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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Our first full year

Youth climate leadership and community action in Somalia

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

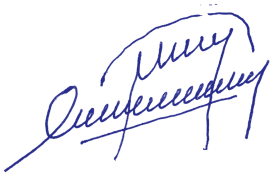
PUSAN was barely a year old when 2024 began. We had a small team, very little money and a clear idea: the people who feel climate change first in Somalia, herders, farmers and young people, should have a say in how the country responds. This report shows what that idea produced in our first full year.

The highlight was LCOY Somalia. PUSAN was one of six youth organisations that hosted the first Local Conference of Youth ever held in the country. More than 1,000 young people applied, 100 were selected, and together they wrote Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change. That statement went to COY19 and COP29 in Baku. For a new organisation, it was a big responsibility, and the team carried it well.

The Board also saw what we were missing. We worked on small budgets, with long distances and real security risks, and our finance and reporting systems were still basic. These lessons shaped the decisions we took in the following years, and they sit behind the stronger governance and audit commitments in our Strategic Plan 2027–2031.

We are reissuing this report in 2026 under our current name, PUSAN Climate and Development Organization, so that partners can read our history alongside our new plan. The activities and figures are the same as in the original 2024 report.

On behalf of the Board, I thank the volunteers, partner organisations, government ministries and funders who stood with PUSAN in its first full year, and above all the young people who trusted us with their ideas.



Abdullahi Mohamud Abdullahi
Chair, Board of Directors
PUSAN Climate and Development Organization

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Youth at the in-person pre-LCOY consultation in Mogadishu, August 2024.

When we founded PUSAN in Garowe in 2023, we started from a simple belief: the communities that feel climate change first should also help shape the answers. Pastoralists, farmers and young people in Somalia live with drought, floods and land degradation every day. They know what works. What they often lack is a platform, resources and a seat at the table.

2024 was the year we started to act on that belief. In August, PUSAN was one of six organisations that hosted Somalia's first ever Local Conference of Youth. More than 1,000 young people applied. Together we produced Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change, and it travelled to COY19 and COP29 in Baku.

We also invested in people. With United Beyond Borders, we trained more than 30 young climate activists ahead of COP29. We mentored young people on recycling and waste management, planted trees with students on World Environment Day, and started BeeRISE to link beekeeping with care for the land. Our team took Somali voices to COP29 and to UNCCD COP16 in Riyadh.

None of it was easy. Budgets were small, distances long, and security was a constant concern. We learned that we need stronger systems and a real funding strategy, and we have worked on both since.

Thank you to every volunteer, partner and young person who gave their time this year. You laid the foundation for everything that came after.

> *"The communities that feel climate change first should also shape the solutions."*
> *Our founding belief*

Abdirabi Mohamed
Executive Director
PUSAN Climate and Development Organization

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Acronyms

COP	Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
COY	Conference of Youth, held before each COP
CRAN	Climate Resilience and Adaptation Network
LCOY	Local Conference of Youth
MoPEDIC	Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
PUSAN	PUSAN Climate and Development Organization
UBB	United Beyond Borders
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
YALI	Young African Leaders Initiative
YOUNGO	Children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2024 was PUSAN's first full year. In twelve months we went from a new organisation in Garowe to an active part of Somalia's youth climate movement, and we started our first community projects.

1,000+
young people applied to join the first LCOY Somalia

100
youth delegates selected from across the country

30+
young climate activists trained ahead of COP29

1
National Youth Statement on Climate Change

Youth climate leadership. PUSAN co-hosted the first LCOY Somalia on 27–28 August 2024 in Mogadishu with five other organisations. More than 1,000 young people applied and 100 delegates were selected from across the Federal Member States. PUSAN's Executive Director led events and logistics and facilitated the in-person pre-LCOY consultation.

Policy influence. The delegates drafted Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change. It was carried to COY19 and COP29 in Baku and fed into the Global Youth Statement.

Training. With United Beyond Borders and the YALI Somalia alumni chapter, PUSAN trained more than 30 young climate activists through online sessions in October and a workshop in Mogadishu on 6–7 November 2024.

Community action. PUSAN launched BeeRISE, a beekeeping and conservation project. We ran a recycling and waste management mentorship with CRAN and African Solutions Co., and planted trees with students on World Environment Day.

Global engagement. PUSAN represented Somali youth and civil society at COP29 in Baku, UNCCD COP16 in Riyadh and the YALI Alumni Expo in South Africa.

Looking ahead. Two lessons stood out: we needed a proper funding strategy, and youth outside Mogadishu needed a real way in. Both shaped how PUSAN led LCOY Somalia in 2025.



Delegates at LCOY Somalia 2024, Mogadishu.

