

Unstoppable Momentum, from
Foundation to Transformation

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This past two years have been deeply encouraging for us as campaigners. REPower Afrika stands as a message of hope, a call for revolution, and above all, a vision that speaks directly to the realities of our grassroots communities.

I call upon my fellow Africans to reject fossil fuels and all false solutions, and instead embrace renewable energy solutions that truly empower our people and safeguard our environment for generations to come.

Christopher Opio

Team Leader at Oil Refinery Residents Association (ORRA)

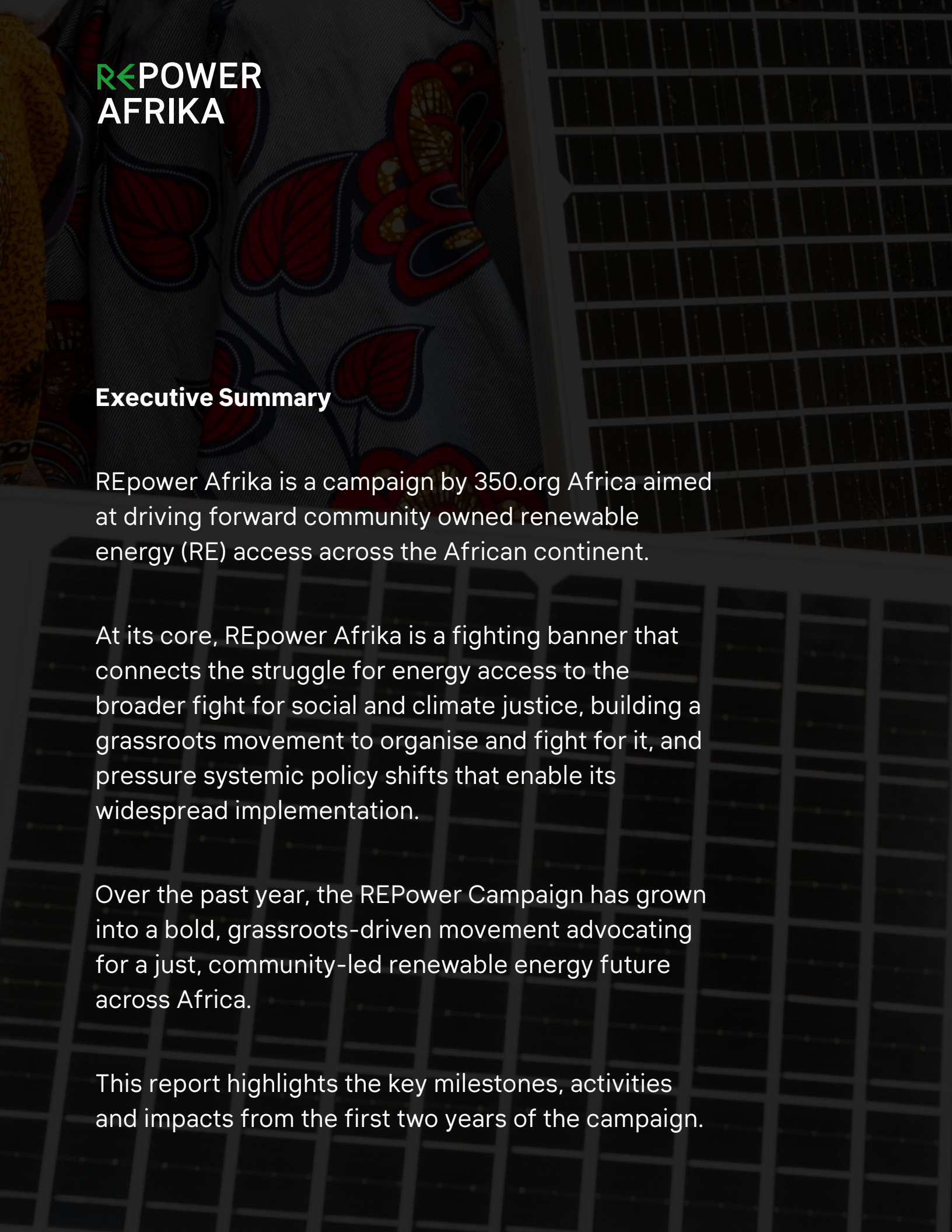


Africa's heavy reliance on fossil fuels and coal locks communities into pollution, health risks, and economic vulnerability, while renewable energy offers a path to cleaner air, affordable power, and sustainable growth that can transform the continent's future.

REPower Africa campaign is therefore a significant campaign in bringing about systemic breakthrough especially to grassroot communities of Africa."

