

# FACILITATION GUIDE • adapt Water



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# **FOREWORD**

## Welcome to Y-Adapt!

Climate change is happening. Impacts are projected to become increasingly severe. Youth can be important agents of change in raising awareness and taking action.

'Y-Adapt' or 'Youth Adapt' is an interactive, games-based curriculum. It educates, engages and inspires youth to act in their communities to adapt to climate change.

Y-Adapt Water is an add-on to the original Y-Adapt curriculum, to help youth understand the importance of water in climate change impacts and in adaptation. It provides new materials and information on how to highlight water in the seven Y-Adapt sessions.

## How to use the Y-Adapt Water Guide

This facilitation guide makes direct reference to the original Y-Adapt content and Facilitation Guide which are needed to implement the Water Guide.

## Why focus on water?

Water is at the centre of climate change. Most climate impacts are linked to water and as climate change is becoming more severe, many communities are struggling with too much water (floods, sea level rise, etc.) or too little water (droughts). The way we manage water is therefore an important part of adaptation.

When following below steps alongside the standard Y-Adapt methodology, youth will understand the most important links between water and climate change in their community, and be able to develop local adaptation actions that pay special attention to water.



### How does Y-Adapt create real world change?

- Knowledge and Sharing Youth learn about climate change and its impacts and can share their experiences with other youth around the world.
- Community Youth engage their local communities on climate change action and become part of the global Y-Adapt community.
- Action Youth work together to adapt resources in their community to reduce climate change impacts and become more climate resilient.

#### **Running Y-Adapt**

Youth:	This curriculum is designed for youth aged 13-25
Training:	Facilitators should be trained in the methodology
Inclusive:	Strive for an inclusive, gender balanced participant selection
Sessions:	7 sessions, that take approximately 1 hour each – see time guides
Duration:	<u>Recommended</u> to run 1 or 2 modules per week over 3-4 weeks
Intensive:	It is possible to run Y-Adapt intensively over 3 days
Action:	After module 6, youth have 6-8 weeks to implement their action plan
Monitor:	Progress is innovatively monitored through youth-led photo diaries
Evaluate:	Actions are documented in 'Adaptation Cards' to evaluate outputs
Inspire:	Y-Adapt actions are shared globally to inspire more youth-led action!

#### **Specialist Sessions**

See the separate 'Y-Adapt Optional Sessions' booklet for specialised topics.



# 1. Introduction

## **Real World Goals**

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Materials	Print the special "Water Adaptation Cards". Use them in addition to the regular Adaptation Cards
To Do	<ol> <li>Choose the Water and Regular Adaptation Cards that are most relevant to your context.</li> </ol>
	2. On the large piece of paper or chalkboard, add one more category: "Focuses on Water" are the solutions presented responding to a water challenge? and add: "0-5", to show the number of points participants can gain.
	Similarly, for the judges' score cards, add the new "Focuses on Water" category



January

#### **Preparation – Water**

# **Activity 1 – Adaptation Competition**

#### Set-up

- 1. Place the paper, pens etc. in the room for youth to use.
- 2. Give the judges their score cards. Explain the criteria and bonus points if another team asks a good question, they are awarded a point.
- 3. Stick the competition criteria on a wall, visible for all.

#### Introductions

- 1. Stand on one side of the room. Tell youth this point is January.
- 2. Ask youth to make a circle ordered by the month of their birthday.
- 3. To win, youth need to do this in 1 minute!
- 4. Once in a circle, check if the order is correct.
- 5. Tell everyone your name and favourite place in your community.
- 6. Starting with January birthdays, ask youth to say their name and favourite place in their community. Continue in order.

#### Instructions

1. Read the following statement:

"Welcome to Y-Adapt! Y-Adapt stands for Youth Adapt. We're going to complete 7 interactive sessions. Through games, fun activities and challenges you'll learn what climate change is, its impacts around the world and how it may affect you and your community. At the end of Y-Adapt you'll work together to make an action plan to adapt to climate change in your community. You'll then have time to carry it out in real life, helping to make your community more climate resilient. We aim to capture your experiences on an adaptation card just like this one [show adaptation card], to inspire other youth around the world to take action!"



After you read the "Welcome to Y-Adapt" statement to the youth, read the following:

"This is a special version of Y-Adapt, called 'Y-Adapt Water.' You will learn how water and climate are connected and why water is an important part of climate adaptation. We will also pay special attention to water in your community, so you can plan the best actions to make your community climate resilient. These adaptation cards are examples of how to connect water and climate in your community!"

- 2. Give each youth an adaptation card. 3 minutes to read the card.
- 3. Youth should form pairs. Give the pairs 3 minutes to:
  - a. Discuss each card and choose the one they find most inspiring.
  - b. Return the cards they did not select to the facilitator.
- 4. Merge the pairs into 3 large groups. Give the groups 5 minutes to discuss each selected adaptation card and choose the one they find most inspiring.
- 5. Explain that we will have an adaptation competition!
  - a. Each group presents their adaptation card in a creative way. Perhaps a role-play, song, dance, poem, letter or drawing?
  - b. 15 minutes to prepare before the competition starts.
  - c. Judges score the presentations on 6 criteria, worth 0-5 points each:
    - Realistic (0-5)
    - How realistic was the action plan? • Participation (0-5) Were all the youth in the group involved?
    - Youth-led (0-5)
    - Creativity (0-5)
    - Time limit (0-5)
- Was the action clearly youth led? How creative was the presentation?
- 3 minutes. 1 point lost for each minute over
- Focuses on water (0-5)
- Was it clearly related to water? (see preparation)
- 6. Presentation time! Each group presents their adaptation card.
- 7. Judges share 1 highlight from each presentation and announce the winner.



Competition time! Creatively present a youth-led adaptation



#### Debrief

Ask the youth to discuss the questions below with their neighbour (in pairs). After each question, ask for a few examples to share with the whole group.

- a. Can you think of something similar between the adaptation cards?
- b. Can you think of something different between the adaptation cards?
- c. Which adaptation cards might be relevant to your community?
- d. What is one key insight you have gained from the Adaptation Competition?
- e. Out of all the Adaptation Cards you have seen, which one/s do you think could be most relevant to water management in your community?

#### **Session 1 Closing**

- 1. Congratulations, we've completed Session 1 of Y-Adapt!
- 2. We've seen youth-led climate change adaptation in communities around the world.

## Water management

When we talk about "water management", we mean all activities that are related to how we use water, for example to drink, clean or water plants, how we share water in our communities and with the environment, and how we protect ourselves from too much water during a flood or as the sea level raise. Water management also includes taking care of infrastructure like wells and irrigation channels.

3. In the next session we will explore the causes of climate change and how it is exacerbating extreme weather events and hazards around the world.



# 2. Climate Change Challenge

## **Real World Goals**

1.	Climate and Weather	Explore the difference between climate and weather. [10 mins]
2.	Seasonal Calendar A	Record the climate in your community in a seasonal calendar. [10 mins]
		Understand how climate change affects the water cycle and why this matters for communities
3.	Greenhouse Gas Game	Understand the greenhouse effect and global impacts through an energetic game. [30 - 40 mins]
4.	Investigation	Find out if climate has changed in your community. [10 mins]
Pr	reparation	
M	aterials	1. Printed 'Climate debrief cards' – [Resources]
		2. 1 large sheet of paper for the seasonal calendar
		3. 50 small pieces of scrap paper or beans in a container
		<ol> <li>String or chalk to mark out a large circle. IMPORTANT: do not use any materials the players could trip over</li> </ol>
		5. Sheets of paper – A4 size
		6. Markers



To Do

1. On a large piece of paper (stick 2 pieces of flip chart together), make an outline seasonal calendar, as in the image.



- 2. Write the following words on different sheets of paper: HOT / COLD / RAINY / DRY / TODAY'S WEATHER. Add a fifth row – WATER
- 3. Write the following sentences on different pieces of A4 paper and stick together:
  - a. My birthday month is...
  - b. 30 years ago
  - c. Was it colder or hotter or the same?
  - d. Was it wetter or drier or the same?

Then add a piece of paper with the following sentence: "Was there more or less water available (e.g. for drinking, housework agricultural irrigation, etc.)?"



# **Activity 1 – Climate and Weather**

### Set-up

- 1. Place the 'HOT' paper at one end of the room and the 'COLD paper at the opposite end of the room.
- 2. Place the 'DRY' paper on one side of the room and the 'RAINY' paper on the opposite side of the room.

#### Instructions

1. Explain the difference between climate and weather:

Weather	Conditions like rain, temperature and wind at a time and place
Climate	What the weather is normally like (the average) over a long
	period of time (more than 30 years) in a specific area

- 2. Ask the youth to 'answer with their feet' to show the weather right now.
  - a. If the weather is 'hot and dry', stand between HOT and DRY cards.
  - b. If the weather is 'cold and rainy' stand between COLD and RAINY.
- 3. Discuss until everyone agrees and is standing in the same place.
  - a. Place the 'TODAY'S WEATHER' card where the youth are standing.
- 4. Ask youth to 'answer with their feet' to show the normal weather on their birthday. Think about as many birthdays as they can remember.
- 5. Start with the current month. Check to see if everyone with a birthday that month is standing in the same place. If not, ask them to discuss and agree.
- 6. Ask youth to look at where the 'TODAY'S WEATHER' card is placed.
  - a. Is it the same as the normal weather that month, or different?
- 7. Ask youth if they remember the difference between *climate* and *weather*. Explain:
  - a. The 'TODAY'S WEATHER' card shows what it is like outside now.
  - b. Where you are standing represents the climate in your birthday months. This is what the weather is normally like, based on as many birthdays as you can remember.