1. WHO WE ARE

PUSAN Climate and Development Organization is a youth-led, registered non-profit founded in 2023 in Garowe. We started as a small network working with pastoral and farming families. In 2026 we took our current name, kept the PUSAN name and logo, and widened our work to climate and development across Somalia.

Our head office is on Bulsho Road in Garowe and we have a second office in Mogadishu. PUSAN is registered with the Ministry of Interior of the Federal Government of Somalia and with the Ministry of Planning (MoPEDIC), and is a member of the PELUM Association.

OUR VISION

Communities across Somalia ready for climate shocks, leading their own adaptation.

OUR MISSION

We help pastoral and farming communities in Somalia plan, fund and act on climate risk before disaster hits, and we bring young people into the decisions that shape their future.

Our values

Community first	Communities set the priorities. We test our plans with them before we take them to donors.
Inclusion	Young women, minority groups and displaced families have a seat on every committee we support.
Evidence	We collect baseline data before every project and publish what did not work as well as what did.
Global to local	What we hear in villages goes to ministries and UN talks, and what is agreed there comes back in Somali.
Accountability	We report openly on what we do and what we receive, and we ask the same of others.



PUSAN field work with farmers, 2024.

How this year fits our strategy

Our Strategic Plan 2027–2031 groups our work into five pillars. The table shows where the work of 2024 sits, so readers can follow the line from these early activities to the plan.

Table 1. Our 2024 work and the five strategic pillars

Strategic pillar	What we did in 2024
1. Locally led adaptation and district climate finance	Not yet a programme in 2024. This pillar started with the Jariiban community risk assessment, which began in September 2025.
2. Early warning and early action	Not yet a programme in 2024. Youth discussed the National Adaptation Plan and climate-driven displacement at LCOY Somalia.
3. Land restoration and climate-smart livelihoods	BeeRISE launched; tree planting with students; recycling and waste management mentorship.
4. Youth leadership and climate governance	Co-hosted the first LCOY Somalia; Somalia's first National Youth Statement; pre-COP29 training for 30+ activists.
5. Research, policy and finance accountability	Article *Conservation as a Path to Peace*; youth recommendations for Somalia's agenda at COP29.

2. 2024 AT A GLANCE

1
national youth climate conference co-hosted, the first LCOY Somalia

1,000+
applications from young people

100
youth delegates selected from all regions

110+
young people at the online pre-LCOY consultation

30+
young climate activists trained ahead of COP29

3
community projects: BeeRISE, recycling, tree planting

3
global forums: COP29, UNCCD COP16, YALI Alumni Expo

1
National Youth Statement on Climate Change

Table 2. The year in brief

When	What happened
May 2024	BeeRISE project launched
May–Sep 2024	Recycling and waste management mentorship
June 2024	Tree planting with students on World Environment Day
August 2024	Pre-LCOY consultations, online and in Mogadishu
27–28 Aug 2024	First LCOY Somalia, JAVA Hall, Mogadishu
October 2024	Online pre-COP29 training with United Beyond Borders
6–7 Nov 2024	Pre-COP29 Youth Training Workshop, Mogadishu
November 2024	COP29, Baku: National Youth Statement carried to COY19 and COP29
December 2024	UNCCD COP16, Riyadh

Source: PUSAN and LCOY Somalia event reports and attendance records, 2024.

3. FLAGSHIP: LCOY SOMALIA 2024

27–28 August 2024 · JAVA Hall, Mogadishu. In August 2024, PUSAN joined five partners to host Somalia's first Local Conference of Youth: Somali Youth Hub, the Climate Resilience and Adaptation Network (CRAN), Somalis for Sustainability, the Alliance for Climate and Peace, and the Institute of Climate and Environment. The theme was “A Sustainable Future Powered by Youth”, and for the first time young Somalis had a national platform to shape climate policy.



Delegates in session at LCOY Somalia 2024.

PUSAN's Executive Director served as Head of Events and Logistics, in charge of the venue, safety, translation and technical support. He also moderated a session where displaced youth and farmers told their climate stories, and co-presented on how climate change and conflict affect farming and livestock.

More than 1,000 young people applied. One hundred delegates were selected using YOUNGO's framework, with attention to gender balance, regional balance and youth from conflict-affected areas. They came from Jubaland, South West, Galmudug, Hirshabelle, Puntland and Somaliland. Fifteen volunteers supported the event. Over two days, delegates joined panels on the National Adaptation Plan, climate and conflict, displacement, health and green jobs, and drafted Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change for COY19 and COP29.

1,000+ applications

100 selected delegates

110+ youth at the online pre-LCOY

15 volunteers

6 host organisations



A youth speaker on the LCOY 2024 stage.



