

Envirocare Drives Change in Kilimanjaro Region: Climate Change Campaign Gains Momentum!

Residents of Siha District in Kilimanjaro Region are advised to start using improved cookstoves to avoid significant harm caused by climate change. As this campaign gains momentum, its success relies on the community's collective efforts, the partnership between organizations like Envirocare and **The Global Greengrant Fund (GGF)**, and the willingness of individuals to embrace change for the betterment of their environment and future generations.

Speaking to communities, the Land Officer from Siha District Council, **Mr. Mloka**, commended the government through Envirocare for bringing this education to Kilimanjaro Region. He expressed hope that significant changes will occur in the area of environmental conservation and climate change adaptation.

Several factors contribute to environmental degradation and cause climate change effects.



Kiliri Primary students celebrate their achievement in the Clean Cookstove Technology Campaign. They learned how to use and make clean cookstoves that reduce air pollution and save fuel. A bright future awaits them as they apply their skills and knowledge to create a greener world.

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It is crucial for the community to understand the consequences of climate change, as good health stems from clean and safe environments. He also encouraged the dissemination of this knowledge within the communities to ensure a reduction or elimination of environmental damage, adding that health is linked to clean and safe environments.

Mr. Lolande Lema, the Project Officer, stated, "Through the *Global Greengrant Fund (GGF)* project, in collaboration with Envirocare, we have successfully carried out this campaign to provide education on how to tackle climate change. This two-year project aims to bring about changes in our lives through the knowledge we are sharing. Envirocare, being an organization focused on environmental and human rights issues, is responsible for ensuring community understanding."



Mr. Lolande Lema



Mr. Philip Joseph

On behalf of the Executive Director of Envirocare, **Mr. Philip Joseph Finance Manager Envirocare** urged all residents of Kilimanjaro Region to support the efforts of the organization to achieve change. He emphasized that change must start within us, and he believed that this education would foster a positive mindset.

Ms.Elizabeth Kyara, a resident of Mlangoni Village in Siha District, Kilimanjaro region, expressed her gratitude after the campaign, saying, "I thank Envirocare for providing us with this training, as the struggles facing many women will now be alleviated. We are pleased with this improved cook stove technology, as it helps us reduce the cost of firewood, protects our health from the dangerous smoke produced by firewood, and also preserves our environment."

Envirocare Organization Trains Journalists on Youth and Women Inclusion in Leadership



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Envirocare focused on environmental issues and human rights, has conducted a training workshop for journalists with the aim of enhancing their understanding when reporting on youth and women empowerment in leadership roles.

During a one-day workshop held in Dar es Salaam, **Alex Ntiboneka**, the head of the Department of Community Development in Kinondoni Municipality, expressed that through effective reporting and journalism, many women and young individuals could be motivated to engage in various leadership spheres without fear or hesitation.

Ntiboneka further disclosed that Envirocare was among the organizations that had conducted a baseline research to uncover the reasons behind the limited involvement of women and youth in leadership roles. These reasons include financial constraints, cultural norms, traditions, and issues related to credibility.



Alex Ntiboneka (Standing) at Envirocare Makongo Juu, Dar es Salaam.

"The significance of this workshop is undeniable, and I commend Envirocare for taking this initiative. Educating journalists translates to educating the entire community. Women have often been reluctant to contest leadership positions. For instance, out of 20 wards in Kinondoni Municipality, only one woman ran for and was elected as a ward counselor, while the remaining councilors are appointed," Ntiboneka stated.

He urged society to overcome the misconceived notion that leadership is reserved exclusively for men or requires a certain income level. He highlighted that the government has established favorable conditions and systems to empower both youth and women. However, there are still certain groups that exploit these opportunities for their own gain.

Ntiboneka continued, emphasizing that the time has come for the nation to witness a transformation in the leadership sector by increasing the representation of women and youth in the pursuit of these positions.

Mr. Godlisten Muro, a project officer at Envirocare, highlighted the organization's ability to conduct extensive work through its support from FORUM CIV. He explained that numerous seminars and workshops would be organized to eradicate misconceptions surrounding leadership roles within the community.

