

REAP for Climate Resilience

The people least responsible for climate change continue to bear the biggest burden. BOMA is working to change that. We provide a pathway out of starvation-level poverty for the people most impacted by climate change. Participants receive education and training in business, finance and more over approximately 12-25 months. They also receive grants to start their own businesses — and, later, grants to grow or diversify those businesses — and regular support from BOMA mentors. BOMA has transformed the lives of more than 804,612 women, youth, and refugees in Africa, with a focus on regions heavily impacted by climate change.

REAP for Climate Resilience is a program developed by BOMA which incorporates indigenous knowledge and environmental considerations at every step. Participants graduate Green REAP having built a lasting livelihood that enriches themselves and their families — and which also gives back to local ecosystems including forests. In growing Green REAP, BOMA intends to bolster the upward mobility and climate resilience of the people and places most impacted by climate change.

KEY IMPACTS



Sustainable Enterprise

90% of participants have shifted away from extractive livelihoods and into sustainable green enterprises (ex. tree nurseries, aloe and honey production).



Political Participation

53% of participants have joined their local community conservation group and are taking the lead in forest management and restoration.



Resource Conservation

Deforestation has reduced dramatically, and more than 40,500 tree seedlings have been planted.

"REAP for Climate Resilience" incorporates environmental considerations into every step of poverty graduation programming, from the market assessment and design of small businesses to the systems change needed to bring green products to market and sustainably manage the natural resources on which entrepreneurs and their communities depend. The steps of this approach include:



TARGETING



CO-CREATE



TRANSFER



TRAINING



MENTORING



SAVINGS



LINKAGES



What is REAP for Climate Resilience?

BOMA is empowering the people and places most impacted by climate change with a new program that helps women, youth, and refugees to build lasting livelihoods and escape the vicious cycle of extreme poverty:

- ◎ Sees the climate crisis as inextricably linked to extreme poverty, especially in the Sahel and arid and semi-arid drylands of Africa, and so it's addressing them together.
- ◎ Puts women, youth, refugees and indigenous groups at the forefront of climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- ◎ Delivers climate change funding where it is most needed.
- ◎ Helps participants and communities develop businesses which help to maintain, protect, and restore local environments. This includes the production of forest honey, aloe, gums and resins, and biomass briquettes.
- ◎ By the time they graduate from a program, participants will have traded destructive livelihoods like charcoal collection for "green" livelihoods that give back to the environment.
- ◎ Incentives and rewards reforestation at zero additional cost to donors and government.
- ◎ Tested in Kenya in 2020 and is now being rolled out across northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia.
- ◎ Developed by BOMA, with financing from the Climate Justice Resilience Fund and in partnership with the Kenya Forest Service.
- ◎ Each dollar invested in Green REAP is expected to double in value as participating communities increase their incomes and regenerate their forests.
- ◎ Is locally-developed, locally-managed, and locally-led.

BOMA'S MISSION

BOMA's mission is to provide the people and governments of Africa's drylands with economic inclusion programs that increase resilience to multiple crises. Our vision is to see the end of extreme poverty in Africa's drylands by building lasting resilience to economic and environmental shocks.

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