# Activity 2 – Seasonal Calendar A

### Set-up

- 1. Youth stay standing on the HOT-COLD-DRY-RAINY grid to show what the weather is normally like on their birthday.
- 2. Place the seasonal calendar on the floor in the centre of the group.

#### Instructions

- 1. Check if youth with January birthdays are standing in the same place to show normal January weather. If not, ask them to discuss and agree.
- 2. Ask a youth with a January birthday to record the normal weather on the seasonal calendar. For example, if it is normally cold and rainy in January, they tick cold ( $\sqrt{}$ ) and tick rainy ( $\sqrt{}$ ) under January on the grid.





Standing to show normal weather on your birthday

- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for February. Continue for all remaining months to fill the calendar.
- 4. If there are months with no birthdays, ask youth to agree on the normal weather and a volunteer to record it in the calendar.
- 5. Explain: We have created a seasonal calendar that shows the normal weather or climate each month in your community. We will return to this calendar later to show the changes over time.



## **Additional Instructions**

- After the groups for each month have agreed on one position on the 'answer with your feet grid' (Step 1), ask the groups to discuss whether there are normally any water-related problems during their birth month (Step 2), for example having to conserve water, difficulties to get water or having to water plants in the garden more than usual.
- If there are no water problems, the group's volunteer adds a tick (✓) to the grid, if there are problems, they add a cross (X).
- 3. Once all groups have added their answers to the seasonal calendar, discuss whether you can see a connection between the climate (HOT-COLD-DRY-RAINY) and the water availability for drinking, households work, agriculture/irrigation etc. (WATER) in your community.



# Activity 3 – Greenhouse Gas Game

#### Set-up

- 1. Holding hands, youth form the largest circle possible. Release hands and take two steps back.
- 2. Mark the outside of the circle using chalk or string.
- 3. Put the small circle in the centre of the large circle.
- 4. Make a starting line 3-5 metres from the large circle.
- 5. Put the heat cards in a container on the starting line.
- 6. If possible, appoint a co-facilitator to help during game play.



#### Instructions

- 1. Explain that the team with the most heat cards at the end wins.
- 2. In the circle, divide youth into 2 teams and ask them to count off A and B.
  - a. Team A is the 'heat team' and team B is 'greenhouse gas team'.
  - b. Ask youth to stay in the circle while you explain the game.
- 3. Explain the starting line represents the sun, the large circle represents the atmosphere and the small circle represents the earth.



- 4. Heat team starts behind the starting line, the 'sun'.
- 5. Heat team players:
  - a. Grab a heat card from the container on the starting line.
  - b. Run into the large circle to touch the earth with one foot.
  - c. Run back to the starting line area and give the heat card to the (co)-facilitator.
  - d. Pick up a new card and repeat this as many times as they can.
- 6. Greenhouse gas team run around the large circle, the atmosphere, trying to tag the Heat team.
  - a. Greenhouse gas team can only tag heat players AFTER they have entered the large circle, touched the earth, and are trying to escape back out.
  - b. Greenhouse gas team MUST always keep both feet on the large circle, facing inwards and moving sideways only.
- 7. If a heat player is tagged, they give their card to the greenhouse gas team player that tagged them and then sit out.
- 8. Demonstration: Ask one player of each team to demonstrate the rules.
- 9. At the start of game 2 greenhouse gas players start on the large circle. The others stand at the side. Every 10 seconds the facilitator adds a greenhouse gas player to the circle.
- 10. The game ends after 3 minutes.
- 11. At the end of 3 minutes add up the TOTAL number of cards that the heat team retrieved and gave to the facilitator. This is their score.
- 12. Heat cards that the Heat team gave to the greenhouse gas players should be returned to the starting line. These do not count towards the scores.
- 13. Teams swap roles and play again for 3 minutes.
- 14. Announce the winner.



## Debrief

- 1. Lay out the 'climate debrief cards' in the order of the image below.
- 2. Ask the youth:
  - a. What did you experience playing this game?
  - b. What do you think this game represents?
- 3. Using the 'climate debrief cards', have a mini-lecture to explain what the game represents. Read cards 1 to 4 first to describe the greenhouse effect (card 1) being impacted by human activities (card 2), leading to global warming (card 3), which intensifies the water cycle and impacts our weather systems over time (card 4) and leads to climate change.



- 4. Ask youth to name extreme weather events and hazards that are happening more often or becoming bigger due to climate change. Ask them to look at the images for ideas!
- 5. Discuss that extreme weather events can be rapid onset events, such as heavy rain leading to flooding, or slow onset events, such as extreme heat leading to drought.
- 6. Recap the sequence of the greenhouse effect to hazards going through each picture consecutively.
  - a. As you talk, ask youth to give the key terms i.e. 'greenhouse effect', 'human activities', 'global warming', 'water cycle', 'climate change'
- 7. Ask one youth to volunteer to lead the recap themselves.

As you explain climate change during the debrief (Cards 1-4), highlight the water cycle (Card 4) as the key link between climate change and impacts on humans and the environment. You can use the information below to explain how climate change affects the water cycle, and how this in turn has impacts on communities and ecosystems.



# **Activity 4 – Investigation**

#### Set-up

1. Stick the prepared investigation questions up next to the seasonal calendar.

#### Instructions

- When youth go home, they should ask elders the investigation questions. Make sure they write down their answers to bring to the next session.
  - a. For example, if the youth's birthday is in January, they would ask:
    - Was January hotter or colder or the same, 30 years ago?
      - Was January wetter or drier or the same, 30 years ago?



#### Session 2 Closing

- 1. Congratulations we have completed Session 2 of Y-Adapt!
- 2. We have learned the difference between weather and climate.
- 3. We have seen how human activities releasing greenhouse gases leads to climate change, which exacerbates extreme weather events and hazards around the world (makes them bigger or happen more often.)
- 4. In the next session, we will look at the impacts of climate change at the local level in your community.



# *Textbox:* **Climate impacts on water**

The earth has a limited amount of water. It keeps going around in what we call the "water cycle." Climate change affects each part of this cycle:

• Evaporation: Warm air can hold more water than cold air. As temperatures increase with climate change, more water evaporates from land and ocean surfaces. This can cause or intensify **droughts** in some parts of the world.



- **Condensation:** When water vapor rises in the air, it turns back to liquid water and forms clouds as it reaches colder layers of the atmosphere. While this happens, wind moves the water farther and farther away from where it evaporated. As the atmosphere warms, the air can hold more water before condensation and clouds may only form far away from the warm, dry regions where the water evaporated.
- **Precipitation:** More evaporation means that there is more water in the air, which can lead to more intense rainfall. In some areas, precipitation is predicted to increase with climate change; however, this does not mean that rainfall will be evenly distributed throughout the year. Instead, extreme rainfall events that can lead to **floods** are increasing, while precipitation during dry seasons is actually decreasing. As temperatures increase, snowfall also becomes rarer and precipitation falls as rain.
- **Collection:** More intense rainfall leads to sudden spikes in river flow that can flood nearby areas. Higher evaporation and the lack of spread-out rainfall impacts groundwater recharge, as water does not reach underground aquifers. Close to the coast, lower groundwater levels and sea level rise due to climate change can cause seawater to leak into the groundwater, making the water salty. In mountainous regions, snowmelt during spring and summer makes sure that local ecosystems have enough water during dry seasons. As snowfall decreases, this buffer is increasingly lost.



### **Climate impacts on the water cycle (continued)**

These changes in the water cycle have impacts on communities and ecosystems.

- Water-related hazards: There is high confidence that the global water cycle will continue to intensify as global temperatures rise. This means that flooding from tropical cyclones (otherwise known as hurricanes or typhoons) is very likely to be more severe, and in many regions monsoon rainfall will intensify. There is high confidence that extreme rainfall will increase in almost all regions, even in locations around the world where the average total rainfall in a rainy season is projected to decrease.
- Water availability: Scientists are highly confident that climate change has led to an increased likelihood, severity and impact of droughts in many regions. Droughts pose a stress on the availability of water for drinking and for agriculture. In future, there is high confidence that as temperatures rise there will be a decrease in soil moisture in areas such as southern Africa and the Mediterranean and south-western South America, as well as tropical regions including the Amazon basin and Central America. It is also very likely that by the end of the century rainfall variability associated with El Nino and La Nina events will increase.
- Water quality: "Water quality is also affected by climate change, as higher water temperatures and more frequent floods and droughts are projected to exacerbate many forms of water pollution from sediments to pathogens and pesticides".<sup>i</sup>

These examples show that through water, climate change has impacts on the water and food security and health of people, affects their livelihoods if there is not enough clean water available to farm crops or livestock, and makes extreme weather events more likely. Water plays a key role in climate change, and also in the way we can prepare and adapt to climate change impacts.

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#### Investigation

Use the prepared additional piece of paper to add an investigative question on water availability in the community 30 years ago. For example, youth will ask elders: In January, was there more, less or the same amount of water available than 30 years ago?