Envirocare is extending an opportunity to journalists to actively participate in similar workshops to continue building their capacities. They are also encouraged to become effective ambassadors in the community, sharing stories of women and youth to inspire them to take an active role in the leadership sector.



Mr. Godlisten Muro

ENVIROCARE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FARMERS' FESTIVAL EXHIBITION IN MBEYA

Envirocare organization has offered an opportunity for small-scale farmers to take part in the annual Farmers' Festival Exhibition held in the Mbeya region. This festival, held every year, serves as a platform to showcase developments within the agricultural sector by bringing together farmers from various regions. . It also provided a unique opportunity for small-scale farmers to display their products and practices to a broader audience.



We were blessed with the visit of the **Minister of Agriculture Honorable Hussein Bashe** to our agri-connect booth. The Minister witnessed the work done by Envirocare and our other partners in the PACE project, which aims to improve the coffee crop in Tanzania.

The Minister learned how Envirocare is providing economic and social empowerment to women through Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) groups and also trains gender inclusivity to coffee farmers to which women have been able to start various businesses such as coffee farming, corn, and sunflowers, as well as raising pigs, goats, etc. We thank the Minister for visiting our booth and giving advice and encouragement to our farmers”. Said **Ms. Luiza Leon** project officer Mbeya and Songwe regions.

Envirocare has been committed to a longstanding commitment to ensuring the preservation and utilization of **indigenous seeds**, providing education and guidance to diverse farmers. These efforts have yielded significant results within communities and the nation at large, as certain farmers are already making progress to revive our endangered native seeds.

“We are proud to be part of the **African Biodiversity Network (ABN)** project that enables young farmers to learn and share the skills of using natural seeds to produce clean and safe food. We have seen how young farmers from Kilimanjaro and Morogoro came with natural seeds, natural medicines and traditional foods that appreciate our culture and our environment. They have also had the opportunity to learn from other farmers who use natural seeds and see its benefits. We congratulate our young farmers for being ambassadors of sustainable agriculture and thank everyone who came to our Envirocare booth. Together we can protect our seeds, our food and our health” said **Euphrasia Shayo**, project coordinator



ENVIROCARE'S PACE PROJECT EMPOWERS BENEFICIARIES WITH FRESH ECONOMIC PROSPECTS THROUGH SKILL TRAINING



Mbeya, June 13, 2023

The beneficiaries of the **Passport to Coffee Export (PACE)** project facilitated by the Envirocare organization are experiencing renewed happiness and fresh economic prospects in their lives after being empowered with skills in making *batik* and soap, as a means to improve their economic status.

The PACE project is currently underway in the Mbeya, Ruvuma, and Songwe regions, with a focus on nurturing the growth of the coffee crop to benefit the entire nation. The initiative is dedicated to the holistic advancement of the coffee industry while keeping the welfare of coffee farmers in mind. Envirocare has demonstrated remarkable commitment in executing this project, and its positive outcomes are clearly evident among the beneficiaries.



Mr. Amos Mbwambo (Standing), the Project Manager of PACE, gave an overview of the project's goals and achievements.

"One of the core objectives of the **PACE project** is to ensure that farmers receive various entrepreneurship training and business strategies. Since the inception of the project, we have provided diverse training, and we have witnessed the tangible results, such as *batik* and soap making, livestock husbandry, cooking oil production, and more," stated **Amos Mbwambo**, the project manager.

Mr. Saimoni, a young farmer from the *Nyasa* district in the Ruvuma region, is among the beneficiaries of the project. With a joyful expression, he expressed, "I am profoundly grateful to Envirocare through the PACE project for providing us with this entrepreneurial training. I have learned how to make *batik* and soap, and through this education, I am beginning to see new economic prospects in my life."

"For a long time, I had a strong desire to receive training like this, but I couldn't afford the costs. Today, I am filled with immense joy as my dream has come true. I have received this training completely free of charge. I am deeply thankful to Envirocare through the PACE project. I now have a new outlook and a positive attitude towards my economic life. Through this knowledge, I will teach my fellow youth," added **Yakobo Mswima** from rural Mbeya, Region.



Participants eagerly learn new skills from Batiki at the Mbeya Region training workshop.

