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Response to Increased Environmental Degradation and Promotion of Alternative Energy Sources in Refugee Hosting Districts (RED)

Project overview

Under the leadership of Save the Children (SC) and in partnership with Enabel, International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Joint Energy and Environment Project (JEEP) and Vision for Humanity (ViFoH), the RED consortium is working to address environmental degradation and related challenges in the refugee response in the West Nile region of Uganda with funding from the European Union’s Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF).

The target districts (Arua, Adjumani, Kiryandongo and Yumbe) host a combined total of 701,821 refugees, primarily from South Sudan. The project will address supply and demand side factors, rapidly scaling up access to ensure that 234,800 refugee and host community populations directly have access to alternative sources of cooking fuel, environmentally sensitive livelihoods opportunities, including sustainable savings options, decreasing the demand and utilisation of natural resources within and around refugee settlements.

The project contributes directly to the implementation of the Ugandan Government’s Water and Environment Sector Refugee Response Plan and seeks to achieve synergies and strengthen coordination with other actions and development partners. It has a duration of 48 months (04/01/2021 - 03/01/2025).

Impact and Outcomes to be achieved

Impact

To contribute to increasing environmental protection, forest restoration and improve sustainable energy and alternative livelihoods by displaced populations and their host communities in the districts of Adjumani, Arua, Kiryandongo and Yumbe.

Outcomes

Specific objective (SO)1- Improved access to sufficient, healthier, sustainable and alternative sources of energy, increased capacity to construct and maintain these, decreased dependence on energy from unsustainable and unregulated sources for households and causes of conflicts between refugees and host communities are addressed;

Intermediate Outcome (IO) 1.1

Improved sustainable, clean and/or renewable energy used by displaced populations and host communities;

- Output (O) 1.1.1 inclusive alternative energy market systems assessment;
- O1.1.2 development of comprehensive SBC strategy;



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- O1.1.3 creation of alternative green Income Generating Opportunities (IGA);
- O1.1.4 construction and/or distribution of energy efficient stoves and heat retaining bags;

IO 1.2 Decreased dependence on natural resources for energy,

SO2 - Energy, environment and climate action programming, coordination and capacity is strengthened at local, district government and sub-county levels.

IO2.1 Local Governments' energy, environment and climate action programming is strengthened in coordination with national structures; and

- **O2.1.1** developing the capacity of local government to deliver gender responsive environment programming;
- **O2.1.2** development of policies, tools and guidelines and capacity developed to implement

livelihoods and construction from unsustainable and unregulated sources;

- O1.2.1 ensuring access to alternative sources of energy;
- O1.2.2 supporting well-functioning conflict-resolution mechanisms;

community-based environment programming;

IO.2.2 Inclusive coordination is strengthened at local district and sub-county levels.

- **O2.2.1** the operationalization of mechanisms/structures for improved coordination; and
- **O2.2.2** the increased participation of women in coordination mechanisms/structures.

Target group

Direct target beneficiaries are 234,800 refugee and host population:

- 3,000 (1,400 male; 1,600 female) adolescents, youth and women to access green IGA
- 44,000 households (60% female headed including young mothers and persons with disabilities; 231,000 people) will be identified to receive appropriate energy efficient technologies
- 100 LG employees, 100 personnel from local environment and energy CSOs and 30 private sector companies, thereby strengthening joint action aimed at addressing the knowledge on availability of technologies

Indirect beneficiaries are 2,128,500 refugee and host population in the selected districts, the LG, the national government, water catchment management zones, children and youth in schools and trading centers.

Project approach

In reference to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 5, 7, 8, 9 and 13) we aim to advance gender equality and social inclusion, decent work for youth, ensuring progress and transformation on social norms change, policy influence, improve



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socioeconomic prospects, contribute to climate resilience, clean energy and environmental and social cohesion.

1. **Cash for work** aiming to achieve construction and distribution of 44,000 Improved Cooking Stoves (ICS) for vulnerable households, and increased community awareness through installation and demonstrations at institutions.
2. **Life Skills for Success (LS4S) and economic empowerment:** building on SC's global evidence-based strategy (Adolescent and Youth at Work) and its common approach, addressing sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurial initiatives for 3,000 poorest and the most deprived adolescent, youth and women, providing them with transferable life skills to positively transition to adulthood and secured decent work. The strategy also provides with technical skills to construct, operate and maintain ICS and alternative/renewable energy technology as IGA, including integration of a Youth Innovation Lab (YIL) as a unique and versatile model that combines the learning and networking of traditional workshops, with the creativity and interaction of a hackathon, all with tangible results that are geared for impact and scale. The labs will be linked to the project energy hubs to co-create energy solution with energy private sector companies to the local energy needs.
3. **Do-no-harm approach:** key staff, partners and volunteers will be trained on child protection including sexual exploitation and abuse and child abuse, through Child Safeguarding and Safeguarding policies and process ensure that the activities and the environment in which they are provided, do not expose communities and children to physical hazards, violence, or other rights' violations.
4. **Global Gender Equality Policy** and a commitment to programming that is at minimum gender sensitive, and gender transformative whenever possible: training shall be provided to ensure that each field team and each project has a Gender Champion who supports the implementation team and partners to ensure proper gender mainstreaming, make decisions and take action that promotes equity amongst participants and target beneficiaries in each action.