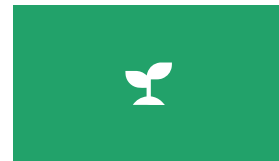
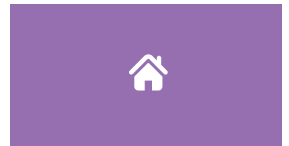


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BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE-DRIVEN HEALTH RISKS IN VIETNAM



VIETNAM

📍 LOCATION: HO CHI MINH CITY

💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT: INSURANCE

→ SCGV designs and structures the financing model, ensuring the insurance solution is viable, scalable, and positioned for long-term sustainability.



THE CHALLENGE

→ Vietnam is increasingly exposed to climate-related health risks. Rising temperatures and extreme weather patterns are intensifying outbreaks of dengue and other climate-sensitive diseases.



In 2024, the country reported over **138,000** dengue cases, with Ho Chi Minh City recording the highest incidence in southern Vietnam.



Climate change is expected to further increase the frequency and severity of outbreaks, disproportionately affecting low-income and vulnerable communities. Health systems face growing pressure, and many households lack adequate financial protection to absorb climate-related health shocks.

THE SOLUTION

→ This project strengthens Ho Chi Minh City's ability to anticipate, prevent and respond to dengue outbreaks by:

01

Upgrading the city's early warning system through a data-driven dengue forecasting tool (DART), integrating climate and health data for real-time outbreak prediction.

02

Strengthening surveillance and prevention systems with trained health workers and updated protocols.

03

Designing and piloting an inclusive health insurance solution to test a sustainable model that protects vulnerable households from the financial shocks of climate-related disease.

We combine predictive data systems and financial protection tools to reduce both health risk and financial vulnerability linked to climate change.

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IMPACT

→ Improved preparedness and response to climate-sensitive diseases

790,000

people reached through strengthened early warning systems

80

health professionals trained in climate-health surveillance

4,000

vulnerable households accessing inclusive health insurance

→ Evidence generated to inform national scale-up by 2030



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



SAVE THE CHILDREN VIETNAM · Lead implementing partner; community engagement, health systems strengthening, and delivery of resilience interventions



PRUDENCE FOUNDATION · Strategic partner supporting climate and health resilience programming



PRUDENTIAL PLC · Technical and financial partner contributing expertise in health protection and insurance



LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HEALTH INSTITUTIONS · Integration with national and sub-national health and climate systems

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CLIMATE-SMART TEA AGROFORESTRY IN NANDI

IMPACT

10,000

hectares of agroforestry and riparian restoration

10,000+

smallholder households participating

→ Diversified farmer income through avocado crop and carbon revenues

→ Improved soil health and agricultural productivity

→ Strengthened community resilience to climate shocks

→ Long-term ecosystem restoration and biodiversity gains



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



SAVE THE CHILDREN KENYA AND KIPTAPKEI CBO • Lead local implementation



EIGHT UK LAW FIRMS • Upfront investment capital



CARBON STANDARD BODIES (VERRA) • Certification



COUNTY GOVERNMENT, LOCAL FARMER COOPERATIVES AND CONSERVATION ORGANISATIONS



TERRACARBON • Measurement, reporting, and verification partner.

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ADOLESCENT & YOUTH FOR GREEN BUSINESSES IN ZIMBABWE

ZIMBABWE

📍 LOCATION: ZIMBABWE

💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT: BLENDED FINANCE (REVOLVING FUND)

→ SCGV supports the structuring of a blended finance facility combining concessional capital and local banking partners to de-risk lending to adolescent and youth (A&Y) green businesses.



THE CHALLENGE

→ Zimbabwe has low levels of domestic credit access, limiting opportunities for small businesses and young entrepreneurs.



Adolescents and youth (**15–35 years**) face structural barriers to economic participation, including limited access to finance, high unemployment, and restricted livelihood opportunities. At the same time, the country is highly vulnerable to climate change. Rising temperatures, increasing rainfall variability and recurrent droughts are undermining agricultural productivity.



With **70–80% of rural livelihoods** dependent on rain-fed agriculture, climate shocks directly threaten income stability, food security and long-term resilience.

THE SOLUTION

→ The project strengthens financial literacy, inclusion and business readiness among adolescent and youth (A&Y) green entrepreneurs, reducing barriers to financial access and supporting climate-resilient livelihoods.



