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projects**



THE TRUE COST OF PUTTING PROFIT OVER PEOPLE

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TotalEnergies' US\$6 Billion Quarter: The Communities Left Behind in Its Wake

On 23 July 2026, TotalEnergies announced **US\$6 billion** in adjusted net income for the second quarter of the year representing a **68% increase** compared to the same period in 2025 and **12% growth** over the previous quarter. Chief Executive Officer Patrick Pouyanné attributed the company's exceptional performance to higher global oil prices, stronger refining margins, and robust trading activity. Despite acknowledging that geopolitical instability in the Middle East had disrupted parts of its operations, TotalEnergies rewarded shareholders with higher dividends and announced up to **US\$1.5 billion** in additional share buybacks.

For investors, these figures represent another successful quarter. For the thousands of communities living alongside the company's oil fields, pipelines, and export infrastructure, however, they represent something entirely different, a reminder that extraordinary corporate profits have been built alongside extraordinary human and environmental costs.

Across Africa and other fossil fuel-producing regions, communities continue to bear the consequences of oil extraction. Families have lost ancestral land, livelihoods have been disrupted, ecosystems have been degraded, and civic freedoms have come under increasing pressure. While shareholders celebrate record financial returns, many of the people whose land and resources underpin these projects remain excluded from the benefits.

This is the conversation that cannot be ignored.

In this inaugural edition of our newsletter, we examine the widening gap between Profit and People, exploring what record corporate earnings mean for communities living on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction. For communities hosting TotalEnergies' pipelines, oil fields, and export terminals, the announcement of US\$6 billion in quarterly profits is not simply a corporate achievement, it is a reminder that behind every billion dollars earned are communities still demanding justice, accountability, and respect for their rights.

The Anatomy Of A Windfall

TotalEnergies' record profits did not emerge in isolation. They were driven by rising global oil prices, widening refining margins, increased market volatility, and geopolitical instability. These same conditions that generated extraordinary returns for shareholders also drove up fuel and food prices, placing additional burdens on ordinary households around the world.

From the perspective of oil-impacted communities, these profits cannot be separated from the broader social and environmental crises associated with fossil fuel extraction. Communities argue that while corporations benefit from rising energy prices, the true costs are borne by those living closest to extraction sites through land loss, environmental degradation, declining livelihoods, and increasing climate vulnerability.

The distance between TotalEnergies' headquarters in La Défense, France, and the communities of Hoima, Kikuube, and Buliisa may span thousands of kilometres, but they remain connected by the same balance sheet. Projects such as the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), Tilenga and the Kingfisher Development Project are also projected to generate substantial returns for investors while imposing significant costs on host communities.

Across Uganda's Albertine Graben, many families have lost land essential for farming, grazing, and cultural heritage. Compensation processes have frequently been criticised for delays, inadequate valuation, and lack of transparency. Fishing communities around Lake Albert continue to report reduced access to traditional fishing grounds as oil infrastructure expands. Women and girls in project-affected communities face heightened risks of gender-based violence linked to displacement, economic insecurity, and social disruption. Environmental defenders, journalists, students, and community organisers have also reported intimidation, surveillance, arrests, and shrinking civic space while advocating for environmental justice and community rights.

This pattern extends beyond Uganda. Similar concerns have been raised in the Niger Delta, Cabo Delgado, DRC Congo, Mozambique and other regions where large-scale oil and gas developments have been accompanied by displacement, environmental degradation, social conflict, and weakened community participation. For EACOP-impacted communities, the profits celebrated in corporate boardrooms cannot be separated from the sacrifices made by the people living on the frontlines of extraction. Every record-breaking earnings report should also acknowledge the communities that continue to bear the environmental, social, and economic burdens of these projects.



PEOPLE OVER PROFIT: A DIFFERENT FUTURE IS POSSIBLE

Every quarterly earnings report is presented as evidence of business success. Oil-impacted communities ask a different question:

Success for whom?

Communities are not opposed to development. They are opposed to a development model that concentrates wealth in corporate boardrooms while transferring the environmental, social, and economic costs to local people.

Development cannot be measured solely by shareholder returns. It must also be measured by whether communities retain their land, whether families can sustain their livelihoods, whether women and girls live in safety, whether ecosystems remain healthy, and whether citizens are free to organise and speak without intimidation.

For EACOP-impacted communities, true development means putting people before profit and justice before extraction.

Our Demands: From Fossil Fuel Extraction To Community-Led Energy Justice

As communities directly affected by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), the Kingfisher Development Project, and related oil developments, we call on TotalEnergies, its partners, governments, financial institutions, investors, and the international community to recognise that fossil fuel expansion cannot continue at the expense of human rights, ecosystems, and future generations.

We demand a just energy transition that puts communities not corporations at the centre of energy decisions and accelerates the shift toward clean, decentralised, affordable, and community-owned renewable energy systems.



Our Key Demands

1. End Fossil Fuel Expansion and Advance a Just Energy Transition

- Halt the expansion of new oil and gas projects that threaten communities, biodiversity, and climate stability.
- Establish a clear pathway away from fossil fuels while investing in clean energy alternatives that protect livelihoods and strengthen energy security.
- Ensure fossil fuel-affected communities are prioritised as leaders and beneficiaries of the renewable energy transition.

2. Put Communities at the Centre of Energy Decisions
 - Respect communities' right to meaningful participation and free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) in all decisions affecting their land, resources, and future.
 - Recognise communities as owners, decision-makers, and beneficiaries of the energy systems developed in their territories.
3. Deliver Justice for Communities Harmed by Oil Projects
 - Provide full, fair, prompt, and transparent compensation for all land, livelihoods, homes, and cultural resources affected by EACOP and related projects.
 - Implement long-term livelihood restoration and reparations programmes for affected families and communities.
4. Invest in Community-Owned Renewable Energy Solutions
 - Redirect investments from fossil fuel expansion toward decentralised renewable energy systems, including community solar, mini-grids, clean cooking solutions, and local energy enterprises.
 - Support communities to own and manage renewable energy projects that create jobs, improve energy access, and strengthen local economies.
 - Establish financing mechanisms that enable rural and marginalised communities to lead the clean energy transition.
5. Protect Human Rights and Civic Space
 - End intimidation, surveillance, harassment, arrests, and criminalisation of environmental defenders, journalists, students, and community organisers.
 - Guarantee freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, access to information, and the right to defend community rights.
6. Ensure Corporate Accountability and Environmental Justice
 - Conduct independent, community-led environmental and social audits of EACOP, Kingfisher, and related projects, with findings made publicly available.
 - Hold fossil fuel companies accountable for environmental damage, human rights violations, and social harms.
 - Apply the polluter-pays principle by directing fossil fuel profits toward climate adaptation, ecosystem restoration, and community resilience.
7. Protect Women, Youth, and Vulnerable Communities
 - Strengthen protection and support systems for women and girls affected by displacement and extractive projects.
 - Ensure women, youth, farmers, and fishing communities have equal access to decision-making spaces, renewable energy opportunities, and sustainable livelihoods.
8. Redirect Fossil Fuel Wealth Toward a Sustainable Future
 - End the prioritisation of shareholder profits and buybacks over community rights and environmental protection.
 - Redirect fossil fuel revenues toward renewable energy, climate resilience, and community-led development.
 - Ensure the transition away from fossil fuels is democratic, fair, and led by communities most affected by extraction.

Our Vision

We envision a future where communities are not sacrifice zones for corporate profits but leaders in a clean, democratic, and sustainable energy system.

The future is not deeper dependence on oil and gas. The future is renewable energy owned by communities, powered by justice, and built for generations to come.



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