

Detailed Implementation & Financial Report

Youth-Led Climate Action Research & Policy Dialogue (2024)
February – December 2024

1. Project Overview

- **Title:** Youth-Led Climate Action Research & Policy Dialogue
 - **Location:** Livingstone & Choma (Southern Province) with outreach to Central Province, Zambia
 - **Duration:** February – December 2024
 - **Objective:** To equip youth with climate research skills, generate evidence on local climate risks, and engage policymakers in adopting youth-informed climate adaptation strategies.
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2. Background & Rationale

Climate change impacts—including recurrent droughts, floods, and extreme heat—pose significant threats to livelihoods in Southern Province. Yet, youth are often excluded from decision-making despite being the most affected. This project positioned youth as **climate researchers and advocates**, linking evidence with policy processes at district and provincial levels, and promoting inclusive, data-driven adaptation strategies.

3. Activity Components

- **Youth Research Training** – 15 youth trained in climate data collection and analysis.
- **Research Studies** – 3 community-based studies conducted on floods, drought impacts, and agriculture resilience.

- **Policy Dialogues** – 2 multi-stakeholder forums held with councils and traditional leaders.
 - **Youth Climate Action Framework** – developed and shared with district authorities.
 - **Dissemination & Advocacy** – policy briefs, media engagement, and community awareness campaigns.
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4. Detailed Execution Phases

Phase 1 – Mobilization & Training (Feb–Mar 2024)

- Selected 15 youth; trained them in participatory climate research methods.

Phase 2 – Research Implementation (Apr–Jul 2024)

- Conducted 3 studies: drought effects on agriculture (Choma), flood risks in peri-urban Livingstone, and youth adaptation practices in Central Province.

Phase 3 – Analysis & Drafting (Aug–Sep 2024)

- Data analyzed; youth supported in drafting policy briefs and a climate action framework.

Phase 4 – Dialogues & Advocacy (Oct–Nov 2024)

- Convened 2 provincial-level dialogues with district councils, Indunas, and policymakers.

Phase 5 – Final Reporting (Dec 2024)

- Submitted final report; shared findings with stakeholders and media outlets.
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5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Mobilization & Training	Feb – Mar 2024
Research Implementation	Apr – Jul 2024
Analysis & Drafting	Aug – Sep 2024
Dialogues & Advocacy	Oct – Nov 2024
Final Reporting	Dec 2024

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Youth Capacity:** 15 youth trained and active as climate researchers.
 - **Evidence Produced:** 3 research studies completed; 2 policy briefs developed.
 - **Policy Influence:** Livingstone and Choma councils adopted climate adaptation measures from youth framework.
 - **Community Reach:** Over 500 residents engaged through awareness campaigns.
 - **Youth Inclusion:** Youth representation increased in local climate policy platforms.
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7. Key Partners

- **Zambia Meteorological Department** – technical guidance on climate data.
- **WWF Zambia** – co-funding and mentorship on climate advocacy.
- **Livingstone & Choma District Councils** – adoption of youth-informed policies.

- **Traditional Leaders & Indunas** – mobilization and cultural legitimacy.

8. Youth & Community Testimonials

“For the first time, I presented my research on drought impacts to district leaders. They listened and included our recommendations.”

— **Brian, Youth Researcher, Choma**

“These young people brought evidence we can use. Their voices are vital in shaping climate adaptation.”

— **Council Chairperson, Livingstone**

9. Financial Report – Climate Action Grant (\$40,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Training & Mobilization	\$6,000	Youth recruitment, trainer fees, materials
Research Implementation	\$12,000	Field surveys, travel, data collection tools
Analysis & Policy Drafting	\$7,000	Data processing, report writing, design of briefs
Policy Dialogues & Forums	\$9,000	Venues, facilitation, stakeholder engagement
Dissemination & Media	\$3,000	Printing briefs, media coverage, awareness
Administration & Contingency	\$3,000	Coordination, communication, buffer
Total Grant Allocation	\$40,000	Total Funding

Summary



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The **Youth-Led Climate Action Research & Policy Dialogue (2024)** positioned young people as key contributors to climate governance. Through training, evidence generation, and direct engagement with policymakers, the project enhanced resilience strategies in Southern Province, ensuring youth inclusion in shaping local climate policies.

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