

"Across Africa and South Asia, communities are designing and implementing approaches that tackle climate-related health challenges, offering proven blueprints as world leaders prepare for critical convenings in 2025."

Risk Resilience Results

The Power of Investing in Locally Led Climate and Health Solutions



Climate change poses an escalating health threat, with excess deaths and illness projected to rise sharply over the coming decades.



Drawing on case studies from seven countries disproportionately impacted by climate change, our report highlights recommendations that are globally relevant, offering guidance for governments, multilateral institutions, and philanthropy alike.



Women combat coastal erosion with palm fences and mangroves.

Youth use theatre to fight misinformation about Malaria and raise awareness of climate-related health risks.



Farmers adapt to extreme heat by reviving traditional cooling methods.



KEY TAKEAWAYS



COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS

exist and are effective in tackling climate-related health challenges.



TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCE

all participate in building resilient communities and innovating amid adversity.



WOMEN AND YOUTH

are stepping into leadership roles and making an impact.



GLOBAL BLUEPRINTS

emerge from Africa and South Asia, inspiring climate-resilient health systems worldwide and demonstrating that locally led solutions can inform global policy and practice.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Building on these insights, five recommendations have been formulated, particularly relevant as leaders prepare for the COP39 in Brazil and the 7th AU-EU Summit in Luanda.

1

Develop coordinated funding mechanisms to strengthen local leadership and ensure communities can access resources quickly and effectively.

2

Embed local leadership in decision-making at national and global levels, including AU-EU and other international forums.

3

Integrate climate, health, and development agendas across sectors and geographies to maximise impact.

4

Value and scale traditional and local knowledge in developing solutions, ensuring culturally grounded approaches.

5

Centre communities in building climate-resilient health systems through training, infrastructure investment, and participatory governance.

DESPITE THEIR IMPACT, COMMUNITY VOICES ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND LACK THE SUPPORT TO SCALE THEIR APPROACH. WITH CLIMATE PRESSURES RISING, POLICYMAKERS ARE URGED TO INVEST IN AND PARTNER WITH COMMUNITIES TO AMPLIFY LOCALLY LED SOLUTIONS.

CALL TO ACTION

By partnering with and investing in communities, we can build a healthier, more resilient future for all. Locally led solutions are essential because they reflect lived realities, unlock innovation, and make adaptation efforts sustainable.



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