# 3. Map the Hazard

## **Real World Goals**

1.	Sinking Island	Introduce sea-level rise and flooding with a game. [10 mins]
2.	Hazard Map	Critically think through extreme weather events, hazards and impacts through a mapping challenge. <b>[30 - 40 mins]</b>
		Explore how extreme weather events and hazards are linked to water.
3.	Seasonal Calendar B	Discuss how climate has changed around you, by adding your investigation results to the seasonal calendar <b>[10 mins]</b>
4.	Future Change	See scientific projections on temperature and rainfall for 2100. Think about the two types of actions we can take; (i) to STOP climate change or (ii) to DEAL WITH its impacts <b>[10 mins]</b>

Preparation		
Materials	1.	Printed 'Extreme weather and hazard cards' [Resources]
	2.	Printed 'Future change card' [Resources]
	3.	Printed 'Taking action, CCA and CCM card' [Resources]
	4.	30 sheets of scrap paper, each roughly A4 size
	5.	Pens / pencils for all players
	6.	'Seasonal calendar' from session 2
	7.	Post-it notes / small pieces of paper in 4 colours



## Activity 1 – Sinking Island Set-up

- 1. Give each youth a piece of scrap paper, approximately A4 size.
- 2. Divide youth into groups of 4 6.
- 3. Groups arrange the papers on the floor to make an "island". The island can be any shape, but all the sheets must touch at least one other sheet.



Example 1



Example 2

## Instructions

- 1. Each group stands on their paper island. They represent a population.
- 2. Explain that sea level rise is making all the islands smaller. Each round there is a countdown. The last team to remain on their island wins the game.
- 4. Countdown from 10 to 1
  - a. If all team members remain safely on the island by not stepping off the paper they proceed to the next round!
- 5. Say many years have passed and the sea level has been rising. All remaining players step off the island. Remove 1 piece of paper from each island. Teams CANNOT rearrange their island.
- 6. Players get back on their islands. Countdown from 10 to 1 again and, teams that are safe can proceed to the next round.
- 7. Continue until there is one team left.
  - a. If multiple teams get down to 1 piece of paper, fold that piece of paper in half and play one last round.
- 8. Announce the winning team!





# Activity 2 – Hazard Map

- 1. Throughout this exercise, it is useful to reflect on how weather events and hazards relate to water, and the role water plays in how each hazard affects the community. Find more information on the links between each weather event/hazard and water in the Additional Materials 1.
- 2. *For Facilitators:* please review this table, which includes additional examples that are directly related to water.

For	Facil	litators
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	Extreme Weather & Climate Events	Hazards	Impacts
	Heatwaves	<ul> <li>Heatstroke</li> <li>Water shortage</li> <li>Water quality deterioration</li> <li>Increased malaria</li> <li>Dengue</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animals get sick or die</li> <li>People get sick or die</li> <li>Crops can die, leading to poor harvest.</li> <li>Not enough food</li> <li>Damaged forests and ecosystems</li> <li>Less fresh water</li> <li>Incomes are lost</li> </ul>
Extreme weather event	Drought	<ul> <li>Water shortage</li> <li>Groundwater level goes down</li> <li>Chemical contamination of groundwater (e.g. arsenic)</li> <li>Seawater intrusion</li> <li>Wind erosion</li> <li>Desertification</li> <li>Increased risk of wildfires</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animals get sick or die</li> <li>People get sick or die</li> <li>Less or no crops, leading to poor or no harvest</li> <li>Less fresh water</li> <li>Incomes are lost</li> <li>Financial losses</li> <li>Fish die because of low river flow</li> <li>Displacement of people</li> </ul>
Η	Extreme Rainfall	<ul> <li>Flooding</li> <li>Flash -floods</li> <li>Land-slide</li> <li>Mud-slide</li> <li>Erosion</li> <li>Surface and ground water contamination</li> <li>Seawater intrusion</li> <li>Increased water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animal get hurt or die</li> <li>People get hurt or die</li> <li>Contaminated water</li> <li>Crops can be washed away</li> <li>Animals and people can drown</li> <li>Houses and other water infrastructure can be damaged</li> <li>Displacement</li> </ul>



	Storms tropical storm, cyclone, typhoon	<ul> <li>Severe wind</li> <li>Storm surge</li> <li>Flooding</li> <li>Damage on water infrastructure and hence failure of the water supply system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animal get hurt or die</li> <li>People get hurt or die</li> <li>Incomes are lost</li> <li>Loss of incomes</li> <li>Crops can be damaged</li> </ul>
vent	Changing Rainfall Patterns	<ul> <li>Delayed or early rainfall</li> <li>Infrequent and unpredictable rainfall</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Crops can die</li> <li>Damage forests and ecosystems</li> <li>Incomes are lost</li> <li>Interrupted transportation</li> <li>Financial losses</li> <li>Shortage of water and fresh water</li> </ul>
Climate er	Increased Temperatures	<ul> <li>Increased malaria, dengue and mosquito prone disease</li> <li>Sea Level rise</li> <li>Increased evaporation</li> <li>Groundwater level goes down</li> <li>Seawater intrusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animals get sick</li> <li>People get sick</li> <li>Less or no crops</li> <li>Not enough food</li> <li>Damaged forests and ecosystems</li> <li>Less fresh water</li> <li>Water shortages</li> </ul>

## Set-up

- 1. Divide 'Extreme weather event cards' and 'hazard cards' in 2 separate piles.
- 2. Divide the youth into 4 groups.



#### Instructions

#### Part 1:

- 1. Give groups 3 minutes to write a list of extreme weather events that impact their community.
- 2. Each group should pick one extreme weather event from their list.
- 3. Each group now has 5 minutes to create a series of 3 'freeze frames'.
- 4. Using only their bodies and freezing in place, just like a photograph, groups must show (i) the beginning, (ii) middle and (iii) end of how the extreme weather event impacts their community.
- 5. Each group presents their 3 freeze frame photographs. The facilitator can introduce by saying; 'Freeze frame 1', Freeze frame 2', Freeze frame 3'.
- 6. The other groups watch and guess what the sequence of events is.



#### Part 2:

- 1. Youth stay in the 4 groups.
- 2. Place the 'extreme weather event cards' in a circle facing outwards.
- 3. Ask youth if any of these extreme weather events do NOT happen in their community? If yes, remove these cards from the circle.
- 4. Distribute all the 'hazard cards' between the 4 groups.
- 5. Ask youth if any of the hazards do NOT happen in their community. Groups should return these cards to the facilitator.
- 6. Groups should place the hazard cards under the extreme weather event cards that causes that hazard. Example: Heavy rain can cause floods; therefore, you could place the 'floods' card under the 'heavy rain' card.

#### Part 3:

- 1. Ask youth to return to their 4 groups.
- 2. Ask youth to think about the impacts of the hazards in their community.



- 3. Ask if the hazards impact different groups of people in different ways. For example, how does a flood affect children, youth, elderly, men, women?
- 4. Explain that the same hazard can impact different people in different ways. For example, flooding may cause a school to close. This impacts youth as their education stops, teachers are impacted as their income may stop and farmers may be affected as crops could fail. These are 'differentiated impacts.' It is important to think about this when planning actions.
- 5. Give each group 4 pieces of paper in 4 colours. Assign each colour:
  - a. Colour 1 represents youth
  - b. Colour 2 represents men and boys
  - c. Colour 3 represents women and girls
  - d. Colour 4 represents a social group of the youth's choice
- 6. Groups choose a hazard and write the impacts on relevant coloured papers.





- 7. Add the impact papers to the map, under the relevant hazard.
- 8. Repeat 6 and 7 until youth are happy impacts are captured or time runs out.



Adding differentiated impacts to a hazard map



#### Part 4:

- Ask each youth to choose 1 extreme weather event or hazard that happens most OFTEN in their community. They draw a tick (√) on that card. They cannot choose their coloured impact papers.
- 2. Ask each youth to choose 1 extreme weather event or hazard that has the biggest IMPACT in their community. They draw a star (\*) on that card. They cannot choose their coloured impact cards.



- 3. Select the 5 cards that have the most ticks and stars combined.
- 4. Write these top 5 extreme weather events and hazards on separate papers.

#### **Additional water related**

- 5. In addition to voting on the most frequent (✓) and most impactful (\*) weather events and hazards, participants should also choose ONE extreme weather or hazard that has a big impact on access to water in the community. To show this they can draw a circle (○) on the relevant card.
- 6. When selecting the top 5 extreme weather events and hazards, briefly discuss how each of them relates to water. The table in the Additional Materials 1 can help you.



# Activity 3 – Seasonal Calendar B

## Set-up

- 1. Stick the seasonal calendar from session 2, activity 2 up on a wall or board.
- 2. Add the top 5 extreme weather events and hazards, chosen by the youth in Session 3 to the seasonal calendar, below the weather conditions.



#### Instructions

- 1. Ask youth to make a semi-circle around the seasonal calendar in order of their birthday month.
- 2. Ask a volunteer to stand at the calendar with a marker pen.
- 3. Starting with the top ranked extreme weather event and hazard. Ask the youth if this happens in January. They should shout 'Yes!' or 'No!'
- 4. If 'Yes', the volunteer should draw a tick mark ( $\sqrt{}$ ) under January.
- 5. If 'No', the volunteer leaves the space blank.
- 6. Repeat step 3 with the remaining months. Try to do it as quickly as possible!
- 7. Repeat with the remaining four top hazards.



