

Project: “BRIDGING CLIMATE CHANGE CAPACITY GAPS OF THE MARGINALIZED SAN, OVATUE, OVATJIMBA AND OVAZEMBA COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTION OF YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION”.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project description: Bridging Climate Change Capacity Gaps of the Marginalized San, Ovatie, Ovatjimba and Ovazemba Communities and Promotion of Youth-led Climate Action, through community climate change education, awareness and capacity building and, the empowerment of youth as local climate action champions.

Baseline: There exists a wide gap in knowledge and capacity on climate change education in marginalised societies of Namibia and they are less represented at platforms where these discussions are on-going, despite their day to day exposure to the impacts of climate change, which have over the years impacted their social development and ability to cope and adapt.

Project Aim: to build the capacity gap of the marginalised community, empower and promote marginalised youth engagements in climate change discussions and activities through awareness creation and introduction of climate action small scale activities as well as, train the youth to facilitate these discussions at the local level and ensure their representation at a national level and in decision making rooms. The project further seeks to ensure continuous learning on climate change at the marginalized grassroots levels and expose these communities to innovative approaches to adapt to climate change impacts.

Expected outcomes: The goal of this project is to build the capacity of the marginalized youth on climate change and designate them as local climate change champions who will usher to facilitate continuous climate change education at their local level and educate the children and youth in their communities to take initiative through climate smart school clubs and other climate action initiatives.

Activities: Project Inception Assessments, Climate Change Capacity Building workshops and implementation of youth-led climate action project, responding to the needs of marginalized youth community and, climate smart school clubs.

Region of implementation: The project will be implemented in Namibia in the following regions: Kunene; Omaheke and Okavango-East.

Duration: October 2023 to March 2024

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Implementing organization: National Youth Climate Action Network of Namibia

Target youth group: Namibian Marginalized community youth from the ages of 16 to 35 and specifically youth from 18 to 35 years old.