



Momentum for Change: Women for Results Category

Young Women's Grassroots Actions on Climate Change *Sub-Saharan Africa*

In 2013, the [Campaign for Female Education](#) (CAMFED), launched a breakthrough initiative to train young women from poor, marginalized farming communities across sub-Saharan Africa with support from the Mastercard Foundation and EARTH University. Through this training, these young women become Agriculture Guides – champions of sustainable agriculture. These young women have improved the productivity, sustainability and profitability of their own smallholdings as well as encouraged wide adoption of practical, affordable and locally-relevant climate-smart techniques. This includes inter-cropping and drip irrigation using waste plastic bottles and technologies that value Indigenous traditions. As a result of this initiative, a movement of young women are now leading effective action on climate change through sustainable agriculture in rural Africa. Already, over 8,500 individuals, mostly women and young people, have been reached through demo-farms, community meetings and mentoring, and Agriculture Guides are continuing to reach young people in their communities to build their resilience to climate challenges.

Key Facts

- To date, CAMFED Alumnae (CAMA) Agriculture Guides have reached over 8,500 people with climate-smart techniques and support through a model that can be readily scaled.
- One-third of CAMA's 138,000 membership across five countries are "agripreneurs" and supported by the knowledge gained from Agricultural Guides. Together, they are spearheading action on climate change at the local, national and international levels.
- Young, rural women are often disenfranchised in their communities, however, through their role as Agriculture Guides, women are gaining respect and recognition for their leadership, and access to vital assets such as land.
- Recognising the impact of empowering women, all Agriculture Guides are themselves women and at least 60% of the people they reach are women and girls.

More information

Digital assets are available for download at <http://bit.ly/mfc-2019>

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