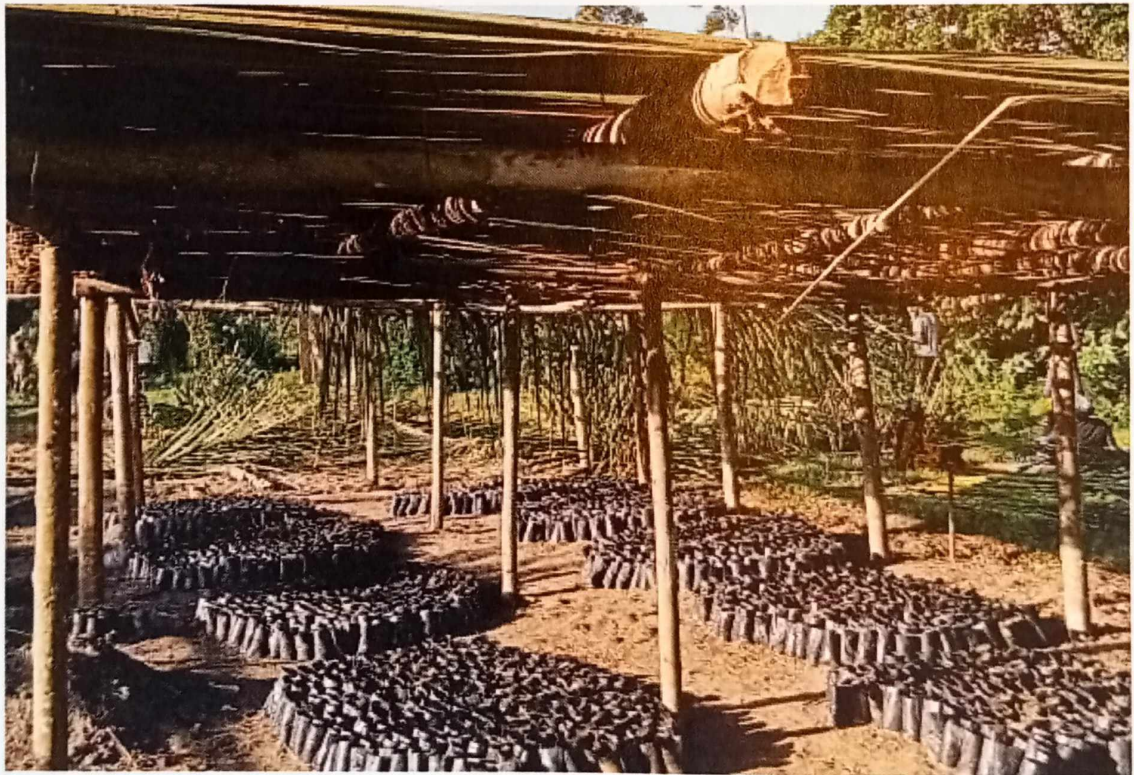


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# ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2023



Tree Nursery Bed

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# Annual Report

## Environmental Sustainability Report

### Introduction

In 2023, ACYP continued its mission to promote environmental sustainability and reduce the impact of climate change among children, young people, and their families. Our dedicated team worked tirelessly to educate the community, implement sustainable practices, and support climate change mitigation efforts.

### Objectives

- To educate children, young people, and their families about environmental sustainability and climate change.
- To promote sustainable practices and reduce the environmental footprint of our community.
- To support and implement initiatives that mitigate the effects of climate change.
- To collaborate with local organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to enhance environmental sustainability efforts.

### Environmental Education

#### 1. Awareness Campaigns

- Conducted 2 awareness campaigns throughout the year, reaching over 70 community members. These campaigns included community events focused on climate change, its impacts, and the importance of environmental sustainability.





*During a Community Dialogue on Environmental Conservation*

## **2. Educational Workshops**

- Held 1 workshops on renewable energy, waste management, conservation, and sustainable agriculture. These workshops provided practical knowledge and skills to over 26 participants.
- Collaborated with local experts and environmental organizations to deliver high-quality training sessions.

