathering firewood and cooking over open fire frees women's time for assemblies, training, and community leadership.

A community construction team of two women and two men designs, builds, installs, and improves the technologies on equal footing.

The model has already become a reference for other communities, organisations, and government programmes, which have taken up its construction and monitoring practices.

The technology is adapted to the needs and resources of each community, whilst respecting their culture and ways of organising themselves.

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NutriGrab: An AI Agriculture And Circular Food Systems Platform That Opens Business Opportunities For Women Farmers

Description of the project

Smallholder farmers in Uganda and Kenya, especially women, face limited access to reliable markets, equipment, and climate-resilient services, leaving them exposed to post-harvest losses and unstable incomes. Meanwhile, businesses often let surplus food go to waste while households lack access to nutritious food. NutriGrab is an AI-enabled digital agriculture and circular food systems platform that connects farmers and food businesses with buyers, redistributes surplus food, and offers equipment rental and logistics support through AI-powered matching and demand forecasting. The platform reduces waste, improves market access, increases incomes, and strengthens food security.

Transformative Results

Converts food waste from restaurants and markets into organic fertiliser for farmers, while shared equipment rental and mobile access reduce the cost of climate-resilient farming.

Keeps food and organic materials in productive use, reducing waste disposal and dependence on synthetic agricultural inputs.

Redistributed more than 50,000 meals and recycled 35,000 tonnes of food waste, preventing an estimated 10,000 tonnes of CO_2-equivalent emissions.



Trains women Digital Agriculture Ambassadors from local cooperatives to provide community support, digital literacy training, and platform feedback.

Women participate as producers, sellers, equipment renters, community ambassadors, and decision-makers, creating opportunities for leadership beyond traditional agricultural roles.

Moves women from informal market participation to digitally enabled entrepreneurship, with transparent pricing, secure contracts, and diversified buyers, helping increase incomes and influence over household and business decisions.

Piloted through community-based waste aggregation in urban and peri-urban food surplus streams, including markets, hotels, institutions, and agro-processors.

Designed food distribution networks around locally owned and operated hubs, enabling women, youth, and farmer groups to manage activities and adapt the model to their communities.

A digital system coordinates transactions and traceability across hubs, while pricing, decision-making, and food redistribution remain locally governed, allowing the model to expand without centralising control.

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Young Women Mechanics Supporting Kenya's Shift Towards Sustainable Mobility

Description of the project

Women are underrepresented in Kenya's technical and e-mobility sectors, while young women in Nairobi's informal settlements face severe unemployment. At the same time, a shortage of certified technicians is slowing the shift to electric and hybrid vehicles and discarded automotive e-waste and EV batteries go largely unmanaged. Chixz Initiative connects these realities: the project trains young women as certified automotive and electric-vehicle technicians, with guaranteed pathways into employment across vehicle maintenance, EV conversions, and e-waste recycling. One mechanic at a time, Chixz is normalising women's place in a trade long closed to them, and building the certified female workforce Kenya's energy transition needs.

Transformative Results

Operates as an official collection hub for automotive e-waste, dismantling dead EV battery packs to harvest cells for small-scale solar energy storage instead of sending them to landfill.

Opened 4 training centres where trainees repair electric motorbikes and tuktuks as part of their training process, cutting emissions from Kenya's growing e-mobility fleet.



Trained and employed 157 young women as automotive and electric-vehicle technicians since the project began in 2024.

87% of the women and girls trained are survivors of gender-based violence; the project pairs technical training with legal aid and individual counselling.

Scaling from Nairobi into four Kilifi subcounties (Bamba, Ganze, Magarini, Tezo), training local women as its next generation of mechanics and mentors.

With flexible schedules, 4-hour classes and the provision of transportation and childcare support, the training fits around trainees' caregiving and informal work.

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Feminists Addressing The Gender-Environment Data Gap

Description of the project

Climate and environmental policies cannot be designed or delivered effectively while gender data and analysis are underfunded and underused. The Gender and Environment Data Alliance (GEDA) aims to close this gap. GEDA's Small Grants Program, convened by WEDO, through direct funding and capacity strengthening, supports Global South projects that explore feminist, grassroots, and community-based quantitative and qualitative gender-environment data collection methodologies, with an emphasis on locally led and participatory approaches. The programme began in 2024, with cohorts of around 7 to 9 grant partners, providing one-year grants from US$ 10,000 to US$ 15,000.