The response to this training initiative among the youth has been overwhelming, with a significant percentage of participants coming from distant areas. As I interacted with them, I witnessed their eagerness to acquire such training. Today, their enthusiasm has been realized, and I believe they will apply the knowledge they've gained to make positive economic changes in their lives. I will closely monitor their progress, and if any challenges arise, we will find ways to assist them," shared **Luiza Leon**, a project officer from Mbeya, Region.

The PACE project's impact on these beneficiaries showcases Envirocare's dedication to enhancing economic opportunities and promoting sustainable livelihoods among the community. Through skill training, the organization has enabled individuals to embrace entrepreneurship and contribute to their economic empowerment.

SUCCESS STORY

Abdul H. Khamis's Remarkable Transformation through Leadership Training organized and conducted by Envirocare.

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - September 1, 2023

Mr. Abdull Khamis's, the executive officer of Mabibo ward in the Ubungo district of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, has emerged as a shining example of the transformative power of leadership education. Thanks to a partnership between Envirocare and the **FORUMCIV** organization, Abdul had the unique opportunity to attend leadership training that has turned his career and community leadership around.

FORUMCIV is on a mission to provide leadership education aimed at enhancing the development of this sector, with a special focus on promoting the involvement of women and youth leaders. Abdul's journey serves as a testament to the success of their initiative.

Before undergoing this life-changing training, Abdul faced challenges in effectively mobilizing community members for public meetings and lacked the knowledge required to be an effective leader for his constituents. However, with the newfound knowledge and skills acquired through the leadership program, he has become a beacon of success.

Mr. Abdul proudly reports that he has successfully gathered more than three hundred people for public meetings, a remarkable achievement that even earned praise from the district's chief administrator. Furthermore, he has taken proactive steps to increase the representation of women in leadership positions, marking a significant departure from the past.

When asked about his transformation, Abdul expressed immense gratitude to Envirocare for providing this invaluable education. He believes that ongoing training programs like these are crucial to nurturing the potential of leaders like him. Abdul also emphasizes the importance of passing on the knowledge and skills he has acquired to others, as he sees a growing number of leaders inspired to follow in his footsteps.

SUCCESS STORY



Mr. Abdull Khasim (Left) during the monitoring visit was interviewed by Mathew Sebastian (Right) from Envirocare.

Mr. Abdul's story serves as an inspiring success narrative, illustrating how investing in leadership development can lead to meaningful improvements in society. His dedication to making a positive impact on his community showcases the potential for positive change when individuals are equipped with the right tools and knowledge.

As Abdul continues to excel in his role as an executive officer and mentor to aspiring leaders, his success story stands as a testament to the power of education and leadership training in fostering positive change within communities.

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Climate Change Refugees: An Unseen Crisis

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in global weather patterns, including the rising global temperatures and their impact on climate systems. Human activities, such as the use of fossil fuels like petroleum, coal, and natural gas, emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These gases trap heat, leading to global warming.

Were you aware that sudden weather changes can force people to flee their homes?



Statistics from the UN Migration in 2021 indicate that approximately 13% of the global population is displaced due to sudden weather shifts, highlighting the urgency of the issue. To classify an area as affected by climate change, usually takes a decade or more, sometimes extending into a century.

Numerous communities have become climate change refugees due to its effects. For instance, consider pastoralist communities. These groups are among the direct victims of climate change effects, such as rising temperatures and reduced rainfall leading to inadequate grazing lands.

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In response to the challenges brought about by climate change, pastoralist communities are compelled to migrate in search of better pasture lands to ensure the survival of their livestock.

These climate change refugees face immense legal and humanitarian challenges. While it's everyone's duty to safeguard their environment, it's equally important for all to ensure the availability of safe and friendly living conditions, thus respecting human rights.

Governments have a responsibility to provide proper education to climate change victims, reducing the influx of refugees. The increasing numbers of climate-induced refugees further exacerbate the crisis.

The international community must establish a framework to protect the rights of climate change refugees and find collective solutions. Notably, the International Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was formed to address this issue. In 2015, the Paris Agreement aimed to set common goals for reducing global warming.

As we witness the growing impact of climate change, it's imperative that we address the displacement of communities caused by these environmental shifts. The global community must unite to provide solutions and ensure a more sustainable future for all.

What are your thoughts on climate change refugees?

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