Rehema Peter

National Coordinator at Partnership For Green Future



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Executive Summary

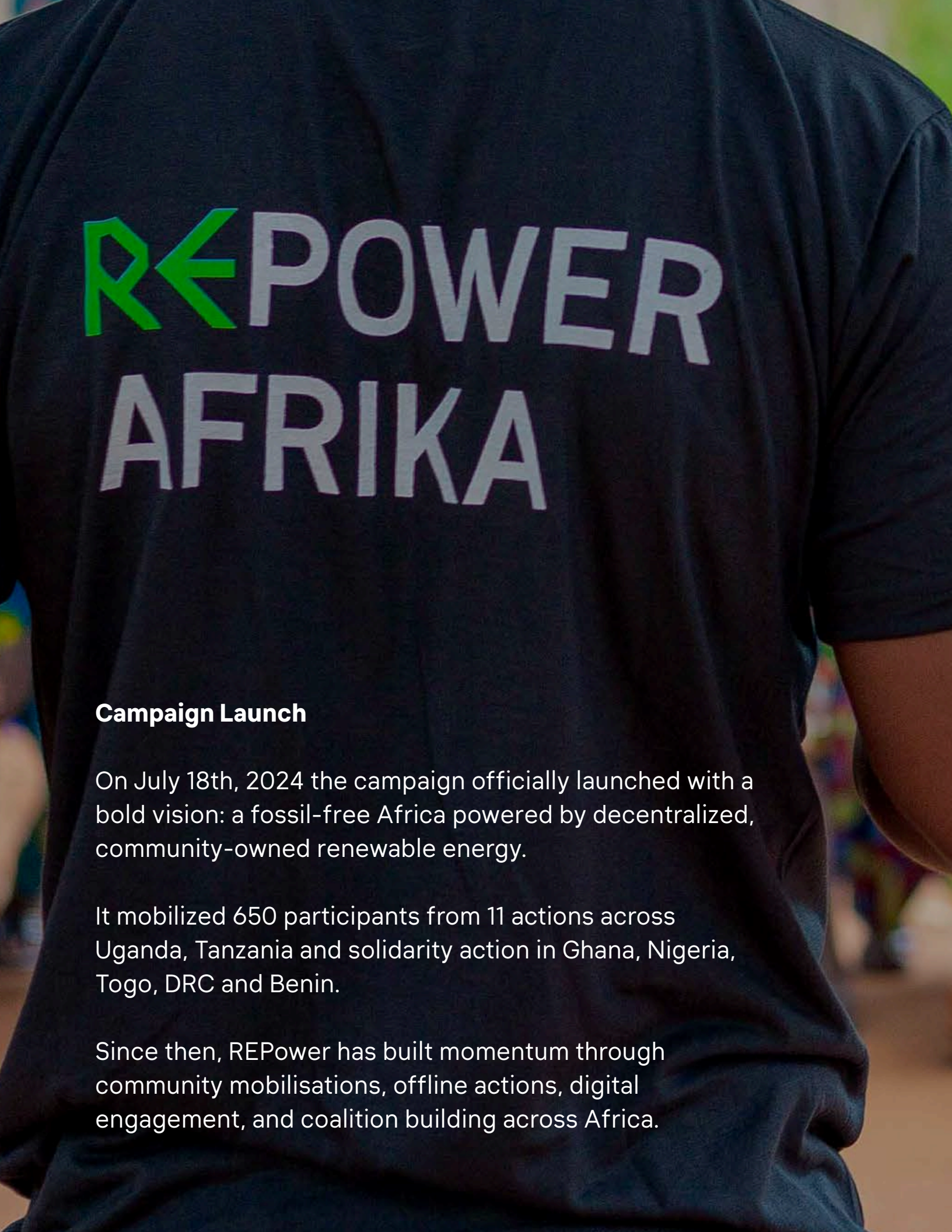
REpower Afrika is a campaign by 350.org Africa aimed at driving forward community owned renewable energy (RE) access across the African continent.

At its core, REpower Afrika is a fighting banner that connects the struggle for energy access to the broader fight for social and climate justice, building a grassroots movement to organise and fight for it, and pressure systemic policy shifts that enable its widespread implementation.

Over the past year, the REPower Campaign has grown into a bold, grassroots-driven movement advocating for a just, community-led renewable energy future across Africa.

This report highlights the key milestones, activities and impacts from the first two years of the campaign.





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Campaign Launch

On July 18th, 2024 the campaign officially launched with a bold vision: a fossil-free Africa powered by decentralized, community-owned renewable energy.

It mobilized 650 participants from 11 actions across Uganda, Tanzania and solidarity action in Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, DRC and Benin.

Since then, REPower has built momentum through community mobilisations, offline actions, digital engagement, and coalition building across Africa.

