

## Gender Competition – ETCC (NDC ASSIST II ,Sector Program Human Rights GIZ & MoCCEF KE) Kenya Entry



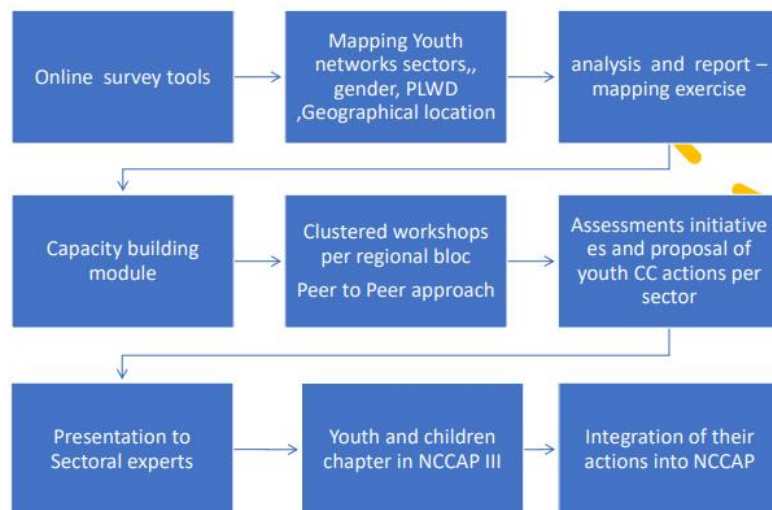
### Promoting gender equality

#### Strengthening youth and children participation in Climate change policy:

**NDC Assist Enhancing Youth and children engagement in the development of Kenya’s National Climate Change Action Plan III (2023-2027)**- this was done under the project NDC ASSIST II ,Sector Program Human Rights GIZ & Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Forestry (MoCCEF) Kenya. The project sought to address challenges of in-adequate children and youth participation in climate policy and planning, while recognizing that the youth and children are equally affected by climate change due to:

- higher vulnerability to climate hazards, social-environmental impacts. Kenya has a child vulnerability index score of (68.9). Other social and health impacts include climate-induced displacement, education disruptions, low nutrition, exposure to child-abuse and impediment on children rights.
- High Population share(75%)- given the high population, any hazard would have wide and far reaching impacts.
- High Poverty levels, dependency ratio and low employment rate(67%),

#### Approach –How did we do it?



#### NDC Partnership/ NDC Assist- Approach

*Development of a Youth Engagement Plan- 2020: this involved design of a youth-inclusive NDC processes at the country level, support for development of youth-led NDC implementation projects, strengthened climate change capacity for youth and children, and encouraging youth participation in global NDC Partnership activities. The **Capacity Building Objective:** was to strengthen capacity on Climate Change, climate change frameworks, Kenya’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), sectors climate change priorities; and also increase Climate Finance Access at the county level , through County Government climate change funds under the Financing Locally Led Climate Change Adaptation- FLLoCA –Program.*

The targeted outcome included development of joint submission on youth specific NCCAP III actions and increased capacity and competence of youth to engage in climate change planning processes at the National and county level; as well as increased knowledge of and access to different kinds of funding mechanisms related to climate change.

**Results:** the project reached a total of 338 youth networks/organizations through capacity building on climate change frameworks and their role on climate action, utilizing expert Interactive Tools and Kahoot!, World climate simulation games! Short explainer videos.

As a result of this initiative, the following **interventions were mainstreamed in NCCAP III (2023-2027)** which is yet to be implemented. This allows for budget allocation at county and sector level, which is the first step towards inclusion on youth and childrens' voice in climate policy and action.

- ✓ 5 streams of non-timber forest products developed and implemented by youth groups .
- ✓ 1,000 ha degraded mangroves forests sites restored through youth led programmes.
- ✓ 500 youth-led waste recycling, reusing and upscaling initiatives developed with a focus on eliminating illegal dumping sites.
- ✓ 10 youth-led waste recycling centres established in 10 counties.
- ✓ Production of non-forest biomass fuel briquettes such as agricultural waste, sawdust, and human-waste through youth led programmes increased
- ✓ Gender- and youth responsive affordable water harvesting Programmes.
- ✓ Improve participation of women and youth in all 47 counties on Climate Smart Agriculture .
- ✓ 2,000 youth benefit from improved capacity on fisheries and blue economy development-Youths trained on value addition in fisheries and blue economy.
- ✓ National Tree Growing and Restoration Campaign that aims to plant 15 billion trees by 2032.
- ✓ 5,000 youth-owned tree seedling nurseries established.

## Gender and Feminist Core Principles

💡 #ChildrenandYouthVoices are critical for #ClimateAction. Nothing for Youth Without the Youth. 🌐 [GIZ Kenya](#) NDC Assist II project in conjunction with UNICEF, the GIZ Sector Programme Human Rights and Ministry of [@Environment Ke](#) #ClimateChangeDirectorate enhanced youth engagement in the review of the National Climate Change Action Plan(NCCAP III) 2023-2027. The project engaged representatives of youth organizations from all the Regional Economic Blocs in Kenya through a series of 4 regional workshops in Nairobi, Nyeri, Eldoret and Mombasa; and hosted a #Children'sForum in Nairobi with Mtoto News Children Network to hear the perspectives, ideas and solutions of children and young persons for the NCCAP III priorities.

The youth were trained on disaster risk management, climate-smart agriculture and climate finance, and guided in formulation of youth focused actions and indicators for NCCAP III. A youth network was established to further cooperate and thrive forward innovative climate actions. Some of the best practices include:

### *Establishment of a Youth Engagement Forum*

- ✚ Youth require the resources (financial and technical) to fully participate in NDC processes – from international negotiations to local planning and consultation.
- ✚ Financial support for projects needs to be coupled with mentorship to ensure success and help scale innovations.
- ✚ Young people are seeking financial capacity building to develop expertise in climate finance as a career.
- ✚ There is a need for tailored financial instruments to fit youth-led businesses and organizations.

### *Inclusive and meaningful youth participation*

- ✚ Engage early, across processes and levels of government/project
- ✚ Formalize and institutionalize youth participation
- ✚ Share responsibility, build in empowerment and trainings
- ✚ Address barriers to participation, accessibility needs
- ✚ Follow-up, review progress, and promote transparency around outcome



Children engaging and discussing child-friendly solutions for the NCCAP III

### **Cooperation**

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Tree planting at the Nairobi Youth NCCAP III engagement workshop



Children engaging at the Children Forum in Nairobi and presenting their recommendations for the NCCAP III – facilitated by Mtoto News