



# CLIMATE

## SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE

As temperatures and sea levels rise, the most marginalized, lowest-income communities will be impacted the most. Our global response is an opportunity to help these communities grow new economies and conserve natural resources.

For the global development sector, addressing climate change is a top priority. At ACDI/VOCA, we lead with a strategy of **locally based, facilitative systems change**. This approach engages partners from the public and private sectors and recognizes the social, economic, and cultural forces at play.

We believe climate mitigation, just like other economic development and resilience efforts, should be locally led. Rather than only providing training, technical assistance, and support services, we partner with established local organizations, companies, and governments to facilitate sustainable change.

Through this work, we enable greater **gender and youth inclusion, private sector engagement, and investment and finance** in the future.



**“ACDI/VOCA and AV Ventures provide technical assistance and climate finance to support Kenyan enterprises negatively impacted by drought, floods, and other climatic shocks. Through this support, businesses are better positioned to ensure food security and create employment opportunities for their communities, even in the face of climate change.”**

— *Wyanie Bright,*  
*Chief of Party of USAID Kuza*

## At ACDI/VOCA, our climate action work focuses on three impact goals:

### 1. INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH

Our efforts combine economic growth with low emission “green” growth to empower communities to build sustainable livelihoods, while minimizing harm to the planet. ACDI/VOCA is a leader in market systems development, a systemic approach to making economic markets work better for people. Our work in this area includes climate-smart agriculture, sustainable business development, and renewable energy systems. We measure success with indicators such as sales generated, jobs created, and green investment mobilized.

### 2. CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLDS

Agricultural development has been a core of ACDI/VOCA’s work for 60 years. We build the resilience of rural households who face the worst effects of climate change to help improve their livelihoods. We champion equity and inclusion as a strategy to improve resilience at every level. Our work in this area involves climate-smart agriculture, climate change awareness, and climate data and warning systems. We measure success with metrics such as incomes, climate resilience, and food security.

### 3. CLIMATE MITIGATION AND NATURE CONSERVATION

Nature conservation, or nature-based solutions, reduces emissions, protects biodiversity, and improves provision of natural resources such as clean water and air. ACDI/VOCA has supported nature-based value chains such as coffee and cocoa in East Asia, East Africa, and Latin America; sustainable forest management in West Africa and Colombia; and sustainable fisheries in Indonesia, Mozambique, and Colombia. We measure success by reduced emissions and more area under conservation and sustainable management.

**Our programs support climate change mitigation and adaptation around the world.**

#### Highlights include:

- In Bangladesh, **the Feed the Future Bangladesh Livestock and Nutrition Activity** facilitates a network of 1,000 livestock service providers and supports income of 500,000 livestock farmers (mostly women); we also support the market of biodigesters for livestock households, providing clean cooking fuel and manure fertilizer, all while reducing emissions.
- In Ghana, **the Feed the Future Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity** supported 300 enterprises with better access to green finance and facilitated sustainable land management practices for 60,000 individuals.
- In Honduras, **the USAID/Honduras Transforming Market Systems Activity** partnered with a chocolate company to enhance agroforestry systems for 250 producers, increasing sales and sequestering 3,400 tons of carbon dioxide each year; we also support producers in the essential oils supply chain with 450 new or better jobs and 10,000 hectares of forest conservation.



Agricultural family in northern Ghana (Top)  
Livestock service provider in Bangladesh (Bottom)

