Indigenous women uniting to bolster their knowledge and resilience to climate impacts

Description of the project
This unique network of 64 Indigenous women CSOs has engaged over 1,000 women and girls in climate mitigation and adaptation strategies that improve water and food security for their communities. They have established kitchen gardens and are generating alternative sources of income through organic briquette making, native species tree planting, beadwork, medicinal herb collecting, and beekeeping. This program helps reduce deforestation and CO2 emissions from firewood and reinforce climate resilience in severely affected areas of Kenya via conservation agriculture, rehabilitating local seeds and crops. It promotes gender justice by supporting women’s leadership and decision-making power in Indigenous communities.

Transformative outcomes

Climate impact
- Reducing climate-induced migration and advances all-gender natural resource management.
- Planted 100,000 tree seedlings to address deforestation.
- Adopting conservation agriculture and community seed management.

Gender impact
- Reduces women’s workload with ceramic Jiko cookstoves and briquettes.
- Introduced alternative sources of income for women: 15 tree nurseries, 56 beehives, briquette making.
- Increased women’s leadership in financial decision-making and securing land rights.

Scalability / replicability
- Tree nurseries can be extended to neighboring Indigenous communities.
- 2,367 community members have increased and shared knowledge on climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.
- Periodical demonstrations of kitchen gardens in the communities.

Women farmers’ rights and control over productive resources to fight hunger

Description of the project
Food Rights Alliance established sustainable, gender-responsive farm plans to bolster women farmers’ rights and resilience in the Teso sub-region of Uganda. They fostered civic awareness on women’s land rights and raised small farmers’ capacities on ecological, climate adaptive agriculture practices to drive transformations. The program focused on creating high nutrition farming models for food sovereignty, and reinforcing citizens consciousness via community platforms, partnerships with local governments and radio sensitization. Notable outcomes are women’s equitable access to productive resources and decision-making power leading to yields increase by up to 200% while reducing social conflicts and gender-based violence.

Transformative outcomes

Climate impact
- Sustainable farming practices that protect land and regulate carbon emissions: crop rotations, soil coverage, rainwater harvesting, etc.
- Reduced soil erosion through contour bund and enhanced tillage methods.

Gender impact
- Male champions advocating in favor of women’s rights on radio talk-shows.
- Provision of nursery care facilities during community meetings enable women to take part in equitable decision making.
- Community awareness sessions focusing on women’s land tenure rights.

Scalability / replicability
- Elevating the agenda of women’s participation in agriculture to the national level.
- Established platforms to amplify the voices of women and youth, enabling them to address issues related to agricultural productivity, household food security, and nutrition.
- Contributes to reduce social conflicts and gender-based violence.