Transformative Results

Collects data and non-traditional knowledge of climate impacts, including around extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods, heat waves.

Raises awareness of the disproportionate impacts of climate change on groups that are on the frontline, such as women and gender-diverse people, people with disabilities, and other structurally marginalised groups.

Contributes to evidence-based policy advocacy to inform more equitable and effective adaptation and climate resilience plans at the local, national, and international levels.



Promotes the empowerment of women as data collectors, analysts, and owners of data, not only as the research subjects.

Promotes intersectional feminist approaches to research, data analysis, and project management.

Supports gender-transformative shifts in policy, programming, financing, and planning through data.

Open-access data sets and knowledge products developed by local, community-led Global South organisations are publicly available.

Community engagement, peer learning, and partnerships strengthen connections and promote innovation.

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Jambo Radio, 2025 awardee

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Afro-Colombian Women Building Resilience And Inclusion

Description of the project

Afro-Colombian farming communities in Dagua, Valle del Cauca, face increasing climate-related challenges, including irregular rainfall, soil degradation, biodiversity loss, and declining agricultural productivity. Federación Afroamérica XXI works with Afro-Colombian women farmers to increase sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices through organic cacao production, and challenge racist and discriminatory practices within the greater smallholder farming community by creating community training sessions and hosting peer learning and awareness-raising efforts. The solution has also strengthened collaboration among local stakeholders and supported community-led efforts to create value-added economic opportunities linked to cacao production.

Transformative Results

40 Afro-Colombian farmers have received direct training and peer learning support to tackle irregular rainfall, soil degradation, declining productivity, and biodiversity loss.

Supports the preservation of traditional agricultural knowledge within the Afro-Colombian communities.

2 demonstration plots were established and maintained to showcase agroecological production methods and climate adaptation practices.



Through awareness campaigns and capacity building, women are beginning to be seen within the community as not just caregivers but producers and community leaders.

Increases women farmers' access to community networks to lessen the workload and strengthen solidarity.

Training and community strengthening rely on local knowledge, community partnerships, peer learning, and low-cost solutions.

The intentional inclusion of Afro-descendants has resulted in greater effectiveness for all community members and can be replicated in any context with Afro-descendants and relevant communities.

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Entre Parentas: Indigenous Women As Leaders In Climate Change Adaptation In The Brazilian Amazon

Description of the project

Climate change has increasingly affected Indigenous Territories in the southern Amazon, impacting water availability, food production, health, biodiversity, cultural practices, community well-being, and traditional knowledge systems. IIEB - International Institute of Education of Brazil strengthens Indigenous women as climate researchers through an innovative climate action research methodology developed fully by horizontal leadership. The activities include systematising ancestral knowledge, developing locally led solutions, and increasing their participation in territorial governance and climate policymaking. This project has led to increased participation of Indigenous women in territorial governance and decision-making, strengthened local capacities for climate adaptation, and a general increase in awareness and appreciation for Indigenous-led climate solutions.

Transformative Results

This research directly informed the Indigenous Climate Adaptation Plan for the Southern Amazon, ensuring the regional strategy is built on evidence, priorities, and solutions generated by Indigenous Peoples.

Climate researchers are involved in implementing the Plan, which will guide adaptation planning across all 44 Indigenous Territories in the Southern Amazon, benefiting approximately 20,000 Indigenous people.



Entre Parentas has supported the establishment of Indigenous women as climate researchers and producers of knowledge within their own territories.

Climate researchers have gained greater power and influence within their own territories.

The co-creation methodology, grounded in each territory's specific cultural context, offers an adaptable framework that other territories can replicate.

The evidence produced combines Indigenous leadership with scientific dialogue, giving the methodology global relevance.

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Gender Equality And Climate Education Through Global Citizenship In Malawi Schools

Description of the project

In rural Malawi, girls face multiple barriers to education, and climate change exacerbates this problem. Schools rarely teach children about climate action or how it connects to their lives. To combat this, ClimateWise created an integrated programme that combines gender equality, child protection, and climate education through Global Citizenship Education. They work in primary schools, training teachers in gender-responsive pedagogy, establishing gender clubs where girls and boys learn about their rights, and integrating climate action into the curriculum. In one year, they have reached over 4,400 students across ten schools in four districts.