Panel discussion.



Keynote session.

3.1 Building the youth statement

Before the conference, the hosts held two consultations to collect youth priorities. The online session drew more than 110 young people from Hargeisa, Bosaso, Kismayo, Baidoa, Garowe, Berbera and Galkayo. The in-person session in Mogadishu was facilitated by PUSAN's Executive Director. Delegates worked in Somali and English across eight topics.

3.2 Results and support

What LCOY Somalia 2024 achieved

- Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change, carried to COY19 and COP29
- Youth from all Federal Member States represented
- Sessions on climate-driven displacement, indigenous knowledge and green jobs
- A lasting LCOY Somalia platform for the years that followed

The conference was funded by Save the Children Somalia, the Planetary Health Innovation Hub, SOS Children's Villages, TakingITGlobal and Beled Energy.



Volunteers and delegates receive certificates at the close of LCOY Somalia 2024.

4. PRE-COP29 YOUTH CLIMATE TRAINING

Together with United Beyond Borders (UBB), PUSAN trained more than 30 young Somali climate activists ahead of COP29 in Baku. UBB supports young activists from conflict-affected countries in the MENA region, including Somalia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Palestine, Iraq and Libya.

The programme combined online sessions on 17–19 October 2024 with an in-person workshop in Mogadishu on 6–7 November 2024, hosted with the YALI RLC EA Alumni Chapter of Somalia. Participants learned how the UNFCCC works, how negotiations run, and how to do advocacy and write policy. Sessions were led by experts including Elizabeth Gulugulu, former YOUNGO Global Focal Point.

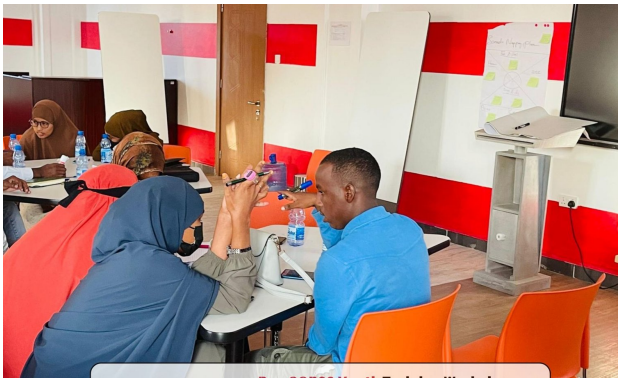
The trainees drafted recommendations for Somalia's climate agenda at COP29 and built a network for future youth climate action.

30+
young activists trained

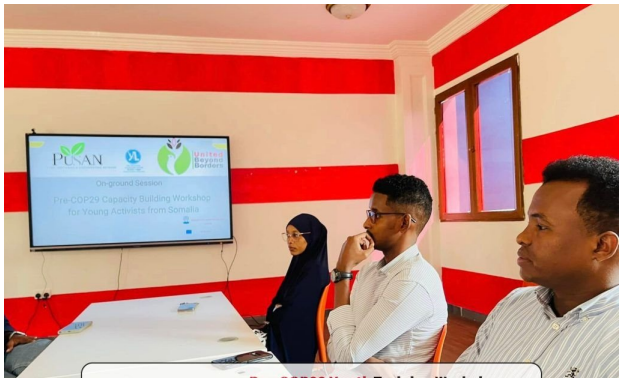
5
days of online and in-person training

7
countries in the UBB network

2
partners: UBB and YALI Somalia



Pre-COP29 Youth Training Workshop, Mogadishu, 6–7 November 2024.



Participants in a working session.

> *"The goal is to equip Somali youth with knowledge and skills to engage more effectively in climate action and policy."*
> *PUSAN, on the Pre-COP29 Youth Training Workshop*

5. COMMUNITY ACTION

Climate policy only matters if it changes life in communities. Our 2024 projects tested practical ideas with young people, farmers and households, and each one built skills that young people can use to earn an income.

Project	When	What it did
BeeRISE	Launched May 2024, running to March 2026	Links beekeeping with ecosystem conservation so that vulnerable households have a second source of income. Supported by the Candid Foundation as part of the MENA Summer School project.
Tree planting	June 2024, World Environment Day	With YALI Somalia, PUSAN brought high school and university students together to plant trees, restore green spaces and raise environmental awareness.
Recycling mentorship	May to September 2024	A mentorship programme with CRAN and African Solutions Co. that built young people's skills and business ideas in recycling and waste management.



Tree planting on World Environment Day, June 2024.



Recycling and waste management mentorship session.