## **Review Investigation**

- 1. Ask youth to discuss with others in their birthday month their investigation findings -asking elders about how the weather has changed.
- 2. Each 'month' should agree whether the normal or average weather today is:
  - a. Hotter, colder or the same as compared to 30 years ago?
  - b. Wetter, drier or the same as compared to 30 years ago?
- 3. Ask 1 youth from each month to add their findings to the seasonal calendar.
- 4. Use arrows or equals symbols to show how the normal weather conditions (hot, cold, rainy or dry) may have changed over the last 30 years.



5. Document the change in water availability in the Seasonal Calendar (WATER) alongside the changes in temperature and rainfall.

## **Future Change**

- 1. Explain that the seasonal calendar shows their experience of what the normal weather is like in their community and how it may have changed.
- 2. Explain that we can also use scientific information to learn more about how the climate is changing.
- 3. Show youth the 'future change' resource card, showing how temperature and rainfall is predicted to change between now and the year 2100.
- 4. Read the back of the card and talk through the discussion points.
- 5. Highlight how temperature and rainfall are expected to change between now and the year 2100 based on the *Resource cards*. Then discuss what these changes would mean for water availability in the *Additional Materials* 2.

## **Taking Action**

- 1. Discuss that there are two types of action we can take on climate change:
  - a. Actions to STOP climate change from getting worse: 'Mitigation.'
  - b. Actions to DEAL WITH the impacts of climate change: 'Adaptation.'
- 2. Explain 'Climate Change Mitigation' by talking through the resource card. Discuss to effectively stop climate change getting worse, we need all the countries in the world to agree to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

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- 3. Explain 'Climate Change Adaptation' by talking through the resource card.
- 4. Ask the youth which type of action Y-Adapt focuses on. Ask if they remember the adaptation cards in session 1.
- 5. Discuss that Y-Adapt focuses on youth-led climate change ADAPTATION: youth-led action to deal with climate change and reduce impacts in your communities.

When explaining Climate Change Adaptation (Step 3), read out the "Climate Change Adaptation" resource card, then add the following: "*As we have learned so far, almost all climate impacts are related to water. The way we manage water therefore is an important part of adaptation.*"

## Debrief

- 1. Ask the questions below. Youth can discuss with the person next to them:
  - a. Review the weather, hazards, and impacts map. What do you notice?
  - b. Review the updated seasonal calendar. Did anything surprise you?
  - c. Review the updated seasonal calendar. Can you see how weather, climate and water are linked?

#### **Session 3 Closing**

- 1. Congratulations, we have completed Session 3 of Y-Adapt!
- 2. Remember in Session 2 we saw the link between greenhouse gases, global warming, climate change and extreme weather events across the world? In Session 3, we saw the links between extreme weather and the impacts in your community. The chain is getting complete!
- 3. We discussed actions to stop climate change, and actions to deal with climate change. In the next sessions you will plan your own actions to deal with climate change in your community. We'll start by prioritising important people, places and things (resources) and thinking about how these interact as systems.



## **Additional Materials 1 (Session 3)**

# Water dimensions of Extreme Weather and Hazard cards

Nearly all extreme weather events and hazards are related to water – some in more obvious ways than others. This table provides an overview to help explain these connections to the youth. At the same time, keep in mind that water is not the only reason for all the hazards. Many other factors can also increase the likelihood of hazards, for example environmental and human factors such as changes in land use or tree cutting can increase the likelihood of landslides after strong rainfall.

You can discuss the following extreme weather and climate events with your group, you can focus on the ones that are relevant for your context.

Extreme weather & cl	imate events			
Storms	Tropical storms bring more rainfall, as the warm air can hold more water. Their impact is more severe than other			
	nazard events.			
Heatwaves	Extreme heat or heatwaves leads to higher evaporation. At			
	the same time, humans, animals and plants need more water			
	to stay healthy during a heatwave.			
Drought	Droughts are caused by the absence of water. Climate			
	change will make droughts longer and more frequent in			
	many parts of the world. The rainy season will be shorter,			
	involve less rainfalls or taking place at a different time of the			
	year in many regions.			
Extreme rainfall	Extreme rainfall events are becoming more frequent,			
	because more water is evaporating into the warmer air. This			
	means short duration and heavy rainfall trend is increasing			
	than earlier times.			
Changing rainfall	While extreme rainfall events are increasing in frequency in			
patterns	many parts of the world, rainfall in between these extreme			
	events is often decreasing. This means that the dry and wet			
	seasons that we know now are changing over time, and			
	rainfall is becoming more unpredictable, variable or out-of-			
	season rainfall			



Increased temperatures (both average and extreme temperature)	The increase in temperature leads to more evaporation, which causes extreme rainfall events and decreases the amount of surface water available to humans and the environment.
Hazards	
Heatstroke	The body needs water to regulate its temperature. Heat strokes happen when one spends too much time in the direct sun or very hot areas, while not drinking enough water, so the body cannot cope with the heat.
Dengue, malaria and	Dengue, malaria and other diesis transmitted by mosquitoes
other diseases	will increase due to climate change. Mosquitoes breed in
transmitted by	stagnant waters such as lakes or puddles of rainwater or
mosquitos	floodwater. Increase of rainfalls create good condition for
	mosquitos. Mosquitos also like warm temperatures and are
	spreading faster due to climate change in many regions.
Increased risk of	Droughts cause wildfires to break out and spread faster
wildfires	because grasses and trees, can dry out and become more
	flammable. Drought can also increase the probability of
	ignition.
Water shortage	Water shortages can be caused by the lack of water in
	sources of drinkable water (lake, well, etc.), for example
	during droughts, or by bad water quality, which means that
	the water cannot be used in the way it is needed (for
Descrification	Descrification is the description are seen by which a fartile
Desertification	land changes itself into a desert by losing its flora and fauna. Desertification is caused by prolonged droughts and severe water scarcity.
Flooding	Flooding is caused by extreme rainfall events. In coastal
	areas, it can also be caused by tropical storms, and in
	temperate areas (mild temperature areas located between
	the subtropical and the polar region), high rates of snowmelt
	can cause river flooding.
Flash floods	Flash floods are caused by high-intensity rainfall events that
	are happening suddenly and usually over a short period of
	time.
Landslide	Too much water, for example after an extreme rainfall event,
	can trigger landslides.



Erosion	Fast-flowing water, for example during floods, has a lot of energy in it and can take soil and other things with it as it flows across the land. This is why floods often cause a lot of erosion and eventually trigger landslides.					
Storm surge	Storm surges are a type of coastal flooding. Storm surges are primarily caused by the strong winds and low pressure associated with a tropical cyclone (such as a hurricane or typhoon) They can pollute coastal water resources with sea water, leading to salinization.					
Sea level rise	Global warming is causing sea level rise by melting the glaciers and ice sheet and adding water in the ocean. Furthermore, the volume of ocean in expanding due to warm water. It can lead to seawater intrusion into coastal groundwater, which pollutes the groundwater with salty water and makes it unsuitable for many uses.					
Infrequent and unpredictable rainfall	Unpredictable rainfall patterns mean that farmers cannot rely on rainfall for their crops. Instead, they need to use irrigation, which uses up valuable water resources.					
Delayed or early rainfall	Unpredictable rainfall patterns mean that farmers cannot rely on rainfall for their crops to avoid drought. Instead, they need to use irrigation, which uses up valuable water resources.					
Increased evaporation	Increased evaporation means that more water is lost from local surface water, especially from lakes. This reduces the amount of water available to drink for humans and to support thee ecosystem.					
Ground water depletion	A significant reduction in the amount of groundwater or groundwater water-level declines due to sustained groundwater pumping/ extraction.					
Mudslide	It's mass movement of mud or heavily saturated soil, down a hill or steep slope. It occurs due to water accumulation, and that causes rapid soil erosion on a steep slope.					
Erosion	Erosion, especially in the coastal area occurs when rising sea levels, powerful wave dynamics, and coastal flooding collectively erode, remove, or transport rocks, soils, and sands along the shoreline.					



Salt water/Sea water	Saltwater intrusion is when seawater infiltrates the coastal					
intrusion	groundwater systems due to natural cycles or human					
	interventions. This results in saline water from wells and					
	pumps unfit for drinking or other water usage.					
Water scarcity	When there is not enough water to meet the needs of all					
	people.					
Wildfire	Increased temperature causes trees or green vegetation to					
	dry off or die due to water scarcity, and moisture leads to					
	wildfire.					



#### Additional Materials 2 (session 3)

#### **Activity 3: Future Change Water**

The following overview of future water availability was compiled by the <u>United</u> <u>Nations</u> in 2022:

- About two billion people worldwide don't have access to safe drinking water today (<u>SDG Report 2022</u>), and roughly half of the world's population is experiencing severe water scarcity for at least part of the year (<u>IPCC</u>). These numbers are expected to increase, exacerbated by climate change and population growth (<u>WMO</u>).
- Only 0.5 per cent of water on Earth is useable and available freshwater and climate change is dangerously affecting that supply. Over the past twenty years, terrestrial water storage including soil moisture, snow and ice has dropped at a rate of 1 cm per year, with major ramifications for water security (WMO).
- Water supplies stored in glaciers and snow cover are projected to further decline over the course of the century, thus reducing water availability during warm and dry periods in regions supplied by melt water from major mountain ranges, where more than one-sixth of the world's population currently live (<u>IPCC</u>).
- Sea-level rise is projected to extend salinization of groundwater, decreasing freshwater availability for humans and ecosystems in coastal areas (<u>IPCC</u>).
- Limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared to 2°C would approximately halve the proportion of the world population expected to suffer water scarcity, although there is considerable variability between regions (<u>IPCC</u>).
- Water quality is also affected by climate change, as higher water temperatures and more frequent floods and droughts are projected to exacerbate many forms of water pollution from sediments to pathogens and pesticides (<u>IPCC</u>).
- Climate change, population growth and increasing water scarcity will put pressure on food supply (<u>IPCC</u>) as most of the freshwater used, about 70 per cent on average, is used for agriculture (it takes between 2000 and 5000 litters of water to produce a person's daily food) (<u>FAO</u>).