Transformative Results

Students learn about drought-resistant crops, water conservation, and tree planting. In the workshops, students create action plans that include planting trees at their schools and homes.

The Child Complaint Box is made from locally sourced wood, costing only USD 25. It requires no electricity, no maintenance, and no external inputs.

Pre- and post-programme assessments showed an improvement in students' understanding of gender equality and global citizenship, which includes climate action and environmental responsibility.



The Child Complaint Box was created to ensure that girls can report abuse anonymously without fear of retaliation. The box is managed by a trained response team that includes women teachers and community leaders.

Teachers are trained in gender-responsive pedagogy, including calling on girls equally in class, avoiding gender stereotypes, and creating safe spaces where girls feel comfortable speaking.

In their 2025 project in Dowa District, a girl named Esther facilitated club meetings, led discussions on (GBV) prevention, and eventually presented her club's action plan to a community gathering.

The training manual can be adapted to any context. It is written in simple English and Chichewa, with visual aids that work even where literacy is low.

The project was successfully replicated using the same model in three additional schools in Dowa District. Students' understanding of gender equality and climate action improved significantly.

The necessary conditions for replication across Malawi and Sub-Saharan Africa are simple: teachers who are willing to learn, students who are willing to participate, and a community that supports girls' education.

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Strengthening Women's Autonomy And Resilience Through Agroecology In Bihar

Description of the project

Smallholder farmers – especially women – are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis in Bihar, India. Floods, drought and heatwaves threaten food production, while women, who perform most of the agricultural work, remain excluded from land ownership, public support and decision-making. Regenerative Bihar transforms women from vulnerable farmers into leaders of climate adaptation through farmer-led Agroecological Knowledge Centres. This solution strengthens the climate resilience, economic autonomy and leadership of women smallholder farmers while accelerating the transition towards sustainable and biodiverse food systems.

Transformative Results

689 agroecological kitchen gardens improved household food security and dietary diversity by introducing more than 30 vegetable species and medicinal plants, reducing dependence on chemical fertilisers.

Agroecological practices such as mulching and composting have improved water retention, reduced water consumption and increased crop resilience during irregular rainfall and drought periods.

6 community seed banks have conserved 616 indigenous varieties adapted to local conditions and 4 additional living seed houses are planned, multiplying 150 local varieties and strengthening seed sovereignty.



8,233 farmers were mobilised, including 5,577 women (68%) to develop technical, ecopreneurial and leadership skills while sharing traditional knowledge.

2 Farmer Agroecological Knowledge Centres (KGvKs) have trained at least 600 women, and supported 6 women-led enterprises.

It combines low-cost agroecological practices, community ownership and institutional engagement.

The project documents and disseminates its experience through videos, case studies, podcasts, publications and communication materials shared by Regenerative Bihar and partner organisations.

The Agroecological Knowledge Centres provide a practical model for farmer-to-farmer learning, climate adaptation and women's empowerment that can be adapted to other rural and climate-vulnerable contexts.

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WGC CONTRIBUTION

Climate Justice Advocacy Mentorship For Young African Feminists

Description of the project

Young African women remain underrepresented in spaces where climate policies and decisions are shaped. The Climate Justice Advocacy Mentorship Programme, run by the Women Environmental Programme (WEP), created a practical pathway from learning to climate leadership. Since 2024, the ongoing programme has combined mentorship, virtual and in-person training, leadership development, and direct exposure to climate negotiations, equipping 10 feminist climate activists across seven African countries with the skills to engage in climate-policy spaces and carry that knowledge into advocacy back home. The mentees are already extending the programme's reach beyond themselves, turning one cohort's mentorship into a growing network of feminist climate leadership.

Transformative Results

Mentee-led community actions, such as awareness-raising and tree planting, have supported emission reduction and climate adaptation for vulnerable groups.

The mentor-mentee model has already been replicated by WEP and other civil-society organisations, who created similar fellowships of their own.



The model can be adapted through regional cohorts and online learning, while allowing mentees to apply climate advocacy skills to local priorities.

The programme strengthened young women's confidence, leadership and public-speaking abilities, enabling mentees to influence climate discussions, lead advocacy initiatives, and serve as role models for other women and girls.

By connecting young African feminist climate activists across seven countries, the programme fostered a network of women leaders who collaborate, share knowledge, and amplify women's voices in climate decision-making processes.

