

REPORT ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES/ RESILIENCE BUILDING FOR ENHANCED LIVELIHOOD TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH OF JOKOLU COMMUNITY, MORO LGA, KWARA STATE, NIGERIA.

Between 2017 and 2018, WOYODEV worked with young people at the grassroots in Kwara State North Central, Nigeria. The project which focused on Understanding local threats and risk reduction capabilities of communities to better inform policy, mitigation and contingency planning at the grassroots in North Central Nigeria reached upto 1,000 young people directly and over 10,000 young people indirectly.

Part of the program sensitized women, young people and other community members on Sustainable Agricultural Practices to Mitigate Climate Change while Promoting Community Based Adaptation and Resilience.

During the outreach in Jokolu Community, the consultant facilitator who was engaged to facilitate one of the community sessions gave various effect of climate change in the world, hoe it affects the Agricultural sector and how it has reduced Agricultural productivity, which eventually leads to reduced quality and quantity of food produce available for man's consumption. She spoke on the food chain and how human activities tend to affect it. Furthermore, she emphasized the benefits of using organic fertilizers instead of inorganic fertilizers for farming. Her power point presentation also bothered on Agro-economy techniques.

Access to portable water and DRR flood mitigation is an issue for rural dwellers of Arobadi community in Kwara State, North Central, Nigeria. Overall, WOYODEV project also reached young people with capacity on how they can better engage policy makers and their representative on daily hazard been faced by communities especially the vulnerable ones: women, youth, children and people living with disabilities.

The project with desire to help ameliorate the hardship faced by community through information and knowledge/skills transfer; engaged young people as agents of change. Young people are strong voices in bringing about desired change in any given setting. The strength, voices and population of youth is engaged through the future is now initiative.

Challenges:

Some challenges encountered in our project implementation

- Lack of fund to reach more young people
- Lack of resources that we aid project implementation
- Difficult terrain in reaching communities.

Recommendations:

- Young people's project should be showcased to attract funding support.
- There is need for capacity building of youthled organization to support their ideas and project implementation skills.