Where this work is going

These small projects were the first steps toward Pillar 3 of our Strategic Plan 2027–2031, land restoration and climate-smart livelihoods. From 2027, that pillar starts with native-plant dune restoration in Jariiban District and builds on what BeeRISE taught us.

6. POLICY, KNOWLEDGE AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

In 2024, PUSAN co-produced or published the following and took them to global forums.

Year	Product
2024	**National Youth Statement on Climate Change.** Somalia's first youth climate statement, from LCOY Somalia 2024, carried to COY19 and COP29.

Year	Product
2024	**Conservation as a Path to Peace.** A PUSAN article on how shared management of land and water can reduce conflict between communities in Somalia.

PUSAN on the global stage

Forum	What we did
COP29 Baku, Azerbaijan · November 2024	PUSAN took part in the UN Climate Change Conference, where Somalia's first National Youth Statement was carried to COY19 and COP29.
UNCCD COP16 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia · December 2024	A PUSAN delegation led by the Executive Director spoke up for land restoration, reforestation and drought resilience in Somalia.
YALI Alumni Expo South Africa · 2024	PUSAN joined the YALI Alumni Expo and Trade Show and met young leaders from across Africa.

All our public statements, briefs and reports are free to read at punsan.org/publications.



On stage at LCOY Somalia 2024.

7. SUPPORTERS AND NETWORKS

Everything in this report was done together with others. Some organisations funded our work, some organised it with us, and some are networks we belong to. We list them that way so the role of each is clear.

Role	Organisations
Funders of LCOY Somalia 2024	Save the Children Somalia, Planetary Health Innovation Hub, SOS Children's Villages, TakingITGlobal, Beled Energy
Project support	Candid Foundation (BeeRISE)
Government	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change; Ministry of Youth and Sports

Role	Organisations
LCOY Somalia 2024 co-hosts	Somali Youth Hub, CRAN, Somalis for Sustainability, Alliance for Climate and Peace, Institute of Climate and Environment
Training and project partners	United Beyond Borders, YALI Somalia, African Solutions Co.
Networks	PELUM Association

8. LESSONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

What worked	What we needed to improve
A coalition of six youth organisations with a signed MoU and clear roles	A real funding strategy instead of last-minute fundraising
Using YOUNGO's framework to select delegates fairly	Travel support so youth from Federal Member States can attend in person
Pre-LCOY consultations in Somali and English, so more youth could take part	Longer planning time and better use of each partner's strengths
Working with youth networks such as YALI, UBB and CRAN	Stronger finance and reporting systems

Our priorities for 2025

- **Lead LCOY Somalia 2025**, with PUSAN as national Contact Point.
- **Reach every region** through consultations outside Mogadishu.
- **Work with the UN and government early**, engaging UNICEF, FAO and the ministries from the start.
- **Grow community work** and expand resilience projects to more districts.

The 2025 report shows how far we got on each of these.

From 2024 to the Strategic Plan 2027–2031

Looking back, 2024 showed what PUSAN does best: bringing young people into national climate decisions and linking them to community work. Our five-year plan builds on that, with LCOY Somalia at the centre of Pillar 4 and community projects growing into district-level adaptation under Pillars 1 to 3.

ANNEX: PHOTO GALLERY



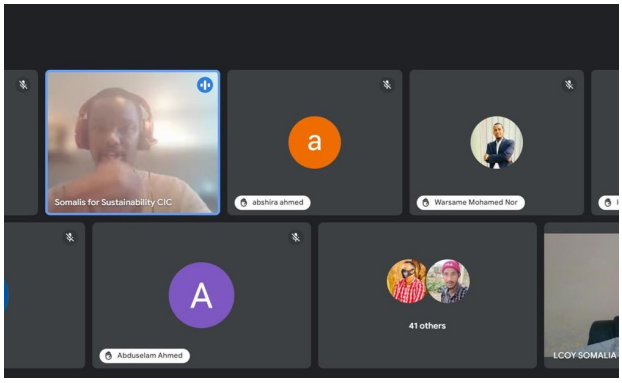
Delegates and organisers of LCOY Somalia 2024.



Panel session at LCOY Somalia 2024.



In-person pre-LCOY consultation, Mogadishu.



Online pre-LCOY consultation with youth from seven cities.



PUSAN field work with farmers, 2024.



Delegates at LCOY Somalia 2024.



Participants at LCOY Somalia 2024.



Young women delegates at LCOY Somalia 2024.

This report covers PUSAN's work from January to December 2024. Figures come from PUSAN and LCOY Somalia event reports, attendance records and published outputs.

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Work with us

Support a programme, volunteer, invite Somali youth to your platform, or work with us in a district. Together we can help communities across Somalia get ready before the next drought or flood.

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