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**WOMEN FOR GREEN  
ECONOMY  
MOVEMENT UGANDA**

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# INTRODUCTION



## BACKGROUND

WoGEM Uganda is a Community Based Organization (CBO) dedicated in influencing and promoting women and girl's participation in greener economy to promote social and economic development.

This idea was brought about by a group of young women who realized the challenges that are faced by women, girls such as gender inequality, fears in women that can lead to lack of confidence in public, lack of respect for caregivers, lack of women in positions of power, early pregnancy, high levels of domestic violence, sexual abuses and denial of human rights, lack of access to equal opportunities like for men, gender power imbalances, lack of oversight, lack of awareness about financial assistance, social-cultural barriers, limited information identifying the available resources, exposure to training programs, and knowledge about business administration hence raising forms of injustices being done to women in the country

## OBJECTIVES

- To advocate for gender equality, among women and girls, and fight for women emancipation and the girl child.

- To increase reliance on low carbon energy supply to mitigate climate change, sustainable land utilization and improve incomes for women and girls to achieve greener resilient and inclusive growth in Uganda.

- To offer financial literacy to vulnerable women and girls in Uganda through sensitizing the community on the importance of education, healthcare, supporting developmental government programs like Parish Development model (PDM), Vision2040, Uganda women entrepreneurship program (UWEP)

## MISSION

To promote a green economy environment for women to manage their social and economic development through advocacy.

## VISION

A resilient economic and sustainable green economy for women empowerment in rural areas.

# Message from the ED

Dear Partners, Friends, and Stakeholders

As we reflect on the year gone by, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable strides Women for Green Economy Movement Uganda (WOGEM) has made in advancing climate justice, gender equality, and community resilience amidst the oil extraction challenges. Despite the ever-evolving challenges brought on by the climate crisis, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to centering the voices of marginalized women, youth, and communities in shaping a just and sustainable future.

Last year, our engagements reached deeper into communities amplifying grassroots voices, strengthening partnerships, and fostering local leadership. From mobilizing for policy change, empowering marginalized women and feminists to break the power imbalances and advocating for gender-responsive climate finance within climate resilience strategies, our work continues to challenge norms and inspire action.

We held powerful dialogues, led online and in-person engagements, community engagements and participated in regional and global advocacy platforms to demand accountability and inclusive climate action. Through research, storytelling, and capacity-building, we pushed for more equitable access to land, energy, and climate resources recognizing that sustainable development cannot be achieved without women at the center.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the courage of the communities we serve. Together, we are not only resisting environmental injustice we are building pathways to a green economy that works for all.

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# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION



## TREE PLANTING

One of the cornerstone activities we conducted is tree planting in villages of Nyeirongo, Kyakatemba, and Kijjumba, the organization has planted over 1,000 indigenous and fruit trees. This initiative is not just a response to the increasing threat of climate change but a holistic approach to community development and environmental conservation. Trees are the lungs of the Earth, playing a vital role in reducing carbon gas emissions, enhancing biodiversity, and preventing soil erosion. They are essential for maintaining the water cycle and reducing the risk of floods. We have planted fruit trees, like mangoes, trees and many other trees.

Furthermore, these trees are used source of food and income. Once they grow up, women will be in position to sell the fruits and earn income. We supported communities that are directly impacted by the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline. (EACOP)



## STORY TELLING

As a feminist and women led organization, we prioritize the feminism principles that include care and wellbeing, solidarity and collective action, intersectionality among others. Women are at the forefront of climate crisis and this means that there are affected by power imbalances living in trauma, stress and depression. As WoGEM Uganda, through feminist Influencing Basket tool, we provided them with practices, physiological support that help to reduce on depression and stress. These include counseling, creating open and safe space, dancing, self-hugging, storytelling and others. These led to radical healing and mental stability.

Forex ample women sharing stories how they walk long distances looking for water and firewood and end up being sexually harassed and face gender-based violence, and through sharing stories women were able to be relieved and this has improved their wellbeing.

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..

## WEAVING & BEE KEEPING



This initiative promotes the replacement of harmful polythene bags with eco-friendly bags. Polythene bags, often discarded improperly, are a major contributor to environmental pollution hence causing climate crisis.

When burned, they release harmful gases into the atmosphere, exacerbating climate change and endangering public health. By promoting the use of locally-made, biodegradable baskets, we encouraged sustainable alternatives that help reduce plastic waste and preserve the environment.

In addition, this project also creates time for marginalized women to come together, share stories, it has also empowered them financially. Women are in position to sell their products, get money. These project has therefore led to formation of saving Groups of women in the community hence reducing on the Gender Based Violence at home.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING ENGAGEMENTS.



Last year , we carried out 3 empowerment meetings in the Albertine region. These community meeting empowered marginalized women to know their enviromental and land rights. We also empowered women to amplify their voices in the fight for climate and gender justice. Amidst the shrinking civic space, violation of both land , human and enviromental rights, there are trained to hold Government and and Oil companies accountable for the injustces they caused to the marginalized communities.

