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YOUTH AND WOMEN INCLUSION IN RESTORATION



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Youth and Women Inclusion in Restoration

Main Objective: To provide recommendations on how women and youth can be meaningfully engaged in restoration

Specific Objectives:

- To discuss ways in which women and youth can be meaningfully engaged in decision making processes for restoration.
- To highlight some of the challenges/bottlenecks to youth and women participation in restoration and come up with ideas on how to solve them.
- To showcase opportunities for youth and women in restoration including linkages to sources of finances, capacity building and networking opportunities for knowledge sharing.



Actions

- Support a youth network for restoration – to share experiences and opportunities - Regreening Africa , GLFx Nairobi, other interested actors
- Capturing success stories of restoration initiated by women and youth which Regreening Africa can contribute to.
- Training on fundraising strategies, grant management and proposal/grant writing – Regreening Africa, GLFx Nairobi, other interested actors



Recommendations

Promoting youth and women participation in decision making processes linked to restoration:

- County governments can promote the participation of women and youth in decision making policies by putting in place the policies supporting their participation and advertising/communication public participation well. They should also empower them to understand planning processes and policy documents such as County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs)
- Government agencies, researchers and NGOs need to support the grassroots communication of restoration targets and plans clearly and making materials more available at the local level in accessible and simple formats
- NGOs and other actors should engage in continuous sensitization of men, youth and women to promote a shift/change in mindsets at the community level to embrace women leadership , the role of women in restoration and the youth for their role restoration.
- Training women/youth on leadership.

Recommendations

Incentives for promoting women and youth participation in restoration include:

- Introduction of alternative livelihood opportunities such as nature-based solutions and enterprises; agribusinesses, ecotourism, fish farming, beekeeping, etc.
- Equal benefit sharing mechanisms from restoration activities.
- Criteria (process) adjustment by donor for their grants so that youth/women are eligible
- Banks/loans to be adjusted to suit women and youth
- Improving Land tenure security rights - access and ownership by women and youth

Recommendations

Restoration financing:

- Youth and women should organise themselves into groups to take accessing funding
- Document youth and women restoration success stories to attract funding
- Youth and women should capitalize on social media to showcase their work and increase visibility and attract funding
- Capacity building for resource mobilization.
- Youth and women should implement alternative livelihoods options such as sustainable agribusiness value chains linked to restoration.
- Youth and women should organize themselves into groups such as CBOs or youth groups and register so as access funding.
- Donors should adjust grant conditions make them easily accessible to youth/women

Networking for learning and experience sharing:

- A vibrant network vibrant young people and women should be formed for experience and opportunities sharing as well as advocacy for the restoration agenda at decision making.
- Women and youth should be intentional in networking and join existing networks.
- Networking should take on various forms/approaches to be as attractive to different audiences- children/youth, women etc.

Recommendations

Capacity building:

- Youth/women need capacity building in areas such as: bookkeeping, management, personal branding, organizational branding, digital marketing.
- Youth/women should take advantage of avenues such as online resources and learning platforms
- Other avenues for capacity building: exchange visits, peer to peer learning, mentorship, etc.