The project works with local financial institutions and ecosystem partners to strengthen financial literacy and inclusion among adolescent and youth entrepreneurs, improving their readiness to engage with formal financial systems.



It supports youth-led enterprises through business incubation, capacity building and market linkages, helping early-stage green businesses strengthen their operational and financial foundations.



Through stakeholder engagement and learning, the initiative contributes to reducing structural barriers to financial access and fostering an enabling environment for future inclusive financing solutions.

This integrated approach builds financial capabilities, strengthens ecosystem coordination, and prepares the foundation for scalable climate-resilient youth enterprises.

INNOVATIVE & BLENDED FINANCE

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ADOLESCENT & YOUTH FOR GREEN BUSINESSES IN ZIMBABWE

IMPACT

240,055

direct beneficiaries
(over 125,000 female)

2.94

million indirect
beneficiaries

79,000+

adolescents and youth
directly supported

- Climate-resilient agriculture and forestry value chains strengthened
- Local Adaptation Plans institutionalised within district planning systems
- Youth-led green enterprises created and scaled
- Long-term impact: A systemic shift toward youth-led, locally-owned climate resilience and green employment



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



MINISTRY OF LANDS, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES,
WATER AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MLAFWRD)



SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA (SCA)
ACCREDITED ENTITY TO GCF



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)



SAVE THE CHILDREN ITALY (SC IT)
EXECUTING ENTITY



LOCAL BANKS & AGGREGATORS



SAVE THE CHILDREN ZIMBABWE (SCI Z)
COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION



CONCESSIONAL CO-FUNDERS



YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS & LOCAL NGOS

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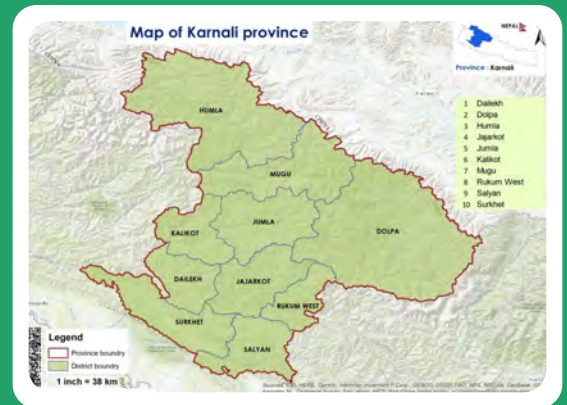
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CLEANER AND MORE EFFICIENT COOKSTOVES FOR FAMILIES

NEPAL

- 📍 LOCATION: KARNALI AND MADHESH PROVINCE
- 💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT: CARBON FINANCE (CLEAN COOKING CREDITS)

→ SCGV supports the development of a scalable clean cooking model that generates verified emissions reductions while improving health and resilience outcomes for children and communities.



THE CHALLENGE

→ In Nepal, most households rely on firewood for daily cooking, driving deforestation and exposing families — especially women and children — to harmful indoor air pollution.



Limited access to reliable electricity and clean energy alternatives leaves biomass cooking as the primary option for rural families.



High dependence on fuelwood increases pressure on forests and household time burdens, particularly for women and girls.



Indoor smoke exposure contributes to respiratory health risks and reduced wellbeing for children.

THE SOLUTION

→ The project pilots improved cookstove solutions while building the foundation for a scalable carbon-financed clean cooking programme.

01

Communities test and select improved cookstove models suited to local cooking practices

02

Households receive training, behaviour-change support, and maintenance pathways to ensure sustained adoption

03

Emissions reductions and usage data are measured to establish a carbon finance model

04

Evidence enables scale-up through long-term climate finance investment

The model connects clean energy access with future carbon finance, improving health outcomes while reducing emissions and pressure on natural resources.

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CLEANER AND MORE EFFICIENT COOKSTOVES FOR FAMILIES

IMPACT

- Pathway to reach 100,000 households with cleaner cooking solutions across Nepal
- Improved indoor air quality and reduced exposure to smoke for children and families
- Reduced reliance on fuelwood and lower deforestation pressure
- Increased time and economic opportunities for women and girls
- Evidence generation to unlock scalable carbon-financed clean cooking solutions across Nepal
- Development of a sustainable clean cooking market and green local jobs



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES • Carbon finance structuring



SAVE THE CHILDREN NEPAL • Implementation and community engagement



SPI NEPAL • Local implementation partner



COMMUNITY FOREST USER GROUPS & WOMEN'S GROUPS • Community governance and adoption

