

## CJRFA Report



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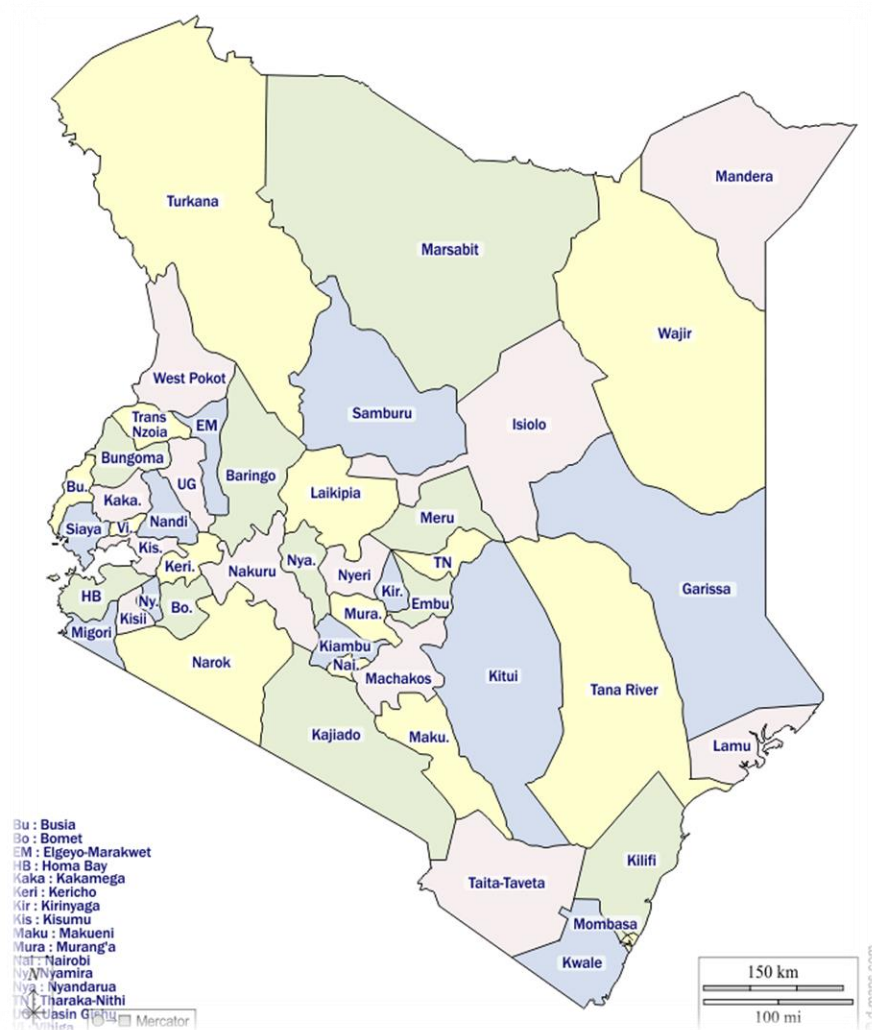
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## About Pragmatic Social Action

Pragmatic Social Action (PSA), is a grassroots woman-led non-profit organization registered to operate nationally in Kenya. Our NGO is committed to pragmatic social actions, rooted in the core principles of community empowerment and environmental stewardship.

Through our work, we aim to address the pressing challenges faced by vulnerable populations across Kenya, particularly focusing on the elderly, girls, women, and pastoralists in regions such as Turkana, Makueni, Kajiado, Busia, Vihiga, and Taita Taveta (see map below)



One of our primary objectives is to enhance the resilience of these communities in the face of climate change.

We recognize that climate vulnerability exacerbates existing inequalities and poses significant threats to livelihoods, food security, and overall well-being. Therefore, our approach involves collaborating closely with community members to develop context-specific strategies that build their adaptive capacity.

Key components of our resilience-building initiatives include:

1. **Community Engagement and Participation:** We prioritize inclusive decision-making processes that involves community members at every stage of project planning, implementation, and evaluation. By valuing local knowledge and expertise, we ensure that interventions are relevant, culturally appropriate, and sustainable.
2. **Capacity Building:** We provide training and skill development opportunities to equip community members with the tools and knowledge necessary to adapt to changing environmental conditions. This may include agricultural techniques resilient to drought, water conservation practices, and alternative income-generating activities.
3. **Natural Resource Management:** Recognizing the interconnectedness of ecosystems and human well-being, we promote sustainable natural resource management practices. This involves initiatives such as reforestation, watershed management, and soil conservation, which not only mitigate climate impacts but also enhance ecosystem services critical for livelihoods.
4. **Access to Climate Information and Early Warning Systems:** Timely and accurate climate information is essential for informed decision-making and disaster preparedness. We support the establishment of community-based early warning systems and facilitate access to relevant climate data, enabling communities to anticipate and respond effectively to climate-related risks.

In addition to our on-the-ground interventions, we are committed advocates for just climate policies at local, national, and international levels. We engage with policymakers, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to promote policies that prioritize the needs and rights of vulnerable communities, address root causes of climate vulnerability, and uphold principles of equity and social justice.

Our pragmatic approach recognizes the urgency of action in the face of climate change while also acknowledging the complexities of local contexts and the diverse needs of communities. By fostering collaboration, building resilience, and advocating for transformative change, we strive to create a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

## About the Climate Justice Impact Fund for Africa

The Climate Justice Impact Fund for Africa (CJIFA) was established to accelerate transformative climate action, the imperatives of climate justice and amplify voices of communities at the frontline of climate crisis in African countries and communities.

It is aimed at producing lasting change that comes from the collective activism of those who are either structurally excluded, disempowered, exploited or stigmatized.

It targets groups and organisations that, primarily, face funding challenges as they may not meet strict conventional requirements of traditional formal landscapes.

They may be "informal" groups lacking registration, but doing excellent work in communities. Some groups may lack "formality" because of their relationship with authorities, and thus are denied recognition documents.

Yet others are disruptive in nature, and may not want to be tied by the World which has prescribed the way they should operate. We fund the "unfundables", the outfits which are truly disruptive, shunned by mainstream Donor Institutions.

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## CJFRA Grant At the PSA

Through the CJFRA grant, we are enabling communities to participate in capacity strengthening, knowledge sharing, experience learning and advocacy and we have been able to champion for sustainable agriculture promotion, and tree planting initiatives. Working with a local group, Ganga Modern Our aim is to build resilience and improve livelihoods.

Our activities include on site workshops, knowledge platforms, advocacy campaigns, sustainable agriculture demonstrations, and tree planting campaigns.

We envision empowered women, resilient communities, food security in hardship areas, ecosystem restoration, and policy influence as key impacts and strive to address climate change challenges through practical solutions and inclusive partnerships.

## Pictorials



*1.1 Hands on Experience; Ganga Modern Farmers, in Busia county are taken through the process of making bio-complete compost manure using available household waste; an affordable, environmentally friendly substitute to industrial fertilizer.*





*1.2 Food forest design; demo centre taking shape as Ganga modern Farmers learn about utilizing small spaces for intercropping crops and fruit trees.*



*Local knowledge at work: covering top soil with dry matter and sprinkling to preserve moisture. The dry matter will be reintegrated as manure once decayed.*





*Applying Vetiver techniques: planting crops between vetiver hedge rows to prevent rainfall runoff, conserve water and treat contaminated water and soil from heavy metals.*



*The making of a food forest: intercropping fruit trees in between other crops to demonstrate how small pieces of land can be utilized to produce different foods.*





*Documenting the Journey: Ganga Modern Farmers recording their journey to sustainable farming using vetiver techniques.*

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