## **3. School Programs**

- Conducted 2 school assemblies in one primary and one secondary school reaching 700 pupils and students. Topics covered included recycling, energy conservation, and the importance of biodiversity.

# **Sustainable Practices**

## **1. Waste Reduction**

- Launched a composting initiative that engaged 5 households, reducing organic waste and producing nutrient-rich compost for community gardens.

## **2. Energy Efficiency**

- Promoted energy-efficient practices through 2 community meeting, reaching over 60 households. Topics included the use of energy-saving appliances and reducing energy consumption.

## **3. Water Conservation**

- Enables 1 household with rainwater harvesting methods and 2 families with efficient irrigation methods.

# **Climate Change Mitigation**

## **1. Tree Planting**

- Organized 1 tree planting campaigns, resulting in the planting of over 500 trees. These efforts aimed to increase green cover, absorb carbon dioxide, and improve air quality.
- Engaged local schools and community groups in tree planting activities, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship.



*Tree Nursery bed. Ready to be transplanted trees*

## **2. Sustainable Agriculture**

- Supported 20 local farmers in adopting sustainable agriculture practices, such as organic farming, agroforestry, and permaculture. These practices helped reduce environmental impact and improve soil health.
- Provided training and resources to farmers, including seeds, tools, and technical support.

## **3. Disaster Preparedness**

- Developed and implemented disaster preparedness plans to protect the community from climate-related events such as droughts, and storms. These plans included early warning systems and emergency response protocols.

# **Collaboration and Partnerships**

## **1. Local Organizations**

- Partnered with 1 local environmental organization to enhance the reach and impact of sustainability initiatives.

## **2. Government Agencies**

- Collaborated with government agencies to access resources, funding, and support for environmental sustainability programs.

## **3. Other Stakeholders**

- Engaged with other stakeholders, including community groups and educational institutions, to promote collective action towards environmental sustainability. Organized 1 community forum to discuss and plan sustainability initiatives.

# **Monitoring and Evaluation**

## **1. Data Collection**

- Used data to inform program adjustments and enhance effectiveness.



## **2. Regular Reporting**

- Provided regular reports to stakeholders on the outcomes and impact of environmental sustainability initiatives. Reports included success stories, and challenges faced.
- Held quarterly meetings with stakeholders to review progress and discuss future plans.

## **3. Continuous Improvement**

- Used feedback from beneficiaries and stakeholders to continuously improve environmental sustainability programs and services. Conducted surveys and focus groups to gather input and suggestions.
- Implemented changes based on feedback to better meet community needs and enhance program impact.

# **Challenges in Implementation**

## **1. Resource Limitations**

- Securing sufficient funding and resources to support environmental sustainability initiatives was challenging.
- Addressed resource limitations by just giving transport to volunteers to reach out to the community and conducting communities.

## **2. Infrastructure and Logistics**

- Poor infrastructure and logistical challenges hindered the delivery of services and support to remote and underserved areas. Transportation and communication barriers were significant obstacles.
- Improved logistics by partnering with local organizations

### **3. Sustainability**

- Ensuring the sustainability of environmental initiatives required ongoing support, mentorship, and community involvement. Long-term commitment from stakeholders was essential.
- Fostered sustainability by building strong community partnerships and providing continuous support.

### **4. Capacity Building**

- Building the capacity of staff and volunteers to effectively implement and manage sustainability programs was resource-intensive. Training and retention were ongoing challenges.
- Addressed capacity building by offering regular training sessions and creating a supportive work environment.

## **Future Plan**

- Organize field trips to local nature reserves and sustainable farms to provide hands-on learning experiences for pupils and students.
- Engage with policy makers to advocate for policies that support environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation.

## **Conclusion**

We are proud of the progress we made in 2024 and remain committed to promoting environmental sustainability and reducing the impact of climate change among children, young people, and their families. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, partners, and volunteers for their unwavering support.

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