# Activity 4: Climate Change, Water Scarcity and Gender inequalities:

Climate change and less water availability (e.g. for drinking, house works, agriculture/irrigation, etc.) have deep and critical interrelation for gender inequality. In some of the following ways, these problems are linked:

#### • Disproportionate Impact on Women:

- In many countries, women and girls are primarily responsible for fetching water for their families. If there is water scarcity due to weather change or the negative impact of climate change, women and girls in many countries are forced to walk or travel extra paths to fetch water from far-away water sources for their family members. As a result, it poses additional stress on the women's daily life and also it worsen their health (SIWI & AGWA, n.d.).
- Water-borne diseases and the physical stress related to water management has a greater impact on women, especially during pregnancies or when taking care of young children (FAO, n.d.).
- Social norms can also impact negatively women and girls during a disaster as they might be lacking skills like swimming that in some contexts are only thought to men and boys (Farhana Sultana, 2018).
- **Gender-Based Violence:** As water supplies get lower, people can fight with each other over who gets to use them. In these cases, women and girls may be more likely to be abused because of their gender, especially if they have to walk a long way to get water or use shared facilities or if they are displaced (Farhana Sultana, 2018).
- Education: Girls may miss school because they have to collect water and do house work, which makes gender differences in education even worse. This lack of schooling can limit their future options and keep income and power differences between men and women (FAO, n.d.).
- **Participation in decision making**: While there is evidence-based research indicating that water management is more efficient when both women and men are involved in decision-making, the role of women in decision making-processes is still often limited (SIWI & AGWA, n.d.).
- **Intersectionality:** It's important to remember that climate change and lack of water don't affect everyone equally. Inequalities between men and women are compounded by race, socioeconomic status, and location, making some groups of women more vulnerable and giving them more problems to solve (Farhana Sultana, 2018).



To solve these problems, we need to understand how climate change and water insecurity affect people differently based on their gender and create policies and programs that support gender equity, make it easier for them to get resources, and give women and girls the tools they need to be involved in both adaptation, prevention and response efforts (Farhana Sultana, 2018).



# 4. See the System

## **Real World Goals**

1.	Systems Game	<ul><li>Explore how people, places and things (resources) fit into systems and interact with each other, through a competitive card game. [30 mins]</li><li>Understand the role that water resources play in your community</li></ul>
2.	Create Resources	Identify important people, places and things in your community in a fast-paced, team activity. Understand that climate change impacts a range of systems. [30 mins]

## Preparation

Materials	1. P	1. Printed 'System cards' [Resources]						
	2. P	rinted 'Resource cards' [Resou	rces]					
	3. P	rinted 'Blank resource cards' []	Resources]					
	4. 7	sheets of flipchart paper / larg	e sheets of paper					
	5. P	ens, pencils or markers for all	youth					
To Do	1. V o	Vrite the below titles with the n 7 different pieces of flip char	relevant example as a heading t paper.					
		Titles Examples						
		Organisations Village or City Council						
		Jobs/Work Farmer, Teacher						
		Structures Road, Bridge						
		Mobility/Communication Bicycle, Cell Tower						
		Knowledge School						
		Health Clinic, Doctor						
		Nature	Trees, River					
		Water River, Well						
	C	Drganisations e.g. 'city council' w	ould go on one paper.					
	'Jobs/work e.g. Farmer, Teacher' would go on a separate paper etc.							



## **Activity 1 – Systems Game**

You can make the game more focused on water by selecting the following *Resource Cards* instead of using the whole set: - Lake, Mangroves, Park, River, Well, Boat, Agricultural field, Garden, Forest, Trees

## Set-up

- 1. Divide youth into teams of 4 or 5 players. Games should have 3 6 teams.
- 2. Each team gets a set of 3 Systems Cards.
  - a. Two 'Regular' cards.
  - b. One 'Double points' card.
  - c. NOTE: Remove the 'Stop others from scoring' cards, unless playing the advanced version (instructions below).



## Instructions

#### Part 1

Each team writes a team name on the front of all their cards (the 'systems' side).

- 1. Use the garden card as an example. Ask players what are the benefits or roles of a garden for a community.
- 2. Explain we've identified 5 categories to describe the benefits or roles of resources.





- 3. Read out each of the 5 categories, and provide an example for each category.
  - a. **People:** Do people become smarter, more mobile, or healthier because of this?
  - b. **Social:** Is this a group, organisation, or person that helps your community? Or does this help people interact with each other?
  - c. Structure: Is this a man-made landscape or construction?
  - d. Nature: Is this part of the natural environment?
  - e. Livelihood: Does this provide money, income, food or jobs?
- 4. Looking at the garden card, we see that bubbles for Structure, Nature, and Livelihood are filled in. This is because we think garden fits into those systems:
  - a. **Structure:** a garden is a man-made landscape.
  - b. **Nature:** vegetables and fruit are all natural elements (not man-made).
  - c. **Livelihood:** a garden could provide food, e.g. if you plant tomatoes.
- 5. Explain that on these cards not all bubbles are filled in that need to be.
- 6. Ask the youth if they think 'people' or 'social' should be filled in on the back of the garden card? If yes, ask them to explain why. If no, ask if a garden

improves people's health. If someone gives a good reason why gardens improve peoples' health, you can also select 'people.'

7. Show that the systems on the back of the 'resource cards' are the same as on the back of the 'system cards.'

GARDEN
PEOPLE - Do people become smarter, more mobile, or healthier because of this?
SOCIAL - Is this a group, organisation, or person that helps your community? Or does this help people interact with each other?
STRUCTURE - Is this a man-made
landscape or construction?
<b>NATURE -</b> Is this part of the natural environment?
LIVELIHOOD - Does this provide money, income, food or jobs?
-
NAME:





#### Part 2

1. Place the following 'resource cards' picture side up for everyone to see.





- 2. Have the teams take one of the 'regular' systems cards.
- 3. Give teams a few minutes to do the following:
  - a. As a team, pick one of the 3 cards that are laid out (e.g. Agricultural Fields, Boat, or Factory).
  - b. As a team, think about whether this card fits into people, social, structure, nature, and/or livelihood.
  - c. If you think that the card fits into a system, fill in the system bubble on the 'regular' systems card.
- REGULAR

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   PEOPLE
   Do people become smarter, more mobile, or healthier because of this?

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   SOCIAL
   Is this a group, organisation, or person that helps your community? Or does this help people interact with each other?

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   SOCIAL
   Is this a group, organisation, or person that helps your community? Or does this help people interact with each other?

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   STRUCTURE
   Is this a man-made landscape or construction?

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   NATURE
   Is this part of the natural environment?

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   LIVELIHOOD
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   Is this a group, organisation, or person that helps your community? Or does this?

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   STRUCTURE
   Is this a man-made landscape or construction?

Is this part of the natural

LIVELIHOOD Does this provide food or jobs?

NATURE

- 4. Teams send 1 player to place their filled in
  - regular systems card face down on the resource card of their choice.





- 5. Show how scoring will work in the game:
  - a. Flip both the resource card and systems cards over
  - b. For each correct bubble filled in a team earns 1 point.
  - c. If a team has an incorrect bubble filled, they can argue why that card fits that category.
  - d. If a team can't argue why their bubble fits, they score zero points

#### EXAMPLE 1:

Team apples played on factory. They filled in social, structure, and livelihood. Factory has social, structure, and livelihood. <u>Team apples would receive 3 points.</u>

#### **EXAMPLE 2:**

Team bananas played on boat. They filled in structure and livelihood. Boat has structure, livelihood and people filled in. <u>Team bananas would receive 2 points.</u>

#### **EXAMPLE 3:**

Team oranges played on agricultural fields. They filled in people, structure, nature, and livelihood. Agricultural Fields only has structure, nature, and livelihood filled in. Team oranges now must argue why agricultural fields fits into people. Team oranges says, "Agricultural Fields give our community nutritious food, which makes people healthier." The facilitator judges that it is a valid argument. <u>Team oranges would receive 4 points</u>

#### **EXAMPLE 4:**

Team mangoes played on agricultural fields. They filled in people, social, structure, nature, and livelihood. Agricultural fields only has structure, nature, and livelihood filled. Team mangoes must argue why agricultural fields fits into people and social. They build on team oranges argument that food makes people healthy and the



facilitator likes their answer for people. However, they can't give a good argument for Social. <u>Team Mangoes would receive 0 in total for that card.</u>



#### Part 3

Play the example round before explaining these.

- 1. The game lasts for 3 rounds. The round you just did as an example counts as the first round.
- 2. Once a card is played, the facilitator will keep that card.
- 3. Teams can play any of their available cards that they want to.
- 4. Double Points will give the team double points if they are correct.

