

Feedback on the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) – 2025 to 2030

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Introduction

The Human Needs Project (HNP) is a nonprofit organization registered both in Kenya and the USA. Our base of operations is in Kibera, Nairobi. We work directly with the local communities to improve lives of people living in urban informal settlements by providing them with clean safe water, toilets, job skill training, job linkages, entrepreneurship skills, financial inclusion and environmental education. We understand how climate change affects daily life, especially for underserved communities like Kibera.

Our goal is to help community members live better lives while also protecting the environment.

This feedback is based on what we've learned from working directly with people affected by climate change. We offer practical ideas to help make the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) more effective fair and focused on tangible results.

1. What should success look like for the GCAA in the next five years, and how can it be measured?

For the Human Needs Project, success for the Global Climate Action Agenda should mean real and visible improvements in the daily lives of people, especially in underserved and vulnerable communities like Kibera.

For instance, at the Human Needs Project, we believe success should translate into:

- More families accessing clean water and proper toilets.
- Less plastic waste and more recycling Jobs where community members earn a living through recycling programs where PET plastics are collected and recycled into new products instead of polluting the environment.
- More community spaces should have solar-powered streetlights that make neighborhoods safer and thus extend the business working hours for local residents.

- Helping communities grow healthy food with little water using modern methods like hydroponics.
- Offer trainings on green skills and digital tools to help residents participate in innovations of climate solutions

How to measure our success:

- Tracking the number of solar street lights installed, number of clean water points built and number of sanitation facilities established.
- Collect real time data of the number of beneficiaries of solar street lighting initiative as well as the number of users of sanitation and hygiene facilities including those accessing clean water.
- Track how much plastic has been collected and recycled into new products.
- Track the amount of food harvested and consumed from the hydroponic urban farms.
- Record how many people have been trained and found jobs through our programs.

2. How can GCAA help governments and local groups work better together to meet climate goals?

Our organization, Human Needs Project (HNP) is already delivering climate services such as clean water, solar power, waste management and green jobs. Our impact will be much greater with stronger support and collaboration from the National government and other groups.

This is how GCAA can be of help;

- GCAA should encourage governments to equip us with appropriate study tools, training, and support to gather real-time data on water use, waste, energy access and environmental health.
- GCAA should work with governments and sponsors to introduce national/global climate funds for community-led projects like our Solar Street lighting project.
- GCAA should create structured forums and platforms where government officials, NGOs, youth leaders, women's groups, and community representatives meet to plan, implement, and monitor climate programs.
- GCAA should compel Governments, NGOs, schools, private companies to build research institutions that will help to understand the causes, impacts and mitigation strategies for climate change.

3. How can GCAA support fair and equal involvement, especially from underrepresented regions and people?

To fight climate change well, everyone must be involved. The people from poor areas and rural communities tend to be left out in most cases.

GCAA can help change this narrative by;

- Inviting local leaders especially women and youth from underserved regions to share their ideas and help make climate decisions.
- Many people in the rural area don't speak in English and thus do not understand climate terms. GCAA should use local languages and pictures to explain climate issues so that more people can join the conversation
- Now that it costs a lot to attend global climate meetings, GCAA should provide logistical support to enable local groups attend and speak at these events.
- Funding centers like Human Needs Project in Kibera where people visit to learn digital skills, green jobs and hence lead climate projects.

4. How can GCAA improve transparency and follow-up?

To build trust and make sure climate projects really help people, GCAA should ensure that climate action is open, accountable, and driven by real results on the ground.

GCAA can achieve this by;

- Sharing publicly plans, budgets, and results of all climate projects supported under the GCAA. This should be done in a way that is simple and easy to understand.
- Using technology for sharing real time updates with the local community residents.
- GCAA should use community organizations like Human Needs Project to monitor its initiatives and to train youth on solar panels installation and water systems maintenance.
- Creating simple ways for community members to give feedback. This could be through community discussions, hotlines, or suggestion boxes. This feedback should be taken seriously, and actions should be taken to respond to concerns.

Conclusion.

At the Human Needs Project, we believe that meaningful climate action starts at the community level. The next five years present an important opportunity for the Global Climate Action Agenda to go beyond high-level discussions and focus on practical, people-centered solutions.

Together, we can create climate solutions that are impactful, fair, inclusive, and sustainable for everyone, everywhere.

Let's partner in making the world a better place.