



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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African Activists for
Climate Justice

AFRICAN ACTIVISTS *for* CLIMATE JUSTICE

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Building
Resilience
Strengthening
Climate Justice



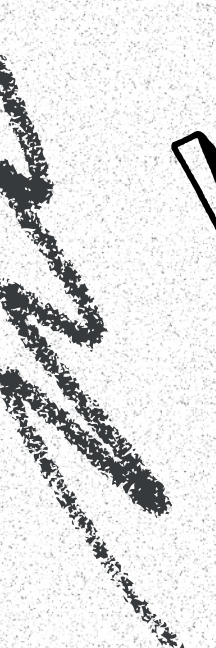
PROJECT OVERVIEW



AACJ combined grassroots empowerment with national advocacy, contributing to major policy, financial, and environmental milestones.



The African Activists for Climate Justice (AACJ) project (2021–2025) mobilized a strong youth- and women-led climate justice movement in Nigeria. It strengthened climate governance, supported passage of state climate laws, improved adaptation in frontline communities, and expanded media and youth influence on climate narratives.



PROJECT PATHWAYS

PATHWAY 1

Movement Building
Strengthening nationwide youth and women climate movements connected to global platforms.

PATHWAY 2

Climate Justice Narratives
Developing African-led narratives, media advocacy, and public awareness campaigns.

PATHWAY 3

Rights and Accountability
Supporting communities to claim environmental and social rights, including energy, land, and climate justice.

PATHWAY 4

Community Adaptation
Scaling community-based climate adaptation solutions like Climate Risk Registers and nature-based solutions.

PATHWAY 5

Political Will and Policy Change
Strengthening engagement with lawmakers, ministries, and climate institutions to advance climate governance.



AFRICAN ACTIVISTS for CLIMATE JUSTICE

WHO WE REACHED

13,000+ people directly across 10+ states, including:



10,000+ public projects reviewed by Women Budget Groups



741 farmers supported with climate info in 10 local languages



864 community members engaged across 38 communities in 16 states



500 media practitioners trained for climate journalism

KEY ACTIVITIES

✓ Climate policy lobbying and technical bill drafting.

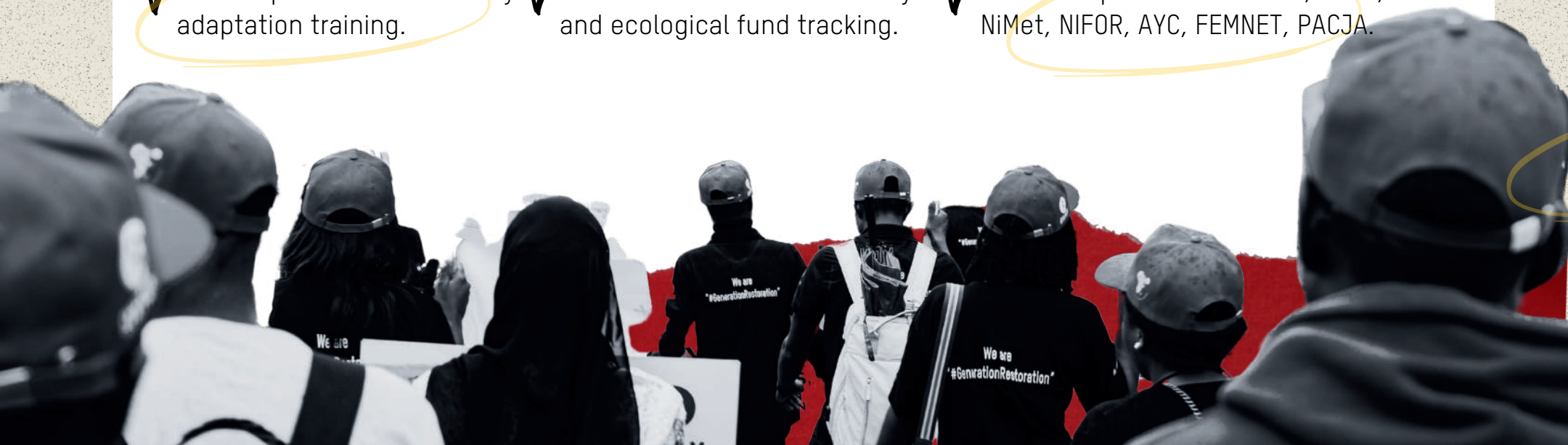
✓ Nature-based solutions, sustainable agriculture sessions.

✓ Media engagements, youth mobilization, climate caravans.

