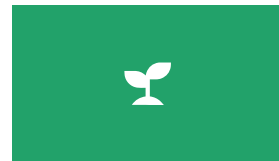


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CLIMATE FINANCE

NEARLY ONE BILLION CHILDREN LIVE AT EXTREME RISK FROM CLIMATE CHANGE

The most vulnerable are growing up in places where climate shocks are exacerbated by poverty, conflict, malnutrition and limited access to basic services



- Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are an important approach to **tackle climate change while supporting marginalised communities**. However, too little investment reaches the places that need it most, and poor-quality projects have undermined trust.
- Save the Children delivers community-led NbS projects rooted in local culture, delivering **triple benefits for children, climate and biodiversity**.
- Our projects create long-term “carbon businesses” that provide **income and resilience for communities** alongside our core mission of improving health, education and protection for children.
- Together with partners at global, national and community level, we access climate finance to rapidly scale high-integrity projects that channel investment where it matters most, **securing lasting impact for people and planet**.

KEY CONCEPTS / DEFINITIONS



Voluntary Carbon Market is a decentralised, non-regulated market where companies and other private actors voluntarily buy and sell carbon credits to compensate for emissions and support climate projects.



A carbon credit is a certificate representing one metric tonne of greenhouse gas emissions that has been reduced, avoided or removed from the atmosphere through a verified climate project.

Carbon offsetting is when a company pays for projects outside its own value chain that reduce or remove emissions (for example, a forest or clean energy project) so it can compensate for the emissions it still produces



Nature-based solutions are projects that use ecosystems to reduce or remove emissions, e.g. forest protection, reforestation, soil carbon, mangrove and peatland restoration, and generate carbon credits alongside biodiversity and community co-benefits.*

**Technical or engineered solutions rely on technologies like carbon capture and storage, direct air capture or BECCS to remove or permanently store carbon, typically with higher costs, more durable storage, and fewer wider social and ecological benefits*

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OUR APPROACH TO CLIMATE FINANCE

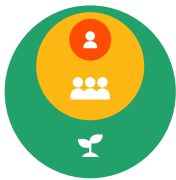
Using carbon markets to deliver sustainable impact for children and communities

Approximately 2 billion people – hundreds of millions of children – worldwide rely on the natural environment to meet their basic needs. They are smallholder farmers without access to modern energy – relying on the soil and rain for food production and livelihoods and harvesting forests for energy.

These communities and are highly vulnerable to climate change and environmental degradation, and children are disproportionately affected. Climate-related income shocks reduce household spending on food, healthcare and education, contributing to higher risks of malnutrition, school dropout and child labour.

OUR INTENDED IMPACT

→ Nature-based solutions have potential for significant, multi-dimensional impact – for the environment, for the community and for children – which are all interconnected and mutually reinforcing. SCGV’s climate projects aim to deliver impact across all three areas simultaneously.



CHILDREN

Better health, nutrition, education and other outcomes for children

COMMUNITY

Improved livelihoods as a result of enhanced climate resilience and income through carbon markets

ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT DESIGN

→ Based on these dimensions of impact, there are three different lenses we apply to climate finance projects through which we can enhance impact more intentionally for communities and children.

	INTRINSIC BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY →	COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMING →	CARBON EQUITY →
	In most projects, the core interventions that mitigate carbon emissions also have direct benefits for participants.	Depending on the needs in each context, we explore elements that intentionally create more impact for communities and children specifically: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding to child-centred settings (e.g., schools); and/or Interventions focused on children 	Where possible, projects are designed so that communities meaningfully share in profits over the long-term.
EXAMPLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interplanting productive fruit trees in an agroforestry system Reducing indoor air pollution through clean burning stoves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building kitchen gardens and providing nutrition education to tackle child malnutrition in an agroforestry project Promoting keeping girls in school and reducing child marriage in a cookstove project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based governance to manage and distribute carbon revenues
CHILD-LENS*	All SCGV climate finance projects are CHILD-INCLUSIVE (impact for children through families) →	Projects that incorporate complementary programming for children** CHILD-CENTRED (intentional, direct impact for children, as well as through families)	

*Based on UNICEF (2023) Taxonomy of Child-Lens Investing. **A substantial proportion of all children impacted indirectly through improvements in their families, communities and the environment should be impacted directly through targeted, intentional programming. Direct impact on children should not be tokenistic.