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5 GENDER EQUALITY
13 CLIMATE ACTION
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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Transformational Solutions

TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Tierra Fértil: Rural Women's Leadership For Land Tenure Rights And Autonomy

Description of the project

In rural Chiapas, Mexico, structural gender inequality confines women to unpaid domestic and care work while excluding them from land ownership, leaving them financially dependent and exposed to economic violence and isolation. Since 2019, Concentrarte has worked with the Mujeres del Huerto collective to build women's leadership and technical capacity, expand equitable access to resources, and grow a collective rural enterprise rooted in agroecology and food sovereignty. What began as an emergency response has become a permanent model of rural development: in 2024, the collective reached a historic milestone when its women gained legal ownership of land for the first time. Around 70 women and girls govern their own harvest, savings, and decisions, and are building a women-led bakery as their next step towards full self-management.

Transformative Results

Reduces an estimated 1.5–2.5 tonnes of CO_2 per year through solar-powered water pumping, organic composting, and eliminating synthetic fertilisers.

Collects 600,000 litres of rainwater annually, supplying water through the six-month dry season and easing the community's water stress.

Promotes regenerative land use and chemical-free agroecology through the establishment of 86 community gardens that produce more than 15 varieties of organic food.



Improves women's financial independence and reduces their debt. The estimated monthly savings per household range from USD 110 to 170.

In 2024, they secured women's access to their own land for a vegetable garden, a significant step forward in a patriarchal society.

Strengthens the leadership roles and collective power of rural women.

The model has already been adapted in nearby Zapotillo, Chiapas, and among Wixárika communities in Jalisco through the "Ha Ta Tukari" project.

Formal internal agreements let members cover each other's garden duties during emergencies, so the collective enterprise never becomes an added workload.

SDG FOCUS

5 GENDER EQUALITY
13 CLIMATE ACTION
2 ZERO HUNGER
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Climate and Care: Women Legislating Climate Justice Across Brazil

Description of the project

Across Brazil, Black, Indigenous, and LGBTIQ+ women elected to local office carry their communities' demands on food, water, and environmental racism, often without the technical support to turn those demands into law. Rede A Ponte equips these councilwomen and women state deputies with ready-to-use model bills, technical notes, and training, so they can translate their communities' climate demands directly into legislation. The initiative has reached 93 mandates, 52% of them held by Black parliamentarians, and supported 25 bills filed in municipal chambers and state assemblies. This solution strengthens the legislative capacity of women who already hold political power in their territories to turn care and climate justice into public law that outlasts any single mandate.

Transformative Results

The bills span four fronts: healthy school feeding and urban agriculture, water-security governance, the rights of nature, and new municipal and state Gender, Race and Climate Observatories.

Supported 25 climate-justice bills filed in municipal chambers and state assemblies across Brazil, one of them already signed into law.

Co-authored the federal bill that created Brazil's National Policy to Combat Environmental Racism, together with 23 federal deputies.



A free, voluntary network of more than 100 women specialists supplies the legislative materials and training, keeping the initiative's costs low as it scales.

Coordinated a delegation of 14 Brazilian women parliamentarians to COP30 in Belém to exchange legislative experience with Latin American counterparts.

The methodology is already expanding through South-South cooperation, with initiatives underway in Mexico and Mozambique.

The materials may be adapted to any national or regional context, legislative body and new thematic agendas, enabling multiple legislative bodies to adopt and table proposals simultaneously in different regions.

SDG FOCUS

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13 CLIMATE ACTION
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TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

The NDC Equity Tracker: Women And Girls Advocating For Just, Equitable, And Ambitious Climate Policy

Description of the project

Climate policy is still written without considering the people who are on the frontline of climate change. Around 70% of climate decision-making is done by men, while women and girls, who suffer from compounding inequalities that are exacerbated under climate disasters, are treated as victims rather than as leaders and solution providers. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), each country's core climate plan under the Paris Agreement, rarely reflect gender justice or the priorities of young women, and almost never with an intersectional lens. Care About Climate trains and pays young women and feminists to analyse their own government's NDC for gender mainstreaming, intergenerational justice and climate ambition. This solution democratises climate policy by equipping young women and feminists, especially from the Global South, with technical knowledge to analyse and influence their government's NDC.

Transformative Results

85 NDCs analysed, spanning 80+ countries and 84% of global emissions, with 300+ country-specific recommendations addressed to their respective governments.