Lastly , women understood the role they have in protecting and defending their enviroment and how they contribute in the promotion of climate justice.

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..



## STOP EACOP CAMPAIGN

We conducted a stakeholder’s engagement to raise awareness about the impacts of EACOP project and how it has exacerbated climate change and calling upon government and financiers to stop funding it where it led us into drafting a petition stating our demands and highlighting the injustices caused by EACOP project and how it is affecting the marginalized communities and was taken to Ministry of Energy.



## AFRIVUKA DAY

WoGEM Uganda joined other Activists, CSOs on AfriVuka Day that happened from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. In partnership with university students, WoGEM Uganda sensitized and empowered university students to reject and refuse the green washing of Oil companies in Universities promising them jobs in the oil sector. During the campaign, we dived through the role of youth in a just Energy Transition and how we can decentralize Renewable Energy Project in the community. Our campaign involved key messages like Repower Uganda, Repower Africa, Climate Justice Now among others. This campaign was about creating awareness on the need to transit from fossil fuels to a just energy Transition that is inclusive, community centered, just and equitable.



# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..

## PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships remained a cornerstone of our work. We believe that building strong, values-driven collaborations enhances our collective impact, fosters innovation, and ensures sustainability in our interventions. In partnership with we had a strategic meeting on how best we can support green economic alternatives than fossil fuels.



Group photos with partners attending strategic meetings

## COMMEMORATING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

We conducted a twitter spaces, webinars and google meet and campaigns in celebration of the international and national days which included International Women’s Day, Africa Vuka day, World menstrual Health and Hygiene Day, World Environmental day.



WoGEM team together with Women Human rights defenders celebrated World Environmental Day

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**BREAKING THE PERIOD POVERTY**  
 Addressing the Impact of Climate Change on Menstrual Health in Africa

**AHIRIRWE LETICIA** Moderator  
**SHARON NATUKUNDA** Speaker  
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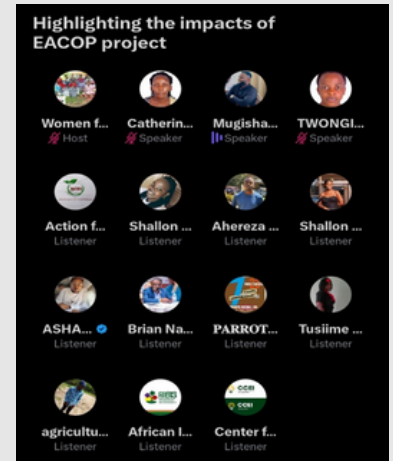
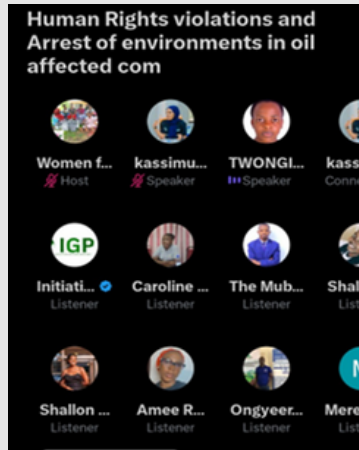
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Pictorial shows some the flyers of the engagements of celebration of National and International days

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..

## ONLINE ENGAGEMENTS

In response to increasing digital access and the need for inclusive outreach, WOGEM prioritized online monthly engagements as a core strategy to reach wider audiences, gather feedback, and mobilize collective action. We conducted a series of virtual dialogues on google meet, and Twitter/X chats covering critical topics such as: impacts of EACOP project on marginalised women in the Albertine region. These sessions provided safe and accessible platforms for marginalized voices, especially women, youth, and people in hard-to-reach areas, to contribute to policy conversations and decision-making processes.



Some of the Screen shots showing the number of participants who attended our online engagements

## EXTERNAL MEETINGS

We actively participated in several external meetings, conferences, and policy dialogues at national, regional, and international levels. These spaces were crucial for influencing decision-making processes, amplifying community voices, sharing our research findings, and building solidarity with like-minded movements.



WOGEM team lead attending the training of trainers on the feminist influencing basket in Tanzania.



Global exchange learning with other activists in Brazil 2025. Our ED sharing stories of communities on how EACOP affected them and how there surviving amidst the injustices.

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..

## RADIO AND TV TALK SHOWS

To reach broader audiences and influence public opinion, we strategically engaged our audience through radio and TV talk shows as part of our advocacy. These platforms enabled us to raise awareness on pressing environmental such as climate change and EACOP impacts and social issues, explain policy processes, and elevate the voices of marginalized communities, especially women. Radio and TV allowed us to communicate in local languages, making our message more accessible to rural populations who are often excluded from digital and formal policy spaces.