A man is seen from behind, wearing a black t-shirt. The t-shirt has the text 'REPOWER AFRIKA' printed on the back. The 'R' is green and stylized with an arrow pointing left. 'POWER' and 'AFRIKA' are in white. The man is standing in a dirt area with a group of people in the background, some wearing traditional headwraps and colorful clothing. There are trees and a thatched-roof building in the background.

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Community Mobilization & Engagement

Grassroots organising and leadership development is one of the key campaign approaches, to transform communities, youth, and workers into powerful movement actors in the energy transition.

We've held partner and community forums, webinars, and direct actions in Uganda and in Tanzania, and solidarity events in DRC, Ghana and Nigeria. In October 2024, REPower Afrika supported by local partners AFIEGO (Uganda) and Green Conservers (Tanzania), engaged communities impacted by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) in Hoima and Tanga regions.

In Uganda, residents of Kijumba and the Kyakabooga resettlement village expressed concerns over loss of ancestral land, inadequate compensation, and lack of access to affordable energy. Some remain without electricity or are disconnected from the grid due to high costs.

Community members identified urgent needs for renewable energy - particularly solar for lighting, irrigation, and farming.

In Kampala, a REnergy Workshop with 20 local NGOs highlighted key barriers to renewable energy access: poor regulation, lack of technical capacity, and unreliable national grid coverage.

Participants stressed the importance of resource mobilization, community education, and technical training to scale renewable mini-grids and solar installations.

In Tanzania, communities in Chongoleani and Bomba Sita shared stories of displacement, land rights violations, and limited information on the pipeline's future impacts.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, the communities in both countries called for similar solutions: affordable solar for homes, schools, farms, and local businesses, demonstrating a clear and urgent demand for people-centered renewable energy across the fossil fuel corridor.

The campaign has centered lived experiences of frontline communities, especially around energy access and climate vulnerability. To ensure that grassroots voices shaped the campaign's direction and narrative.

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of dark, rich brown soil. In the upper left quadrant, a pair of orange-colored alligator clips with black rubberized handles lies on the ground. A single, thin, light-colored wire extends from the bottom handle of the clips, trailing downwards towards the center of the frame. In the bottom left corner, a portion of a red and black electrical device is visible, showing a white circular terminal.

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National & Regional Actions

Tapping into widely recognized moments helped place our campaign in a broader context, showing that it's part of a larger movement and struggle for energy access.

We have coordinated continent-wide mobilizations around key moments such as: Mission 300 Africa Energy Summit in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and World Renewable Energy Day.

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National & Regional Actions

May 25th 2025 saw a week-long celebration of AfrikaVuka Day, closely tied to Africa Day: it was a powerful moment of Pan-African solidarity to demand an end to fossil fuel expansion across the continent.

This year, we had a crucial opportunity to reignite collective action for energy justice and advocate for the sustainable, community-driven energy future we want; united under the banner of #REPowerAfrika, with 25+ actions across the continent

This campaign is both a movement-building process and a mobilising front. It has created space for collaboration and unity across different forces, while staying grounded in a clear, anti-corporate, people-centred vision of renewable energy.

The well-timed events have provided opportunities for our aligned groups to act in coordination, increasing impact and reach. Strategic timing has also helped unify our scattered efforts into a collective voice.

We've collaborated with local organizations and internal partners (Our Own Power, Renew Our Power) to elevate decentralized energy solutions in the public and political discourse.





Public Education & Storytelling

We've used public education to demystify complex climate-related issues, many people may not fully understand the urgency of the crisis, community ownership meaning, the details of energy policy, or the intricacies of just transition. Education has helped break down these barriers, giving individuals and communities the tools they need to make informed decisions and take action.

We have released the REPower campaign leaflet and supported op-eds and stories led by community voices, emphasizing DRE (Decentralized Renewable Energy) as central to climate adaptation and energy justice.

Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Building

Another pillar of the campaign has been solidarity and coalition-building by anchoring our relationships with partners and network in a shared political commitment to social ownership and justice. We've hosted in-person events and virtual engagements to strengthen grassroots partner capacity.

A broader collaboration with the StopEACOP Coalition was rolled out in March 2025 that supports regional and global advocacy through community engagements through a sub-grant program. Supported by the 11th Hour Project, it was rolled out to support locally-led advocacy efforts for access to renewable energy in EACOP-impacted communities and in the project's host countries with an emphasis on youth and women's leadership.

Building alliances with civil society networks, women's rights groups, youth movements, and climate justice campaigns across Africa has been the core. We've supported partner-led actions through training, materials, and coordination.

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July 2025: REPower 1-Year Anniversary

We marked one year of organizing with vibrant actions and gatherings across Tanzania, Uganda, and the DRC, bringing together 200 community members. The anniversary served as a powerful space for reflection, celebrating campaign victories, acknowledging challenges, and strengthening our collective vision through storytelling and strategy sessions.