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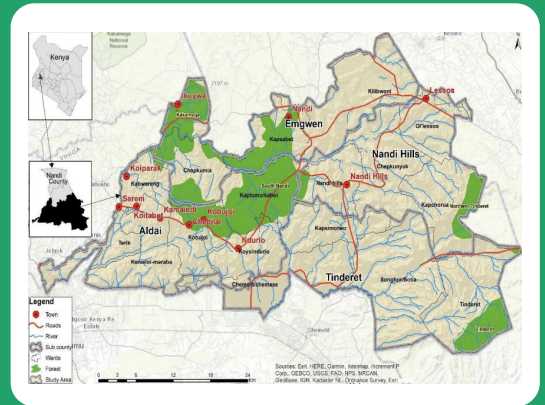
CLIMATE-SMART TEA AGROFORESTRY IN NANDI

NANDI

📍 LOCATION: NANDI, KENYA

💰 INNOVATIVE FINANCE COMPONENT: CARBON CREDITS

→ SCGV structures the carbon finance model, mobilising upfront capital through pre-purchase agreements and ensuring the integrity of carbon credits through project design. It aligns the regional government, investors, and implementation partners to deliver long-term, community-centred income streams.



THE CHALLENGE

→ Smallholder tea farmers in Nandi face declining productivity due to soil degradation, deforestation, and increasing climate variability.



At the same time, rural households experience high levels of poverty, food insecurity, and youth unemployment, with limited access to sustainable financing to invest in long-term climate adaptation.



Without new financing models, farmers remain exposed to climate shocks and income volatility, resulting in higher rates of malnutrition for children in the region.

THE SOLUTION

→ The project establishes agroforestry systems across smallholder tea farms and rehabilitates degraded riparian corridors, generating verified carbon credits.

01

Upfront finance enables farmers to plant and maintain trees

02

Agroforestry systems restore land, increase yields and sequester carbon

03

Mature avocado trees drive new household income streams

04

Carbon revenues create long-term community income streams

The project links upfront catalytic finance with long-term climate and livelihood outcomes.

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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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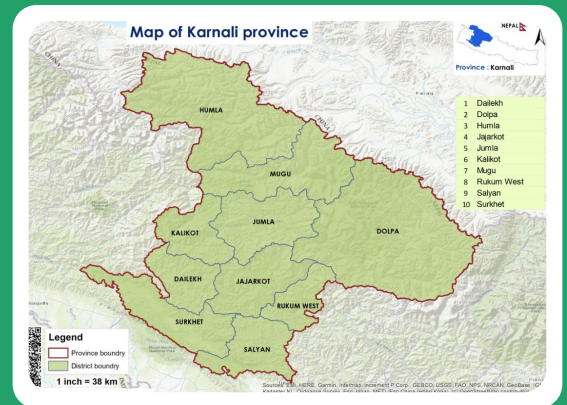
CASE 02

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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02
CASE

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



PANCHTARA YUWA SAMRAKSHAK MANCH • Local implementation partner



SAC NEPAL • Local Implementation partner



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

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03
CASE

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.

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CASE 03

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

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CLIMATE CATALYST FUND.



BECOME A FOUNDING PARTNER

- The Children's Climate Catalyst Fund is a \$1 million+ revolving fund that turns nature-based project ideas into investment-ready solutions. Capital is recycled — every project developed unlocks new investment, which funds the next project.
- In Nandi, Kenya, \$250,000 in development funding catalysed \$5 million in investment — a 20x return, growing to an estimated 80x over 30 years. This is the power of early-stage catalytic finance.




ACCELERATING LASTING CHANGE THROUGH CLIMATE FINANCE

- This revolving fund represents a step change in how we bring high-impact nature-based solutions to scale.

The Children's Climate Catalyst Fund would support several activities, depending on the context:

- Grassroots community engagement
- Carbon standards and methodologies
- Benefit sharing design
- Policy and regulatory frameworks
- Environmental and social impact assessment management plans
- Stakeholder and carbon right mapping

BY JOINING AS A FOUNDING PARTNER, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL:

-  Expand the fund's capital base to develop multiple projects simultaneously
-  Open new geographies: Ethiopia, Southeast Asia, Latin America
-  Accelerate impact for children and communities at scale

READY TO TURN CLIMATE FINANCE INTO LASTING IMPACT FOR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES?

Become a Founding Partner of the Children's Climate Catalyst Fund and help us unlock nature-based solutions at scale.

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