*WOGEM team together with community mobilizers in oil host communities on Kazi Jema radio highlighting the impacts of EACOP project on marginalised women*



*WOGEM team on UBC TV highlighting the impacts of Climate change on marginalised women in December last year.*

# PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION..

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy is at the heart of our work, with a strong focus on shaping public discourse, influencing policy, and amplifying grassroots voices. We used a mix of traditional and digital advocacy tools to drive awareness, demand accountability, and push for inclusive and just policy reforms. A core component of our advocacy strategy involved writing and publishing opinion articles, communiqués, and petitions to highlight emerging issues and mobilize collective action.



## LINKS TO OTHER ARTICLES

<https://parrotsug.com/stop-financing-east-african-crude-oil-pipeline-project/>

<https://parrotsug.com/stop-eacop-financing-now-prioritize-human-rights-and-the-environment/>

<https://parrotsug.com/eacop-a-step-back-in-the-fight-against-climate-change/>

<https://parrotsug.com/the-renew-our-power-gathering-a-call-to-action-for-a-just-and-sustainable-energy-future/>

<https://parrotsug.com/open-letter-to-cop30-putting-an-end-to-fossil-fuel-era/>

<https://parrotsug.com/economic-viability-of-oil-gas-vs-agriculture-can-ugandans-benefit-more-from-oil-than-agriculture/>

<https://parrotsug.com/community-energy-for-justice-standing-together-for-a-fossil-free-future/>

# ACHIEVEMENTS

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## WOMEN LED CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

- Mobilized over 100 women and youth across oil-affected communities in western Uganda to demand environmental justice, particularly resisting harmful fossil fuel projects such as EACOP.
- Amplified the voices of frontline women through storytelling, petitions, radio campaigns, and press conferences on World Environment Day, Afrivuka Day, and during international climate summits.

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND RESTORATION PROJECTS

- Planted over 1000 indigenous and fruit trees in schools and degraded ecosystems across Hoima and Kikuube districts.
- Promoted eco-friendly businesses such as bee keeping, weaving ecofriendly baskets and land restoration practices among rural women farmers.

## FEMINIST CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP

- Trained over 50 women and youth in climate leadership, ecofeminist organizing, and policy advocacy.
- Empowered women and feminists to use story telling as a tool to amplifying their voices amidst the climate crisis.
- Participated in and influenced regional feminist spaces like Afrika Vuka, Feminist Influencing Basket , Feminist Climate Justice Academy and Climate Justice Camps.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ECO-ENTERPRISES

- Supported over 100 women-led eco-enterprises (basket weaving, organic soap making.) as climate-smart income-generating alternatives.
- Women formed saving groups at grassroots

## POLICY ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

- Published over 100 opinion articles, petitions, communiques, documentaries to amplify women's voices in the fight for climate and gender justice

# CHALLENGES FACED

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Despite our progress in advocating for human rights, environmental justice, and community resilience, we continue to face significant challenges that hinder the full realization of our mission.

These include;

1. The shrinking civic space within the Albertine region but also in the wider country.
2. Increased threats and intimidation against activists and HRDs.
3. Prolonged legal battles.
4. Inadequate funding remain critical obstacles to sustaining and expanding our impact.
5. Communities affected by oil and gas developments still struggle with land injustices, economic displacement, and environmental degradation, requiring continuous advocacy and intervention.

# WAY FORWARD

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To overcome these challenges, collaboration is essential. We call upon partners, donors, and allies to join us in strengthening grassroots movements, amplifying community voices, and driving policy reforms that protect human and environmental rights.

Therefore, we need to;

## **DEEPEN FEMINIST CLIMATE JUSTICE ORGANIZING**

- Scale up grassroots organizing among women and youth, particularly in climate- and fossil-fuel-affected communities.
- Expand feminist consciousness-raising to empower women to engage in environmental decision-making at local and national levels.

## **STRENGTHEN WOMEN-LED RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCESS**

- Advocate for increased investment in gender-responsive renewable energy solutions.
- Expand solar electrification, clean cooking, and sustainable water access projects for women in off-grid and displaced communities.

## **ADVANCE FEMINIST RESEARCH AND POLICY INFLUENCE**

- Generate and disseminate evidence-based feminist research on climate change, energy transition, and environmental degradation.
- Engage more systematically with government institutions and regional blocs (e.g., EAC, AU) to shape pro-women, pro-nature policies.

## **PROMOTE GREEN LIVELIHOODS FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

- Support eco-enterprises (e.g., basket weaving, organic cosmetics, agroecology) led by women and youth.
- Facilitate access to green financing and markets for sustainable community-based products.

# WAY FORWARD...

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## **BUILD YOUTH ECO-FEMINIST LEADERSHIP**

- Institutionalize climate justice and ecofeminism clubs in schools, vocational institutes, and universities.
- Mentor a new generation of youth climate activists, especially girls and young women to challenge the narrative with feminism principles.

## **STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES**

- Deepen collaboration with national, regional, and global feminist, environmental, and human rights movements.

## **INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- Develop a robust resource mobilization strategy to diversify funding.
- Strengthen the governance, accountability, and operational systems of WoGEM Uganda to support long-term impact.

# THE END