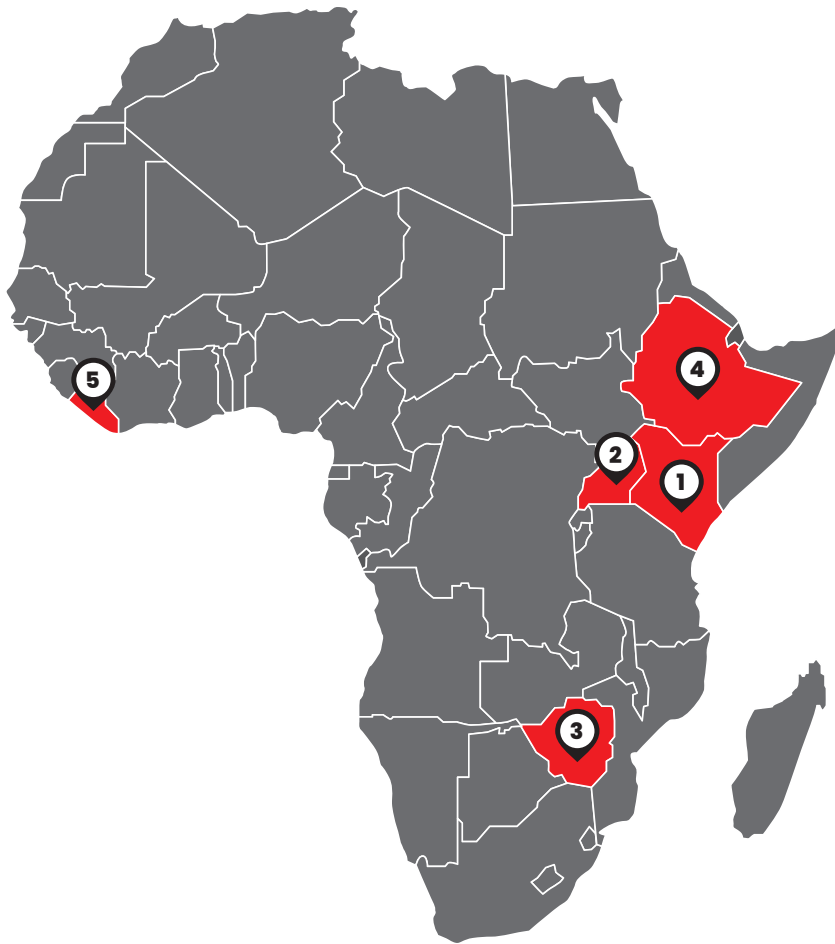


Locally Led Climate Fund: Three Years of Community-Led Climate Action in Africa



THREE YEARS OF IMPACT AT A GLANCE



FUNDING MEMBERS:

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USD 600,000+
invested across three years



5 countries
implementing locally designed
climate solutions

1

KENYA

124

climate justice
champions
trained in six arid
counties

30

Village Savings
and Loan
Associations
Groups
driving climate-
smart livelihoods

2

UGANDA

4

local
government
climate action
plans developed

502

people engaged
in climate
advocacy
campaigns
across mid-
central districts

3

ZIMBABWE

676+

households
with improved
access to clean
water

300+

smallholder
farmers
transitioned
to drought-
tolerant crops

8

school
climate clubs
established in Zimbabwe's Buhera
and Gokwe South districts

4

ETHIOPIA

Over
6,000

seedlings were
planted, and
three hectares
of natural forest
area were
rehabilitated

5

LIBERIA

1

community-
built water
CATCHMENT now
being replicated



Since 2023, the ACT Alliance's **Locally Led Climate Fund (LLCF)** has been channelling climate finance directly to communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis in Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, and Liberia. No billion-dollar pledges. No sprawling bureaucracy. Just approximately USD 200,000 per year, shared across four ACT Alliance national forums, each receiving an average of USD 50,000, and the conviction that the people closest to the crisis are best placed to lead the response to it.

Only an estimated 10% of global climate finance reaches local communities. For the people of Turkana (Kenya), Buhera (Zimbabwe), Kasese (Uganda), and Salayea (Liberia) Districts, that failure is not a statistic. It is the dry river, the failed harvest, and the question of whether to stay on land that is changing faster than anyone can adapt. The LLCF was designed to address that gap directly.

The fund is resourced by members of the **ACT Canada Forum**: the World Association of Christian Communication, Alongside Hope, the United Church of Canada, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Presbyterian World Service and Development, and World Renew. It is complemented by contributions from the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Together, these ACT Members pool contributions and channel them to national forums in Africa. Those forums are not merely recipients.

They form the fund's Steering Committee alongside their Canadian and American partners and the ACT Secretariat, making collective decisions on programming priorities, grant sizes, and country focus. The agency, the design, and the leadership of each intervention rests with the communities and forums closest to the work.

Now in its third programming cycle, the fund has generated three years of documented impact across five countries: in water access, food security, clean energy, climate governance, and policy advocacy. This is what locally led climate finance looks like in practice.

To find out how to be part of the Locally Led Climate Fund, contact the ACT Alliance Secretariat at

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