

RESULTS SUMMARY

Climate adaptation - building local responses to take effect

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PROJECT	<i>Title:</i> Climate adaptation - building local responses to take effect
	<i>Partner:</i> Arid Lands Information Network, ALIN
	<i>Country:</i> Kenya
	<i>Period:</i> 2022 - 2025

CHANGE



The change instigated is the completion of the Kilifi County Climate Change Fund Regulation ensuring a plan for effective and localised responses to climate change in Kilifi country in Kenya. Invited by the local government, ALIN, the local partner to Oxfam, has been at the center of developing the Kilifi County local response plan. The plan supports the people of Kilifi to face the impact of climate change with a truly localized approach and at the same time, it allows them to draw upon the funding and wider support provided by the government.

CONTEXT

Drought in 2022 was the worst in 40 years in Kenya, leaving Kilifi county in the alarm phase, so addressing climate change is urgent. In 2022, the parliament in Kenya presented a Climate Change Bill to profoundly increase mitigation and adaptation, adopting a bottom-up approach. In Kilifi county, the call for action is urgent, also accentuated by the traditional practices. An example is that the energy source for as many as 80% of the households is charcoal and firewood for both cooking and light. the government of Kenya.

CONTRIBUTION

Oxfam has contributed by providing funding to support ALIN, the partner, who is renowned for their technical expertise with respect to climate change. ALIN has played a key role in drafting the Kilifi Climate Fund Regulations ensuring broad representation by involving 39 groups and organisations from civil society, government and private sector. All in all, Oxfam and ALIN have been at the center, ensuring a model process and a solid legal basis for the implementation of the Kilifi Climate Fund Action Plan over the years to come.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES

Activities revolved around the coordination and facilitation of the process. This includes running the initial planning workshop and being part of the participatory needs assessment, involving the variety of local groups in the Kilifi County. Holding unique technical expertise, ALIN also played a significant role as advisor to the local government, providing technical guidance to the authorities. To enhance outreach and coverage, ALIN conducted Training of Trainers, ToT, (aiming for participants to become able to train peers). The training included building the capacity of Kilifi County Department of Water, Environment, Forestry, Climate Change, Natural Resources & Solid Waste Management along with the different civil society organisations, involving also academia and youth and women group. The ToT capacity development build the foundation for inclusion, getting all groups and individual involved and for them to become able to actively engage and contribute to the development of the Kilifi County Climate Change Fund Regulations.

LESSONS

There are a number of lessons and take aways from the process of establishing a solid set of regulations for the implementation of Kilifi County Climate Change Action. One is the importance of inclusion. This concerns both the comprehensive participatory assessment of local needs as well as the process of the involvement of all stakeholder groups in the design of the plan. The importance of transparency is also a learning, including the need for a representative structure of the local planning committees and the locally agreed plans. All together, it has allowed for transparency around priorities, funding and budget. It should be noted that a complaint mechanism has been established which is expected to enhance trust and credibility to the planning committee. ALIN and other actors closely involved also learned that while working with the government, one must be agile and cope with short deadlines, as government often calls for activities with only a few days notice.

EVIDENCE

The claim on the rapid and high quality process of designing and setting up the Kilifi County Climate Change Fund Regulation with ALIN undertaking a key position is supported by reporting including the annual narrative report. The change and the process is also documented by other sources including that the invitation from the local government is documented in an official letter of invitation, clearly establishing the request from the government for ALIN to provide comprehensive technical support. The claim for an inclusive process is supported by the workshop report, specifically stipulating the value and appreciation expressed by the 39 stakeholders. The document, the Kilifi County Climate Change Fund Regulations presents a solid legal framework: management, operation procedures and actual activities. Key donors have supported investment funds and with a clause that 90% of funding must go to counties, it marks a truly localised approach.

DOMAINS

<i>Development strategy priorities:</i>	Insert strategy priority
<i>Changes in the lives of people facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability</i>	X
<i>Changes in laws, policies and practices that affect people's rights</i>	X
<i>Changes in the capacity of organisations and communities to support rights</i>	-
<i>Changes in partnerships and collaborations that support people's rights</i>	-
<i>Changes in participation of groups facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability</i>	-
<i>Changes in local leadership of development and humanitarian work</i>	X