To build on this momentum, we hosted a webinar titled “REPower and the Road Ahead: A People-Led Energy Future,” where over 70 participants came together to share reflections, stories, and lessons from key organizers.

The conversation spotlighted urgent priorities - debt justice, fossil fuel resistance, renewable energy alternatives, and the defense of civic space while mobilizing public and partner engagement around upcoming actions, especially in the lead-up to the Africa Climate Summit and COP30.

This milestone became a launchpad for the next phase: scaling grassroots power, making the push for climate finance, and advancing energy access through just, people-centered solutions.

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Let's Put Our
Communities
First

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2026 Stakeholder Workshops

Uganda

April 20–24: a high-level, multi-sector coalition of 30 civil society actors, government officials, private innovators, and grassroots leaders convened in Kampala to officially launch REPower Uganda. Moving away from high-cost, centralized legacy power systems, this national pilot project establishes a community-first roadmap to drive Uganda's just energy transition by 2040 through Decentralized Renewable Energy.

The Three Strategic Pillars

- **Fiscal & Economic Relief:** Lobbying for direct-to-consumer electricity subsidies for low-income homes, alongside duty waivers and VAT exemptions on solar home systems and mini-grids.
- **Access & Grid Stability:** Actively promoting the Productive Use of Energy (PUE) to power local agro-processing and using DRE to offload pressure from the national grid, reducing rural power outages.
- **Governance & Accountability:** Shifting project oversight to district-level authorities to tailor energy to local needs, tracking increased national budget allocations, and creating a formal "Public Participation Framework."

**Mustakabali Wetu,
Mikononi Mwetu**

Tanzania





**Ebiseera byaffe,
mu mikono gyaffe**

Uganda

2026 Stakeholder Workshops

Tanzania

Week of June 1: a coalition of civil society actors, frontline community delegates, policy experts, and state regulators convened in Dar es Salaam to officially launch the REPower Tanzania Alliance. Co-led by Climate Hub Tanzania and Green Conservators with the support of 350.org, this dialogue transitioned a loose campaign into an operational alliance to champion DRE.

The launch formalized a critical expansion framework to move beyond traditional activist hubs: Pipeline Frontlines, Indigenous Territories and Island Hubs.

Core Pillars & Action Outcomes

- **Demystifying Clean Tech:** The alliance approved deploying of localized Renewable Energy Centers where citizens can access information, interact with technicians, and see clean technology in action.
- **Economic Livelihoods:** Delegates prioritized youth and women's cooperatives by establishing training tracks for green micro-enterprises.
- **Policy & Counter-Narratives:** In partnership with specialized research team assigned to audit Tanzania's 2030 Energy Plans and lobby for grassroots inclusions for the 2027 Climate Energy Policy.

The inaugural two years of the REPower Campaign has served as a powerful proof of concept, demonstrating the transformative potential of community-led climate action.



Conclusions: From Foundation to Transformation

Through strategic disruption, grassroots education, and the forging of cross-border solidarity, we have done more than just protest - we have laid the architectural foundation for an unstoppable, people-powered energy movement across the African continent.

As we transition into this next phase, our mandate is clear. We are shifting from building awareness to exerting political power. Our focus will sharpen on:

- **Scaling Impact:** Expanding our reach beyond traditional activist circles into the heart of regional economic planning.
- **Political Accountability:** Ensuring that the transition to renewable energy is not just a corporate shift, but a democratic one.
- **Universal Equity:** Guaranteeing that the energy systems of tomorrow are just, decentralized, and accessible to every African household.

The journey ahead requires deepened commitment and renewed resources, but the momentum is now on our side. Together, we are not just demanding a different future; we are building it.



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Through our partnership with REPower Afrika, we are proud to amplify community-driven solutions that place people and planet first.

Together, we are building a sustainable future powered by renewable energy.

Ziada Kassimu

Executive Director at Green Conservers



Communities along the EACOP route in Uganda and Tanzania urgently need investments in decentralized, community-owned renewable energy and these solutions not only provide reliable power for households, schools, and health centers, but also strengthen climate resilience, reduce poverty, and unlock local economic opportunities.

With targeted support from African governments and international partners, we can ensure that the fossil fuel transition delivers real benefits to the people on the frontlines.

Edwin Mumbere

Director at Centre for Citizens Conserving
Environment & Management (CECIC)



A woman with dark skin and a determined expression is holding a black rectangular sign with both hands. She is wearing a vibrant orange and red patterned headwrap and a yellow top with a dark skirt. The sign has the words 'REPOWER' and 'AFRiKA' written in white, hand-painted capital letters. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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