### **Advanced Version**

- 1. If you feel confident facilitating this game, you can add the card 'stop others from scoring.'
- Play 4 rounds instead of 3. Teams will use each card one time (2 regular cards; 1 double points card; 1 stop others from scoring card).
- 3. 'Stop others from scoring' card stops other teams that played on the same resource card as your team from scoring points.
- 4. 'Stop others from scoring' card only stops others if the card is correct.
- 5. If two teams play 'stop others from scoring' on the same resource card and both are correct, then they stop each other and both teams score zero.

## Debrief

- 1. Ask youth the questions below. They can discuss with the person next to them.
  - a. What did you learn in this game about resources in a community?
  - b. What was your strategy in this game?



# **Activity 2 – Create Resources**

## Set-up

- 1. Divide the youth into 8 groups and give each group a marker pen.
- 2. Stick up / place the 7 title flip chart papers (see preparations) around the room as spaced out as possible.
- 3. Divide youth into 8 groups instead of 7, and add the flip chart paper titled "Water" (see preparation).

## Instructions

#### Part 1:

- 1. Read out each title and example written up on the flipcharts.
- 2. Each group starts at a different title around the room.
- 3. Each group will have 1 minute to write down people, places, and things in THEIR community that they think fit into that category.
- 4. After 2 minutes, shout 'ROTATE.' Groups move clockwise to the next category where they will read what has been listed already and add new ideas to it.
- 5. Continue until all groups have had a turn at each category.
- 6. Each group takes the paper for their final category and lays them out on the floor, to create a line of the seven categories.





#### Part 2:

- 1. Give each youth a pen and ask them to do the following:
- 2. Draw ticks ( $\sqrt{}$ ) next to the people, places or things (resources) they think are most important.
- 3. Each youth can draw 3 ( $\sqrt{\sqrt{3}}$ ) ticks in total across all the resources, and can place them however they want:
  - a. They could put 1 tick next to 3 different resources.
  - b. If they think a resource is very important, they could give it all 3 ticks.
  - c. They could give 1 tick to 1 resource and 2 ticks to another



Ranking resources in your community with tick mark exercise

#### Part 3:

- 1. Give each youth a blank resource card. Ask them to write their name on it.
- 2. Ask youth to choose 1 priority person, place or thing from the lists:
  - d. Youth can choose anything that has a tick ( $\sqrt{}$ ) next to it.
  - e. Once they have chosen, they cross it out on the list and write its name on their blank resource card.
  - f. If something is already crossed out they can't choose it.
- 3. Youth draw what they chose on the front of the card. On the back, they should fill in the bubbles for the systems that it belongs to.
  - g. This step could be done at home if the youth bring the cards back.
- 4. Youth will choose one resource to create a resource card for. These cards will be needed in Session 5. Make sure they pick resources from the "Water" flip chart paper, and include them in Session 5 instead of pre-made cards.



## Debrief

Ask youth the question below. They can discuss with the person next to them.

a. What did you learn about resources in YOUR community?

## **Session 4 Closing**

- 1. Start the session closing like it is written in the standard guide: "We have seen how important people, places and things (resources) are connected in a community system. Changes in one can cause changes in the other."
- 2. Now you can use one of the following examples, which emphasise the role of water: If there is a drought and not enough water for the garden, imagine that not only the plants in the garden (ecosystem) are impacted, but also livestock and people may have less food to eat (livelihood, health). If a well gets damaged or dries out, people may not be able to get enough water, which can impact their health (people). They might also need to walk to another well, which might take more time and could hamper their jobs or school attendance. This may have different consequences for different groups based on their age, gender, abilities, etc.
- 3. Then finish the session closing like in the standard guide: *"These connections are also important when you design your adaptation plan...."*
- 4. Congratulations, we have completed Session 4 of Y-Adapt!
- 5. We have seen how important people, places and things (resources) are connected in a community system. Changes in one can cause changes in the other. For example: if a garden is flooded, vegetables (nature) may be destroyed meaning people have less food, or if people depend on the plants to sell then livelihoods are impacted. If the flood also impacts other ways of getting food such as livestock (nature), access to markets (structures) and jobs (livelihoods), this can be a big problem.
- 6. These connections are also important when you design your adaptation plan to deal with the impacts of extreme weather in your community. It is important to think about how one action will influence different people, places and things (resources) in your community system.
- 7. In our next session, we'll play a game with your resource cards. In the game, you'll think about how your resources are vulnerable to extreme weather and hazards in your community and how you can act to reduce the impacts. Let's see if you're ready to deal with the hazards!



# 5. Act to Adapt

## **Real World Goals**

1.	Act to Adapt	Explore how extreme weather and climate could impact your community. Negotiate to prioritise vulnerable resources and determine action, through a giant board game. <b>[45 mins]</b>					
		Explore how extreme weather and climate could affect community water resources, and what that would mean for your community.					
2.	Choose your	As a group, choose a final set of priority community resources that are vulnerable to extreme weather and climate, and that					

#### **Resources** you wish to adapt in real life. **[15 mins]**

## Preparation

Materials	1. Vote cards - 40 pieces of scrap paper roughly 10 x 10 cm						
	2. Resource cards youth created in session 4; if fewer than 30 then						
	add premade resource cards to make a total set of 30						
	3. Sheets of paper – A4 size						
To Do	1. If possible, appoint a co-facilitator						
	2. Make a 'Resource chart' on the wall, with 2 columns 'Hazard'						
	and 'Community'						
	3. Write the top 5 hazards identified in session 3 on pieces of						
	paper. Stick these down the side of the resource chart						
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	4. If there are fewer than 30 resource cards created by youth, add self-						
	made resource cards based on the "Water" flip chart paper from						
	Session 4 (Activity 2: Create Resources)						



# Activity 1 – Act to Adapt

#### Instructions

- 1. Give everyone a vote card.
- 2. Every player should have their own resource card that they illustrated.
- 3. Ask youth to make a big circle and remember that this is their spot for the game.
- 4. Make the community:
  - a. The first player reads out their resource and places it picture side up in the middle. They then return to their spot in the circle.
  - b. The second player repeats step A. Continue for all players.



- 5. Pick 2 players to be on the hazards team (Pick 1 if the group is less than 15)
  - a. These players should not be near each other in the circle
- 6. Remove the hazard team's resource cards from the circle
- 7. Hazard team players should tear up and crumple their vote cards into 7 pellets
  - a. Demonstrate how to do this as quickly as possible





#### How to win the game

- 1. The team with the most resource cards at the end is the winner.
  - a. Hazard team represents the top 5 hazards from session 3. It aims to destroy as many resource cards as possible. Destroyed resources go to the hazard team.
  - b. Community team aims to adapt as many resource cards as possible. Undestroyed resources after 5 rounds are kept by the community team.
  - c. The game ends after 5 rounds (not including the practice rounds).

#### How the hazard team gets cards

- 1. Reveal one of 5 hazard cards.
- 2. Using the paper pellets that you tore up as a demonstration say the following:
  - a. Pellets represent the hazard (e.g. flood). Staying in their positions, the hazard team throw the pellets on the resource cards. Pellets must be thrown all at once.
- 3. Explain that resource cards are destroyed if a pellet lands on them.
  - a. Demonstrate how to throw the pellets all at once.
  - b. 'If a resource card is destroyed by the hazard team, it is removed from the floor. The hazard team wins that card - the facilitator should move it to the resource chart, under the hazards column and next to the specific hazards for that round.
  - c. Whoever's name is on the destroyed resource card joins the hazard team. When a player joins the hazard team, they should tear up their vote card into 7 paper pellets (not more!).



Hazard team member with 7 paper pellets



Hazard team throws 7 pellets all at once at resources



### How the community team gets cards

1. There are 2 ways the community team can adapt resource cards:

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIONS:** Protect cards for the rest of the game.

To take a community action, place your vote card on a resource card in your community circle. For the card to be adapted it must receive votes from one third of the community. The adapted card is then moved to the community section of the resource chart, next to the hazard for that round, and it is adapted for the rest of the game.'

No. of community players	9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
No. of votes for community action	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

#### **INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS:** Protect cards for one round only.

To take an individual action, give the vote card to the facilitator and flip over one resource card. On the back of each card are bubbles. For flipped cards to be destroyed by the hazard team, the number of pellets that land on it must be more than or equal to the number of black bubbles. For example, a card with 3 black bubbles now needs at least 3 pellets to land on it, to be destroyed. Individual actions only last one round. At the end of the round cards will be flipped back.

#### Practice round 1

- 1. Reveal a hazard that will impact the community any hazard from session 3.
- 2. Community team has 60 seconds to discuss what action they should take:
  - a. Players cannot move from their spot in the circle.
  - b. Players should think about which resources are both important and vulnerable to the hazard for that round.
- 3. Get opinions from the community team on what to adapt. Ask:
  - a. 'Raise your hand if you think a specific resource should be adapted.'
  - b. Ask for their answer, and ask others to raise their hand if they agree
  - c. Repeat this 3 times
- 4. Choose half of the players to take community actions.
  - a. They place their vote cards on the resource cards they want to adapt
  - b. Remind them how many votes are needed to adapt a card (see table)



- 5. Count the vote cards on each resource card. If there are enough to make a community action to adapt the resource, move the card to the resource chart under 'community' and next to the specific hazard for that round.
- 6. Choose half the players to take individual actions.
  - a. Players hand the facilitator their vote card.
  - b. They can then flip over a resource card of their choice.
- 7. Have the hazard team throw their pellets!
  - a. Move destroyed cards to the resource chart under 'hazards' and next to the hazard for that round.
- 8. Players with destroyed cards join the hazard team.
  - a. They should make 7 pellets from their vote card.
- 9. Flip cards adapted by individual actions back over, so the picture is upwards.
- 10. Re-distribute the vote cards, so each community member has 1 vote.

