



CAMGEW



“Engaging women and girls is essential to build a society that lives and thrives in harmony with nature.”

Sevidzem Ernestine Leikeki

Indigenous women preserve the Kilum Ijim forest, transforming lives and local economy

Project start: 2011, Award year: 2019

CAMGEW engages ethnic women in reforestation and organic farming, preventing soil erosion and bushfires. They rely on cultural, religious and solidarity groups to provide agroforestry education to 50,000 women, as well as counseling for young victims of domestic violence. Gender parity in the 7 forest institutions’ executive boards has transformed patriarchal relations in the local communities. 1,600 women were trained on tree nursing, bee farming, business and marketing skills. 5 honey cooperatives were founded, as well as 100 MSMEs that produce beeswax, honey juice, soap and candles. Women have control over the entire value chain, while strengthening their communities’ resilience.



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UNIQUE VALUE

What’s special about this project

- ▶ CAMGEW fosters a unique scheme of social entrepreneurship focused on tree nursery, bee-keeping and transformed by-products, which rely on raising women’s technical knowledge and self-confidence. This model fosters women’s socio-economic empowerment and boosts the local economy.
- ▶ The project promotes strong cooperation and knowledge sharing between local communities and public authorities, research institutes and foundations, ensuring continuous learning for sustainable forest and biodiversity protection.



AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ The grant was used to build the entrepreneurial capacities of 19 young women to consolidate the local honey value chain, as well as to conduct COVID-19 response measures.
- ▶ CAMGEW improved their outreach with 6,000 more women joining in forest protection activities, environmental education and women’s rights counselling.

TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



50,000 beneficiaries of forest conservation education



400 women farmers trained on agroforestry practices



5 honey cooperatives created for 2,000 bee farmers



Gender parity in the executive board of 7 community forest institutions, where women were previously excluded



Community-based and ecosystem-based coastal management



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