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STANDING AGAINST CLIMATE CRISIS: YOUTH DEMAND CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW



Welcome to our inaugural newsletter, this month we bring to you the roles and responsibilities played by grass root youth in the fight against the ongoing climate crisis. The youth in the oil affected communities in Uganda believe it's up to them to fight and save their future that is being threatened and robbed by the selfish grip of fossil fuels. Through such activities, engagements and discussions, they have built resilience, strength resistance on which they uphold to continue pushing as better environmental stewards and capable effective change makers of this new era.

Following the devastating floods that swept through Uganda's urban centers and rural communities in March and April 2025 have galvanized grassroots youth climate activists across the country. As homes and infrastructure were destroyed in Kampala, Mbale, Kasese, and other regions-- in Uganda, the EACOP Host Communities youth network mobilized and organized themselves with renewed urgency.

"When Kampala's streets and other regions became rivers in March and April, it wasn't just a natural disaster—it was a climate injustice, a warning from an angry violated mother, Mother Nature," says Bikorwa Clinton, youth coordinator for EACOP Host Communities. "The fossil fuel projects taking place in our regions and globally, are significantly contributing to the climate chaos and injustice we're experiencing of today as research has proven.

These climate injustices have transformed grief into organized action, with young Ugandans leading the charge for climate justice and sustainable alternatives to end fossil fuel dependence.



YOUTH IN ACTION: OUR INITIATIVES

As the youth directly affected by the oil projects in Uganda, engaging in various activities and actions does not only keep us connected, but also serves as a reminder of the urgency to continue demanding for climate justice now.

One of the most impactful initiatives we've undertaken is our community education program. Through this effort, our dedicated volunteers have facilitated and organized over six (6) youth empowerment and awareness training on the impacts of fossil fuels on community livelihoods, environmental conservation efforts, climate justice, and human rights among others.

These youth engagements, helped local communities to understand and appreciate the causes and consequences of climate change, the specific and potential risks, and threats posed by fossil fuel projects, and the urgent need for the youth and local communities to demand for a just green sustainable alternatives.

By building awareness and capacity at the grassroots level, we empowered youth to stand up for their rights and demand responsible, sustainable green economic development that prioritizes people and the planet.

Our work as oil project affected youth, is rooted in the belief that climate justice is not just an environmental issue—it's a matter of human rights too. We will continue to raise our voices, taking actions and demanding for climate justice until our concerns are heard and our future is safeguarded.



Our media engagement efforts have significantly expanded, particularly through local radio talk shows that reach wide and diverse audiences. These platforms have enabled us to connect with as many listeners as possible, raising awareness about the link between fossil fuel developments—such as the EACOP—and the increasing frequency and severity of climate-related disasters, including the recent floods that have devastated many communities. Through these discussions, we not only expose the dangers of continued fossil fuel dependence but also advocate for renewable energy and green economic alternatives that are safer, more sustainable, and vital for securing a greener and more resilient future.

In parallel with our media outreach, every month our team publishes detailed reports that include firsthand accounts from individuals and families affected by climate change and the ongoing fossil fuel projects in our respective communities. These personal testimonies continues to provide compelling and credible evidence of the real-life impacts—both emotional and factual—of how climate change and fossil fuel activities are disrupting community livelihoods and environment.

Our combined efforts in media and documentation not only amplify marginalized voices but also build a foundation of truth and urgency that supports our call and demand for climate justice.

It is such community forums and monthly engagements efforts in our communities that has influenced a new community-based mind set change in the oil project affected persons to slowly adopting renewable energy alternatives that are socially owned by the communities.



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As we usher into a new month, join us in our efforts to discuss the injustices we face as youth, women and families in this fight against fossil fuels in our homes, the oil affected communities. @Eacophostcmty together with @WogemU, we invite you today to tune in, listen and engage



OUR DEMANDS

As oil project affected youth, we recommend that our Ugandan government and Parliament should increase budget allocation for a just green sustainable alternatives like Agriculture, Tourism, and Fisheries as opposed to fossil fuel projects.

Also we recommend that our government should invest in technology transfer for the clean renewable like solar, wind and off-grid hydro electricity that can facilitate socially owned energy for local communities



We also recommend the financial institutions should immediately stop funding any fossil fuel project and channel all their investments in green sustainable projects

Lastly we demand our government to put in place and implement favorable laws and policies that will speed up the clean energy transition process in Uganda



With that we call upon all the youth worldwide, not to be silenced, we make the biggest demographic of the world's population, we have got the power to change from the dark curse of fossil fuels to a brighter tomorrow with green energy.

"We are not just fighting against a pipeline—we are fighting for a livable future. The floods have shown us what that future might look like if we fail. We refuse to fail."

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