#### Practice round 2

- 1. Reveal the hazard (any hazard from session 3) that will impact the community
- 2. Community team has 60 seconds to discuss what action they should take:
  - a. Players cannot move from their spot in the circle.
  - b. Players should think about which resources are both important and vulnerable to the hazard for that round.
- 3. Get opinions from the community team on what to adapt. Ask 3 times:
  - a. 'Raise your hand if you think a specific resource should be adapted.'
  - b. Ask for their answer, and others to raise their hand if they agree
- 4. This round community team can now choose themselves whether to take an individual or community action. On the count of 3:
  - a. If players want to take a community action, they will step forward
  - b. If players want to take an individual action they will stay where they are
  - c. Have everyone close their eyes and count '1, 2, 3'
- 5. Players that stepped forward to take a community action will act first:
  - a. They place their vote cards on the resource they want to adapt
  - b. Remind them how many votes are needed to adapt a card

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No. of votes for	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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- 6. Count the vote cards on each resource card. If there are enough to make a community action to adapt the resource, move the card to the resource chart under 'community' and next to the hazard for that round.
  - a. NOTE: If the community team did not have enough votes to adapt a card, point this out. Suggest that next round they may want to better communicate or may want to take an individual action instead.
- 7. Individual actions are taken next.
  - a. Players must hand the facilitator their vote card.
  - b. They can then flip over a resource card of their choice.
  - c. NOTE: If no individual actions were taken ask them why.
- 8. Hazard team throws their pellets!
  - a. Resources with pellets on are destroyed. Move them to the resource chart under 'hazards' and next to the specific hazard for that round.
- 9. This is the end of the practice round. Move all the cards from the resource chart back to the community circle. You will now play for 5 rounds.

### Play the Game

Completely reset the game. All players will need a vote card. There should be 2 hazard team players to start (for groups of 15-30). You will play for 5 rounds.

#### Summary steps of each normal round

- 1. Give each player on the community team a vote card.
- 2. Reveal the hazard that is going to hit the community.
- 3. 'Community team: without moving, discuss which resource to adapt'.
  - a. Give them 30 seconds to discuss (no longer).
- Making the choice: 'Community team you need to decide whether you will take an individual or community action. Everyone shut your eyes. I will count '1, 2, 3, go'. If you want to take a community action when I say go, then take one step forward. If you want to take an individual action, then stay where you are.
- 5. Count; '1, 2, 3, go!'
- 6. Players who chose community action should place their vote cards. To adapt the resource card, they need 1/3 of the community to vote on it.
  - a. Remember you will need 'x' cards to adapt the resource
- 7. Players who chose individual action should give the facilitator their vote card and then flip one resource card over. They return to their place in the circle
- 8. Hazard team throws their pellets!
  - a. Resources with pellets on them are destroyed. Move them to the resource chart under 'hazards' and next to the hazard for that round.
  - b. The players that initialled the destroyed cards join the hazard team and tear their vote cards into 7 pellets each.



- 9. Hazard team pick up the pellets 7 each.
- 10. Flip cards adapted by individual actions back over.
- 11. Give the remaining community team members their vote card back.
- 12. Play 4 more rounds revealing a new hazard each round.

#### Declare a winning team

- 1. Add remaining cards in the community to the resource chart under community
- 2. Count hazard team and community team cards. The team with the most wins!

#### Debrief

- 1. Ask youth to discuss the below with the person next to them:
  - a. What did you experience in this game? Ask youth to think about community actions compared to individual actions? Hazards becoming bigger or smaller? Did you have a strategy?
  - b. Look at the resource chart. Were there any cards that were destroyed that you wish you could have adapted?
- 2. Pick 1 or 2 of these cards and show the systems on the back. Ask what would happen

if these systems were impacted in your community?



Discussing adapted and destroyed resources



# **Activity 2 – Choose your Resources**

- 1. Divide youth into 6 groups.
- 2. Give 3 minutes to choose the resource card they think is most important to adapt to extreme weather and hazards in their community. Ask youth to:
  - a. Think about what is important to you as youth, but also to think about the different groups of people in your community.
  - b. Think carefully as in the next session you will make a real-life action plan to adapt the resource. Each group shares their decision.

As youth choose the resource card they think is most important to adapt, ask them to also think about how different resources relate to water management in their community, and what it would mean for the community if water management is impacted. Encourage them to pick a challenge that relates to water management.

3. Put the chosen 6 resource cards to one side, ready for the next session.

#### **Session 5 Closing**

- 1. Congratulations, we have completed session 5 of Y-Adapt!
- 2. We have seen how important resources in your community are vulnerable to specific hazards.
- 3. We have seen how climate change will increasingly make extreme events more intense and more frequent. And we have seen that you can adapt your community by acting alone and by acting together.
- 4. In our next session you will plan your adaptation action for your community.



# 6. Choose your Challenge

## **Real World Goals**

Act to Adapt	Identify and plan a community adaptat	ion action that relates to				
	water					
Action Plan	Use your learning to plan a community	adaptation, guided by				
	questions. [25 - 35 mins]					
<b>Reality Role-Play</b>	Critically think through the action plan,	challenges and				
	solutions with a reality role play compe	tition. [25 - 35 mins]				
Choose your	Choose the action you want to implement in real life over the					
Challenge	next 6 weeks and set up step-by-step log	gistics. [10 - 15 mins]				

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# **Activity 1 – Action Plan**

#### Set up

- 1. Divide the youth into 3 groups.
- 2. Lay out the top 6 resource cards that were chosen in session 5.
- 3. Lay out the adaptation cards from session 1.
- 4. Give each group an 'adaptation challenge card', paper, pen and flipchart sheet.
- 5. Stick the flipchart adaptation challenge questions up on a wall, visible for all.

#### Instructions

- 1. Read the following: 'So far in Y-Adapt we have seen youth are taking action all around the world to adapt resources, or people, places and things, to extreme weather and hazards impacting their communities. We now know it is crucial to act now because climate change is causing hazards and extreme weather events to become more frequent, and more intense, across the world, both today and in the future. As a group, you identified which hazards and extreme weather events have the greatest impact in your community. You also prioritised the resources in your community that are most vulnerable and important to adapt, whilst thinking about the interconnected systems that could be affected. In this session you will now design action plans to adapt the priority resources in your community.
- 2. Explain that the next 6 weeks is the 'Action phase of Y-Adapt!' This is when you will take real life, youth-led, action in your communities to adapt.
- 3. Ask each group to choose a resource from the 6 they prioritised in session 5.
  - a. It should be the resource they think is most important to adapt to extreme weather and hazards in their community.

When asking the groups to choose a resource to focus on, remind them to think about everything they have learned about water and its connection to climate impacts in the community

- 4. Ask a volunteer to read out the questions on the 'adaptation challenge card'.
  - a. Explain that these questions are to guide their action planning.
  - b. Highlight that the action plan should be step by step and realistic for them to implement over the next 6 weeks in their community.
- 5. Point to where the adaptation cards from session 1 are laid out.
  - a. Youth can use these as ideas to inspire their own adaptation planning.
  - b. Remind youth that there are step by step actions on the back of the cards.
- 6. Groups have 20 minutes to answer the 'adaptation challenge' questions.
  - a. Answers should be recorded on flipchart paper.
- 7. After 20 minutes each group should share their ideas with the whole group.



# **Activity 2: Reality-Role-Play**

## Set up

- 1. Give the judges their score cards. Explain the criteria and bonus points if another team asks a good question they are awarded a point.
- 2. Stick the competition criteria on a wall, visible for all.
- 3. Stick the action phase timeline on a wall visible for all.

#### Instructions

- 1. Each group should look at their 'adaptation challenge' answers and identify a key supporting group or stakeholder involved.
  - a. For example: Perhaps they need approval from teachers for actions at school, or support from local council for actions in the community? Or perhaps they need to propose their idea to a specific organisation to ask for funding?
- 2. Each group should divide in half. They should choose:
  - a. 1 sub-group to be themselves 'youth' implementing their action plan.
  - b. 1 sub-group to act as the 'support' group involved.
- 3. For each group, the youth sub-group and support sub-group sit on opposite sides of the room.
- 4. Place their 'adaptation challenge' answers in the middle, so both sub-groups can see.





- 5. Explain that each group will perform a 'Reality roleplay'.
  - a. The 'youth' sub-group will present their action plan to their 'support' sub-group, just like they would in real life.
  - b. The 'support' sub-group will ask the 'youth' sub-group questions about the plan, just like they might do in real life.
  - c. The sub-groups are NOT allowed to discuss before the reality role play
- 6. Explain that it will be a competition! Judges want to see that key criteria have been considered by both the youth's presentation and by the support group's questions:
- RELEVANCE: Is the plan relevant to youth and community priorities? Does it address the impacts of a relevant hazard?
   REALISTIC: Can this plan be implemented by youth in 6 weeks?
   CHALLENGES: Have potential challenges been sufficiently considered?
   SOLUTIONS: Have solutions to the challenges been proposed?
   TIME: 5 minutes to present. Minus 1 point for each minute over.
- 7. 10 minutes to prepare: Youth groups and support groups prepare separately.a. Remind them that they can NOT discuss during preparation.
- 8. Roleplay reality time! The three groups roleplay their action plans (see step 4)
- 9. Judges should ask questions after each presentation.
- a. BONUS! If the other 2 groups ask a good question they score a point. 10. Judges combine scores and announce the winning group!



