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AACJ WORK IN SENEGAL: LOCALLY LED ACTIONS

The Local Livelihoods Adaptation Project (LLA) in Nigeria is implementing a tree-planting campaign in Agunji and Ngubi communities in Nasarawa Eggon LGA, Nasarawa state, Nigeria, to promote climate change adaptation and build resilience in the agriculture sector, which is the main occupation in the area. Over 80% of women's livelihoods depend on small-scale subsistence farming, making them particularly vulnerable to climate change-induced risks such as natural hazards, droughts, pests' infestations, and changes in rainfall patterns. The project seeks to address these vulnerabilities by raising awareness about climate change and environment issues, training community members on community development planning (CDP) to integrate climate change adaptation strategies, and capacity building on Open Government Partnership (OGP) for state and non-state actors.



The LLA organized a CDP workshop in September 2022, which targeted community beneficiaries, technical field officers, key community stakeholders (gatekeepers), the Ministry of Environment and Agriculture (Department of Climate Change), community-based organizations, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources. The workshop aimed to improve the understanding of the community beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders about climate change and environment issues and strengthen their capacity to integrate climate change adaptation strategies into their development plans.



In October 2022, the LLA also organized a capacity building workshop on OGP for state and non-state actors to promote inclusive participatory budgeting, citizen engagement and participation in governance processes, enforcement of environmental laws, extractive industry transparency and openness, food security, ease of doing business, and improved service delivery in primary and secondary school education. The workshop aimed to bring government and civil society organizations (CSOs) together for a common understanding toward the implementation of OGP in the state and promote good working relationships between non-state actors and the government on environment and climate change issues.

Additionally, the LLA conducted a step-down training on climate change monitoring and reporting for field officers and community volunteers in the state, targeting VSLA, budget monitoring group project beneficiaries in disaster-affected and prone communities (including women-based groups and youth groups), the technical field officers, the State Ministry of Women Affairs, key community stakeholders (gatekeepers), the Ministry of Environment and Agriculture (Department of Climate Change), community-based organizations, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

The training aimed to strengthen the capacity of these groups to monitor and report on climate change and environment issues, enhancing their ability to identify early warning signs of climate change-induced risks and respond appropriately.

Finally, the LLA created 36 episodes of media TV/Radio Audience Participation Programmes on State Television and Radio Nasarawa Broadcasting Service to educate the society on climate change and environment issues, promoting the project's objectives, goals, and expected results. The links to the TV/Radio Audience Participation Programmes are provided to enable stakeholders to access them for educational and promotional purposes.

The interventions of the LLA aim to address the contextual climate change vulnerabilities and risks experienced by the communities in Agunji and Ngubi in Nasarawa Eggon LGA, Nasarawa state, Nigeria. By raising awareness about climate change and building the capacity of relevant stakeholders to integrate climate change adaptation strategies into their development plans, the project seeks to promote resilience in the agriculture sector, enhance food security, and build the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities.

