

CASE STUDY ON CLIMATE CHANGE COALITIONS

Throughout this quarter, the project team has been able to create strong coalitions with Climate Change Civil society organizations with a common goal of environmental resilience. CSOs pool resources and expertise in climatology which is needed to fully engage in climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as participating in various discussions and consultations to accomplish the targeted goal.

Plastic pollution is a common problem in the developing countries around the world. In Uganda it has been caused by urbanization, growth in consumption and population growth in Kampala. In Nakawa division, there are 3.6 persons/households whose waste generation is 1kg/day person and 15kg/day per commercial building making waste composition of 2% soft plastics and 3.9% hard plastics. However at Lake Victoria shores, plastic pollution has doubled due to the commercial businesses that take occur such as fishing, market centers and transportation.

CIDI in collaboration with Climate Reality Leaders Uganda and Buganda Kingdom created awareness on plastic waste management through training communities on various recycling mechanism that can be used as a measure to mitigate climate change in Makindye and Nakawa division. A Youth leader in Nakawa said “the trainings in briquette making have increased employment among youths as well as improving climate resilience who now yarn to collect plastics and other degradable wastes”.

Plastic audits have also been conducted at Ggaba landing site and Mayanzi landing site in Entebbe to measure quantity, volume, and composition of plastic waste generated by end users as well as holding manufacturers accountable. Exhibitions have been done on various innovative technological mechanisms that apply to climate change restoration. As well as participating in climate change relevant events such as the Uganda Water and Environment Week.

Despite the impactful awareness, there is climate change information gap especially to the population that settles around the shores of Lake Victoria who use plastics materials as floaters during fishing which further pollutes the water body. Fishermen said “the legalized floaters are expensive hence they are not affordable by many”. Therefore there is need to strengthen dissemination of accurate climate change information and government to reduce subsidies on the fishing materials. There is also need to further strengthen climate change coalitions for a great impact.



Plastic materials used as floaters by fishermen at Mayanzi landing sites with Buganda Kingdom



CSOs under the Climate Reality Leaders Coalition after a plastic audit at Ggaba landing site.



Youths laying briquettes under the sun to dry in Nakawa Division



Exhibition on climate change innovative and technological mechanism at Bulange Mengo