## **Activity 3: Choose your Challenge!**

- 1. Explain that the next 6 weeks is the Y-Adapt Action Phase, when you will implement your action plans in real life!
  - a. All the actions will be youth-led by yourselves, but we'll check in each week to see how you're getting on and if you need any support.
  - b. Each week we'd like you to share one photo that represents the actions taken that week it can be positive or challenges.
  - c. We will make these into a photo diary to inspire other youth!
- 2. Check that youth are satisfied with their initial action plan topic
  - a. If they are more interested in another action, they can change groups.
- 3. When youth have made their final decision ask them to write their names and phone numbers on the back of the 'Adaptation Challenge' they have chosen.
- 4. Each group sets up a WhatsApp or other social media group of their choice, including a facilitator, so they can stay in contact
  - a. Facilitators can check-in and youth share a weekly photo via the group
- 5. Give the youth 5 minutes to discuss immediate next steps
  - a. When will they next meet to start their adaptation action plan?
  - b. Where will they meet?
  - c. Do they want to appoint one or two leaders?
  - d. Do they want to assign specific roles to members of their group?
- 6. Groups should copy the 'Action phase time plan on their flipchart paper (see preparation step 7).
  - a. Groups should start to complete this time plan, assigning tasks.
  - b. Suggest that in their first meeting they can finalise this time plan.



#### What's next?

- 1. Youth have 6 weeks to implement their action plans in their communities.
  - a. Youth should aim to meet once a week.
- 2. Communication with each other is via the WhatsApp / media groups.
  - a. Youth send their weekly photo and caption to facilitators via the group.
  - b. Facilitators check youth are making progress and remind youth to send their weekly photo-caption. They can offer support if needed.
- 3. When the action is complete, we'll all meet for a final Y-Adapt session.
  - a. We'll make your weekly photo-caption into photo diaries:

Photo Diary: Dengue Campaign, led by Y-Adapt youth in Santa Rossa, Guatemala



. Planning meetings



2. Making a weekly plan of action



to local government



6. Info & support from local clinic



7. Organising an event



5. Discussing campaigr with clinic



3. Dengue campaign by RC Youth





9. Sharing on social media



b. We'll record your actions in an adaptation card. Show youth a blank and completed card. It will be used to inspire youth across the world!



#### **Session 6 Closing**

- 1. Congratulations, we have completed session 6 of Y-Adapt!
- 2. You have made a relevant and realistic plan of action to adapt important resources in your community, that are vulnerable to hazards and extreme weather.
- 3. You have critically thought through challenges and solutions, and who you may need support from.
- 4. Over the next 6 weeks you will implement your adaptation. You will share a photo and caption each week to document your activities. Facilitators will be ready if you need support. When the action(s) is complete, we will meet for our final Y-Adapt session to record your activities in a photo diary and adaptation card. These will inspire other youth across the world to take action!



# **ACTION PHASE!**

## **Real World Goals**

Take Action!	Youth implement actions to help their communities adapt to climate change. Youth record activities in a photo diary to inspire others. [6 weeks approx.]

#### Preparation

To Do

- 1. Youth use their action plan from session 6.
- 2. Youth and facilitators use the media / WhatsApp groups set up in session 6.
- 3. Facilitators should have a contact for Y-Adapt managers in case additional support is required.

# **Activity – Take Action!**

## Youth

- 6 weeks led by youth to implement their action plans in their communities.
- Youth should aim to meet up once a week.
- Communication is via the WhatsApp / media groups set up in session 6.

## **Facilitators**

- Facilitators message youth each week to remind them to send their weekly photo and caption.
- Facilitators check youth are making progress and can offer support if needed.
- Facilitators can contact managers if any questions.



# 7. Global Y-Adapt Community

## **Real World Goals**

1.	Adaptation	To capture the youth-led action(s) in adaptation card(s) and	
	card	to create a photo diary, to inspire other youth around the	
		world to take action! [60 mins]	

#### Preparation

- 1. Printed 'Blank adaptation cards' [Resources]
- 2. Coloured pens
- 3. Laptop with PowerPoint to create the photo diary
- 4. Youth's weekly photo and caption

# **Activity – Adaptation Card**

#### Instructions

- 1. Support the youth to fill out an adaptation card for each adaptation they made.
- 2. Take a picture or scan both sides of the card.
- Support the youth to create a PowerPoint photo diary (see resource card)
- Email the card and photo diary to <u>Y-Adapt@climatecentre.org</u>





# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. Why is climate change happening?

The main reason the climate is changing is because human activities are adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. The most important greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide, which is released when people burn fossil fuels to do everyday activities like driving cards, heating buildings and making electricity. As greenhouse gases build up in the atmosphere, they cause the earth to trap extra heat, making the planet warmer.

#### 2. What is the greenhouse effect and how does it affect the climate?

The greenhouse effect is a natural process that helps make the earth warm enough for us to live. It works like this: the earth gets energy from the sun, heats up and then gives off energy in a different form, called infrared radiation. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere trap some of this energy, warming the atmosphere, so the greenhouse effect is becoming stronger and the earth is getting warmer.

#### 3. Is climate change the same as global warming?

No. Global warming refers to an increase in the average temperature near the Earth's surface. Climate change refers to the broader set of changes that go along with global warming, including changes in weather patterns, the oceans, ice and snow, and ecosystems. Most experts now use the term 'climate change' because it gives a more complete picture of the changes that are happening around the world.

#### 4. Does the 'ozone hole' have anything to do with climate change?

No. The ozone hole refers to a decrease in the layer of ozone gas found high in the earth's atmosphere, which helps shield the planet from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. The ozone layer has become thinner because of chemicals that were once commonly used in products ranging from spray cans to foam furniture cushions. While a thinner ozone layer allows more ultraviolet rays to reach the Earth, increasing the risk of sunburns and skin cancer, it doesn't cause climate change.

#### 5. Why is it a problem if the Earth's average temperature gets a little warmer?

Temperature plays an important role in how nature works, and even a small change in average temperature can lead to large changes in regional temperatures and seasons where you live and have a noticeable impact on plants, animals, and other natural processes. For example, just a 1 - 2 degree increase in global temperature can lead to a much greater risk of wildfires. Some parts of the world are warming a lot more than average, which means the effects are much more dramatic.



6. How can the Earth be getting warmer is it's colder than usual where I live?

The average temperature around the world is rising, and 2001-2010 was the warmest decade on record. But that doesn't mean we won't still have occasional cold spells. To see why, it's helpful to understand the difference between weather and climate. 'Weather refers to day-to-day conditions, such as a rainstorm of today's temperature. In contract, 'climate' refers to the average weather conditions you would expect to find in a certain place, based on patterns over many years. Day-to-day weather will always have its ups and downs and there will always be a chance of extreme cold events. But as the Earth's climate gets warmer over time, most places will experience more days with record high temperatures and fewer days with record low temperatures.

#### 7. What is El Nino / La Nina and how does it link to climate change?

El Nino and la Nina are natural climate patterns that sometimes occur in the Pacific Ocean. During an el Nino episode the water in the Pacific Ocean near the equator gets hotter than usual. And during la Nina episodes, the same water cools. These changes are so big that they affect weather all over the world. Weather depends a lot on ocean temperatures. As the Earth's climate changes, natural changes in the climate such as el Nino and la Nina will also change. We know that the impacts of el Nino and la Nina – extreme rainfall, and drought will likely become more extreme with climate change.

# 8. Is there a link between climate change and vector-borne diseases (Dengue / Malaria)?

Global climate change will affect all living things on this planet. For many species the change in their environment may mean extinction. However, the mosquito may benefit from changes in the climate. While relationships between climate., physical and biological factors that influence disease transmission are complex, we know that at higher temperatures mosquitoes fly faster and further, reproduce more rapidly and bite more frequently.

#### 9. Does climate change cause forest / bushfire?

Heat from sun energy alone does not trigger forest / bush fires; they are typically caused by humans or lightening. However, increased hot and dry conditions increase the likelihood of fires burning longer and being more intense.

#### 10. What causes coastal erosion?

Waves, generated by storms, wind or fast-moving motor craft can cause coastal erosion, which may take the form of long-term losses of sediment and rocks, or the temporary redistribution of coastal sediments; erosion in one location may result in accretion nearby.



#### 11. Can we stop climate change?

All countries in the world are contributing to the greenhouse effect, some more than others (see map). To stop climate change from getting worse, we should all emit fewer greenhouse gases. However, if we all stopped emitting today, the earth would continue to get warmer for decades to come because of all the gases that are in the atmosphere now.



Source : https://skepticalscience.com/graphics.php?g=15

#### 12. What can I do to prevent or reduce climate change?

Although no one can prevent climate change alone, every little change can help. Here are 9 simple actions you can take:

- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Use less heat and air-conditioning
- Use energy-efficient products
- Drive less and drive smart
- Use less hot water
- Use the off switch on your electrical appliances
- Plant a tree
- Encourage others to conserve energy

#### 13. Can we prevent or reduce climate related hazards?

Extreme weather events such as heat waves, heavy rainfall and others are not possible to prevent by the community. However, we can limit the impact by acting! See the Y-Adapt adaptation cards for youth-led examples.

Note: thanks to A Global Student's Guide to Climate Change: US EPA for some of the answers.





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