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ECOSYSTEM-BASED ENTERPRISE (EBE) DEVELOPMENT



VIETNAM

📍 LOCATION: VIETNAM

💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT:

→ SCGV Role:

- Feasibility assessment of blended finance design
- Stakeholder engagement on financial structure development
- Support to scale-up of EBEs through connections with impact investors and climate funders
- Technical advisory role within the broader REDAA initiative



THE CHALLENGE

→ Coastal and peri-urban communities in Vietnam face increasing climate and environmental degradation risks, particularly in wetland and mangrove ecosystems. These pressures threaten livelihoods dependent on aquaculture, smallholder production and natural resource-based income.



Youth and women entrepreneurs often lack access to business incubation, tailored finance and market linkages, limiting their ability to develop climate-resilient enterprises. At the same time, financial products are not sufficiently adapted to ecosystem-based business models.



Without structured support and innovative finance mechanisms, ecosystem restoration and livelihood development remain fragmented and difficult to scale.

THE SOLUTION

→ The project strengthens ecosystem-based enterprises (EBEs) in coastal and peri-urban areas by combining business incubation, research-to-action and the establishment of a dedicated revolving fund to improve access to finance.



It supports youth- and women-led enterprises through technical capacity building, incubation services and improved access to finance. In parallel, it develops preferential credit mechanisms in partnership with local financial institutions to better align financial products with ecosystem-based business models.



Through research and policy engagement, the project also works to institutionalise scalable models that integrate climate resilience, ecosystem restoration and inclusive entrepreneurship.

Together, these components create a pathway for sustainable livelihoods while contributing to ecosystem restoration and climate resilience.

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ECOSYSTEM-BASED ENTERPRISE (EBE) DEVELOPMENT



IMPACT

- Strengthened youth- and women-led ecosystem-based enterprises
- Improved access to tailored financial products for EBEs
- Enhanced climate-resilient livelihoods in coastal and peri-urban zones
- Evidence generated to inform scale-up through government and regional platforms
- Contribution to ecosystem restoration and sustainable natural resource management



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



SAVE THE CHILDREN UK (SCUK) • Project oversight and donor compliance



SAVE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL IN VIETNAM (SCIV) • Local coordination and implementation

VietED VIETED • Innovative finance and incubation partner



ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (EDI) • Research and policy engagement



COMMERCIAL BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



FCDO (REDA PROGRAMME) • Donor

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FOREST PROTECTION IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- 📍 LOCATION: EAST AREARE, MALAITA PROVINCE
- 💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT: CARBON CREDITS

→ SCGV structures the carbon finance approach, supporting early-stage development and connecting partners to enable investment-ready conservation finance solutions.



THE CHALLENGE

→ Communities in East AreAre, Malaita Province face increasing pressure from commercial logging activities threatening culturally significant Kira tribal land and forest ecosystems.



Rural households have limited access to sustainable income alternatives, making logging license payments one of the few available revenue sources.



Without viable conservation-linked financing options, protecting forests creates economic trade-offs for communities and risks undermining long-term livelihoods.

THE SOLUTION

→ The project enables communities to protect customary tribal land by linking traditional stewardship with long-term conservation finance.

01

Communities establish a protected area under customary land governance

02

Forest protection activities are translated into measurable conservation outcomes

03

Carbon finance converts conservation outcomes into verified carbon credits

04

Revenue flows back to communities, creating a sustainable alternative to logging income

The model transforms forest protection into a viable economic pathway, strengthening community resilience while safeguarding cultural heritage and future opportunities for children.

CLIMATE FINANCE

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FOREST PROTECTION IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

IMPACT

- Protection of ~650 hectares of culturally significant forest land
- Diversified income sources through conservation payments
- Reduced deforestation pressure and biodiversity protection
- Improved household resilience supporting children's education and wellbeing



PROJECT PARTNERS



SAVE THE CHILDREN GLOBAL VENTURES



NAKAU PROGRAMME • Technical implementation and carbon project development



SIPORAE AND GARASA WOMEN'S SAVINGS GROUP • Community engagement and governance



LOCAL TRIBAL LEADERSHIP • Land stewardship and decision-making



SAVE THE CHILDREN SOLOMON ISLANDS • Community and child-focused programme integration



MAI-MAASINA GREEN BELT (MMGB) • Local implementation partner



TAKATAKA ECOVILLAGE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (TECF) • Community conservation partner



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