Findings fed directly into 2025 NDC consultations of three countries and informed the Universal NDC Youth Clause that the UK adopted at COP29, and shaped inputs to the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan and the Action for Climate Empowerment work programme.

A trained Ambassador runs community workshops and mentors the next cohort, so each training investment yields an analyst, a local educator, and a trainer at near-zero marginal cost.



Around 90% of the ambassadors who deliver it are young women, with recruitment prioritising women and gender-diverse applicants from the Global South.

Ambassadors are treated as the analysts they are; they choose the lens, write the assessment of their own country's NDC, draft the recommendations, and present the findings to their governments and at the UNFCCC.

Every Ambassador is paid equitably for her work, a foundational commitment, so leadership never depends on economic privilege.

The same train-score-advocate cycle can track National Adaptation Plans, or map government commitments under the Rio Conventions, the SDGs, or human rights frameworks.

Nothing in the model is site-specific (no field infrastructure, no in-country office), which is why it has spread organically to over 80 countries.

SDG FOCUS

5 GENDER EQUALITY
13 CLIMATE ACTION
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Prosperous Same-Tonchigüe, Placing Climate-Resilient Bamboo Housing At The Centre Of A Gender-Responsive Development Model

Description of the project

Same and Tonchigüe, neighbourhoods of the excluded province of Esmeraldas in Ecuador, face extreme poverty (30%), compounded by recurrent flooding, earthquakes and the impacts of climate change. Women-headed households are disproportionately affected, lacking secure housing, property ownership, safe water and sustainable livelihoods. Raíz Caemba builds low-carbon bamboo and elevated, seismic-resistant designs adapted to local climate risks. This solution places women-headed households at the centre of climate adaptation by providing secure ownership of resilient homes while improving access to safe water, education, livelihoods, health services, community infrastructure and leadership opportunities.

Transformative Results

Delivered 200 climate-resilient bamboo homes benefiting approximately 1,000 people while demonstrating a low-carbon alternative to conventional housing in one of Ecuador's most climate-vulnerable coastal regions.

Locally sourced bamboo regenerates from its root system and continues to store biogenic carbon, while reducing transport emissions and supporting local value chains.

Distributed 183 bio-sand water filters reducing plastic waste, transport emissions and household costs while strengthening water security during climate-related disruptions.



Women help identify community priorities, select construction sites, validate housing needs and shape community organisations.

Homes are legally owned by women-headed households, providing a secure, climate-resilient asset that strengthens economic independence, bargaining power and long-term security.

Women receive entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy training, psychosocial support, mentoring and seed funding, enabling many to mentor others and lead neighbourhood organisations.

Its integrated psychosocial and socioeconomic support model addresses challenges shared by climate-vulnerable communities worldwide: resilient housing, gender equality, low-carbon construction and disaster risk reduction.

Blended financing combines long-term philanthropic support, corporate partnerships and volunteer engagement and creates local ownership.

SDG FOCUS

5 GENDER EQUALITY
13 CLIMATE ACTION
1 NO POVERTY
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
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GeKo: Gender Mainstreaming In Germany's Municipal Climate Action

Description of the project

Municipal climate action has traditionally been planned without a systematic focus on gender. GeKo works directly in German municipal climate teams to close that gap. Around 200 climate and administrative officers learn gender mainstreaming concepts and, together with their municipalities' gender equality officers, apply an intersectional analysis to how climate measures are planned and implemented. The approach is already running in 15 model municipalities across Germany, embedding gender expertise directly inside the teams that design local climate policy. By building this capacity inside municipal administrations, the project ingrains gender mainstreaming in the climate decision-making of German municipalities, ensuring it is inclusive and gender transformative.

Transformative Results

Improves the effectiveness and sustainability of municipal climate measures, reducing CO_2 emissions.

Addresses gender-specific needs in climate measures, such as care work and mobility.



Strengthens local climate resilience through more equitable participation in climate planning.

Strengthens gender expertise in municipal climate action teams.

Model municipalities serve as best-practice examples for other regions, with gender training and capacity-building enabling wider replication.

Ensures that intersectional perspectives are integrated into climate policies.

Institutionalisation of knowledge transfer ensures long-term scalability.

SDG FOCUS

5 GENDER EQUALITY

13 CLIMATE ACTION

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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