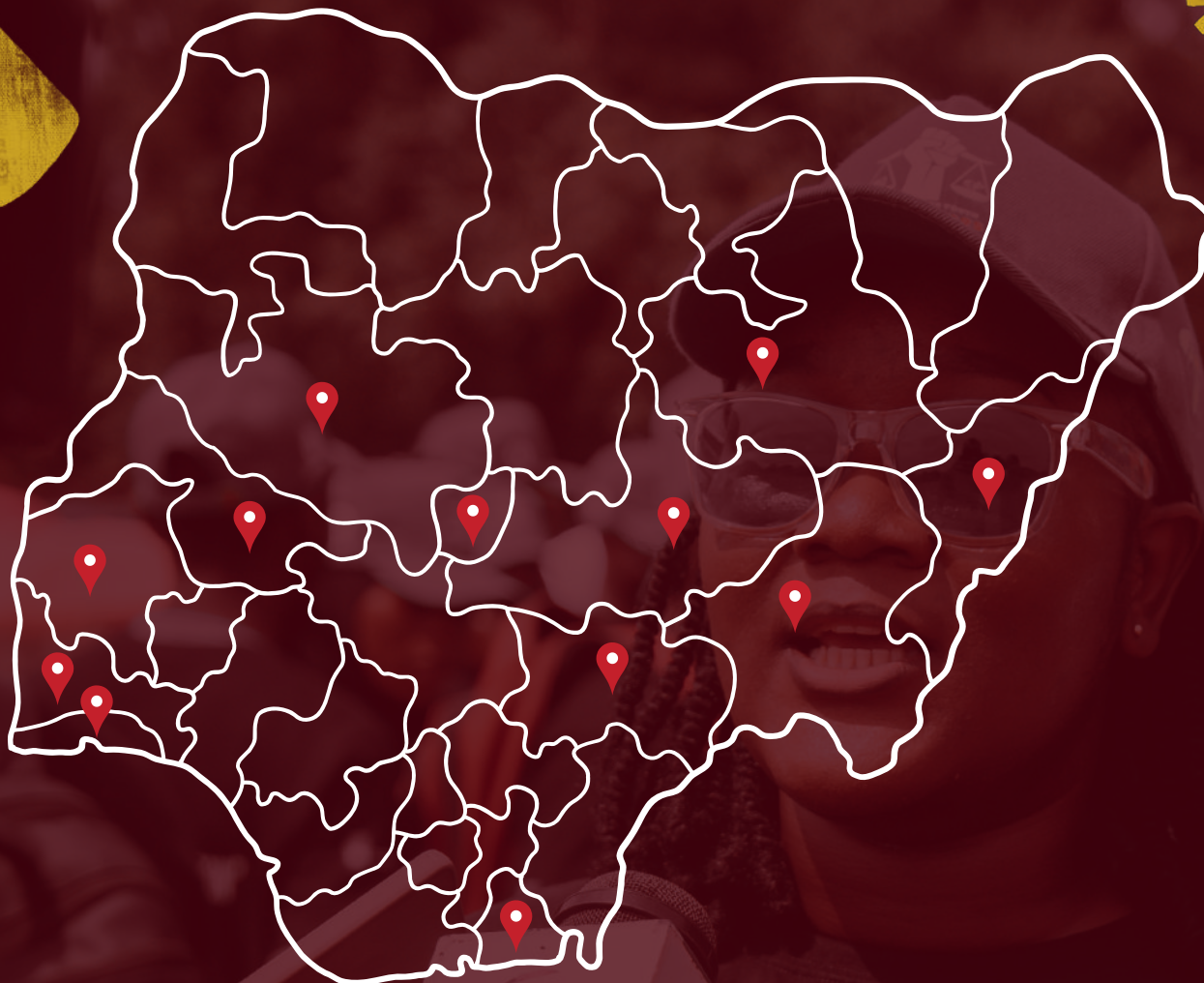
✓ CRR adoption and community adaptation training.

✓ Climate finance accountability and ecological fund tracking.

✓ Partnerships with ministries, NCCC, NiMet, NIFOR, AYC, FEMNET, PACJA.



WHERE WE WORKED



Broader Engagement, Movement Building, Advocacy & National Activities

- Niger
- Oyo
- Lagos
- Ogun
- Kwara
- Rivers
- FCT (Abuja)

Core Implementation / Community-Level States

- Adamawa
- Nasarawa
- Benue
- Bauchi
- Taraba

Partners



PROJECT OUTCOMES

outcome 1

Legislative and Policy Breakthroughs

Contributed to the national Climate Change Act (signed 2021).

Technical support led to passage of state Climate Change Bills in Adamawa and Nasarawa; Bauchi bill validated.

outcome 2

60 LGA officials trained to mainstream gender and youth into climate programming.

21 LGAs established Climate Change Desk Offices (Adamawa).

Influenced Taraba State's historic ₦15.5 billion green budget allocation (1500% increase YoY).

outcome 3

Community Adaptation Strengthened

107 communities adopted Climate Risk Registers for local adaptation planning.

13,500 oil palm seedlings raised via community nurseries to restore livelihoods.

Climate information translated into 10 local languages for 500+ communities.

outcome 4

Nature-Based Solutions & Food Security

Women and PWDs trained on sack farming, compost making, and sustainable agriculture.

Over 256 volunteers trained in briquette production to reduce deforestation and improve clean energy access. Women adopters earned up to ₦300,000 monthly from briquette sales.

outcome 5

Youth Leadership & Climate Movements

Over 1,000 youth and media practitioners engaged.

Youth platforms created across states with a central coordinating body in Abuja.

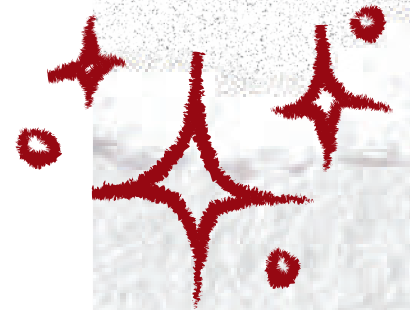
Participation in national debates, climate caravans, and global campaigns.

Media for Climate Justice Network established.

LESSONS LEARNED



- Climate laws require active domestication at state and LGA levels.
- Locally tailored climate information drives real adaptation.
- Women and PWD empowerment strengthens community resilience.
- Youth-led movements sustain long-term climate justice advocacy.
- Media is a key driver of climate accountability and public pressure.





VOICES, ACTIONS, AND IMPACT

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"This knowledge in our languages changed how we farm and prepare for floods."

— Farmer, Nasarawa

"Briquette making gives me income and reduces smoke in my home."

— Volunteer, Bauchi

"The Climate Risk Register helped us plan ahead instead of waiting for disasters."

— Community Rep, Adamawa