1. Project Description (One Paragraph)
Voices for Change Partnership (V4CP) Project supports CSOs to foster collaboration among relevant stakeholders, influence agenda-setting and hold the government and private sector accountable for their promises and actions. The project tackles four issues including food and nutrition security, resilience, renewable energy, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) being in the resilience thematic areas, aims to include voices of the marginalized and pastoral communities in climate resilience and in so doing, addressing gender balance in climate resilience in such communities.

2. Operating context (For the year)
The operating context of the voices for change partnership (V4CP) for 2019 was inclined to the national and county government policy intervention and enabling environment focus areas for climate resilience. As such and with the continuous increasing climate crisis in Kenya and accumulative climate vulnerability of the marginalized and pastoral communities in the northern parts of the country, the national government embarked on development of the national climate change action plan (NCCAP) to prioritize key sectors including but not limited to drought and disaster management, water and blue economy, waste management, forest wildlife and tourism, food and nutrition security, manufacturing and energy and transport for the resilience of the country and to achieve on the national determined contributions. Similarly, and as an enabling factor to the realization of Kenyan climate resilience and NDCs, the national government; through the national treasury (NDA); sought to contextualize and train county CSOs and officials on the climate finance; GCF mechanism; with an aim of exposing the counties to the existent financial opportunities.

At the county government level, Marsabit and Isiolo counties being very vulnerable to climate crisis and slightly insensitive to gender mainstreaming, the county government in partnership with other Civil Society (put together by V4CP project) aimed to have clear guiding policies and frameworks to build nexus between gender and climate mate resilience with the ultimate aim of better service delivery and improved livelihoods as is that of the voices for change partnership project. The V4CP project therefore;
within the two levels of the government; sought to organize civil society actors to lobby for the development and implementation of policy guidelines and frameworks at national and county levels.

3. Activities implemented during the year

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<td>Supporting county level V4CP CSO partners for continued lobbying and advocacy</td>
<td>V4CP created a platform in Marsabit and Isiolo Counties to act as entry points for climate resilience advocacy</td>
<td>• Marsabit and Isiolo Counties Climate Change Chapter formed</td>
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<td>V4CP organized for a cross learning between Marsabit and Isiolo County platforms to help in exchanging of ideas on advocacy and lobbying</td>
<td>• Advocacy areas for the two platforms identified.</td>
<td>• Planned matrix on advocacy developed for 2020</td>
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<td>Climate finance training</td>
<td>In partnership with the national treasury, the V4CP project trained Marsabit and Isiolo Counties CSOs and county government officials on GCF mechanisms.</td>
<td>• CSOs and County government official’s capacity on climate finance mechanisms increased.</td>
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<td>V4CP organized for the Kenyan Pre-COP workshop</td>
<td>• As part of the training, the TWENDE proposal finalist and submitted to GCF.</td>
<td>• TWENDE proposal awarded funding by GCF (under IUCN and NDMA)</td>
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<td>• Intervention and position paper on climate finance identified and developed respectively.</td>
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<td>Inclusion of V4CP CSO partners and representative pastoral communities CSOs into national climate governance</td>
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<td>• Marsabit and Isiolo County as well as V4CP partner resilience organizations placed under gender youth and marginalized</td>
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| **Influencing the NCCAP development process in partnership with CEMIRIDE** | **V4CP organized for a workshop for pastoral communities and national climate change directorate to ensure inclusion of their voices into the NCCAP II** | **Pastoral communities concerns and voices included as key priority area in NCCAP II**  
- The Kenyan in-depth gender analysis report in the context of Kenyan NDCs validated and adopted by CSOs  
- CSO engagement framework developed, validated, adopted and shared with CCD for operationalization. |
| **Development and operationalization of Gender mainstreaming tool kit** | **V4CP developed a gender mainstreaming tool kit for policy makers in Marsabit and Isiolo** | **The tool kit developed, validated and adopted by Marsabit and Isiolo Counties gender departments** |
| **In partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) organize for a national conference on climate induced migration** | **V4CP and FES organized and executed a national conference on climate induced migration** | **Content on loss and damage for the Kenyan position paper to COP 25 developed** |
| Training of V4CP CSO partners and pastoral CSOs from Marsabit on outcome harvesting. | | |

- Capacity of the V4CP partner CSOs raised on outcome harvesting  
- Outcomes of advocacy working groups of identified for learning and planning.
| Engagement with County policy makers and influencer to support operationalization of V4CP supported policy interventions | V4CP engaged Marsabit and Isiolo Counties policy makers and influencers to support V4CP climate resilience interventions in the counties | • Marsabit Climate Change Adaptation Policy approved by the cabinet  
• Isiolo County Climate Change Finance Policy operationalized |
| Supporting development and operationalization of the Marsabit County Climate Change Adaptation Policy | Supporting validation of the Marsabit County Climate Change Adaptation policy  
Engagement with Marsabit County CSO and Environmental Officers towards the implementation of the Marsabit County Climate Change Adaptation Policy | • Marsabit County Climate change Adaptation Policy validated and adopted.  
• Environmental Officers and CSOs capacity built of the various components of the policy for joint effort in implementation |

4. **Any other outcomes/results realized by the project that are not necessarily linked to activities implemented during this specific year.**
In the engagement with the national government, we have been able to strike soft partnerships with government parastatals including National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and National Environment Trust Fund (NetFund).
5. **Challenges encountered**

*Describe any challenges encountered and how they were mitigated*

The design of the project is aimed at not only working with the government but also with the private sector. Despite working so well with the government, the private sector has proved to be slightly challenging to bring on the table given the limited profit and interests from Marsabit County. To mitigate this challenge, we crafted a way that one of our resilience thematic group partners; Kenya Livestock Marketing Council (KLMC); given its direct and daily work with the private sector, helped in engaging the private sector.

6. **What worked well / Best practices / successes**

We successfully managed to engagement with the national and county governments. Similarly, the linkage between the national platforms for climate governance with the county platform chapters was well done. This were attributed to the continuous engagement with the coordinator of the national platform as well as distinctively knowing whom to approach at the national and county departments for climate change (working with the directors).

7. **Public relations:**

*Please use this box to attach any links about your project or project results e.g. media articles, articles in journals etc.*

https://www.pacija.org/snv-v4cp-meeting.php  
https://www.pacija.org/snv-marsabit.php