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Annual Impact Report

2024

Our first full year: youth climate leadership and community action in Somalia

Garowe & Mogadishu, Somalia

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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.

Message from the Executive Director

When we founded PUSAN in Garowe in 2023, we had a simple belief: the communities that feel climate change first should also shape the solutions. 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 our first full year, and the year we turned that belief into action. In August, PUSAN was one of six organisations that hosted the first ever Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) in Somalia. More than 1,000 young people applied to take part. Together we produced Somalia's first National Youth Statement on Climate Change, which travelled to COY19 and COP29 in Baku.

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

None of this was easy. We worked with small budgets, long distances and real security challenges, and we learned that we need stronger systems and a proper funding strategy. I thank every volunteer, partner and young person who gave their time this year. You built the foundation for everything that came next.

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

Abdirabi Mohamed
Executive Director, PUSAN

Executive Summary

In 2024, its first full year, Punt. Sustainable Agrilivestock Network (PUSAN) established itself as an active partner in Somalia's youth climate movement and began building its community programmes.

Youth climate leadership. PUSAN co-hosted the first ever LCOY Somalia on 27–28 August 2024 in Mogadishu with five partners. The conference received more than 1,000 applications and selected 100 delegates from across the Federal Member States. PUSAN's Executive Director led events and logistics and facilitated the pre-LCOY youth consultation.

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

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

Community action. PUSAN launched BeeRISE, a beekeeping and ecosystem conservation project, ran a recycling and waste management mentorship with CRAN and African Solutions Co., and organised tree planting 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.

Looking ahead. The lessons of 2024, especially the need for a funding strategy and wider regional participation, shaped how PUSAN led LCOY Somalia in 2025.



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

Who We Are

Punt. Sustainable Agrilivestock Network (PUSAN) is a youth-led, non-profit organisation founded in 2023 in Garowe, Puntland. We work with pastoral and agro-pastoral communities to restore land, adapt to climate change and build livelihoods that last, and we make sure young Somalis are heard where climate decisions are made.

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



PUSAN field work with farmers in Puntland

Our Mission

To empower pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in Somalia through ecosystem restoration, climate-smart agriculture and sustainable livelihood development, building long-term resilience against climate shocks and environmental degradation.

Our Vision

A resilient, food-secure Somalia where communities thrive in harmony with their natural environment, and where youth-led innovation drives sustainable agriculture, healthy ecosystems and climate-adaptive livelihoods.

Our focus areas

Land & rangeland restoration
FMNR, ecological rehabilitation and rangeland governance

Climate-smart agriculture & livestock
Fodder, dairy value chains and agroecology

Early warning & disaster risk
Community risk assessments and early action

Youth climate leadership
LCOY Somalia and national youth statements

2024 at a Glance

1
National youth climate conference co-hosted (first ever LCOY Somalia)

1,000+
Applications from young people to join LCOY Somalia

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

The year in brief

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

Flagship: LCOY Somalia 2024



27–28 August 2024 · JAVA Hall, Mogadishu

The first ever Local Conference of Youth in Somalia

In August 2024, PUSAN joined five partners to host Somalia's first Local Conference of Youth (LCOY): 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. Under the theme *"A Sustainable Future Powered by Youth"*, the conference gave young Somalis a national platform to shape climate policy.

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

More than 1,000 young people applied. 100 delegates were selected using YOUNGO's framework, with attention to gender, regional balance and youth from conflict-affected areas, from Jubaland, South West, Galmudug, Hirshabelle, Puntland and Somaliland. 15 volunteers supported the event.

Over two days, delegates took part in 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+	100	110+	15	6
applications	selected delegates	youth at the online pre-LCOY	volunteers	host organisations



A youth speaker on the LCOY 2024 stage



Panel discussion, LCOY Somalia 2024



Keynote session, LCOY Somalia 2024

Building the youth statement

Before the conference, the hosts held two pre-LCOY consultations to gather youth priorities: an online session with more than 110 participants from Hargeisa, Bosaso, Kismayo, Baidoa, Garowe, Berbera and Galkayo, and an in-person session in Mogadishu that PUSAN's Executive Director facilitated. Delegates worked in Somali and English across eight topics.

Who supported it

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

Key results

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



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

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 about UNFCCC processes, climate negotiations, advocacy and policy writing, with sessions from experts including Elizabeth Gulugulu, former YOUNGO Global Focal Point.

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



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

30+
young activists trained

5
days of online and in-person training

7
countries in the UBB network

1
set of recommendations for COP29

2
partners: UBB and YALI Somalia



Participants in a working session at the Pre-COP29 workshop

Community Action



BeeRISE

Launched May 2024

Links beekeeping with ecosystem conservation as a way for vulnerable households to diversify their income, supported by the Candid Foundation as part of the MENA Summer School project. The project continues until March 2026.



Tree planting campaigns

June 2024 · World Environment Day

With YALI Somalia, PUSAN mobilised high school and university students to plant trees, restore green spaces and raise environmental awareness.



Recycling mentorship

May – 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.

> "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

Why community action matters

- Climate policy only matters if it changes life in communities. Our projects test practical solutions with young people, farmers and households.
- Each project builds skills that young people can use for income, from beekeeping to recycling.

Youth Policy and Knowledge Products

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

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

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

PUSAN on the global stage

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 advocated for land restoration, reforestation and drought resilience in Somalia.

YALI Alumni Expo
South Africa · 2024

PUSAN joined the YALI Alumni Expo and Trade Show, connecting with young leaders across Africa.

All public documents
punsan.org/publications

Our statements, briefs and reports are free to read on our website.

Partnerships and Networks

Everything in this report was achieved together. We thank the government institutions, UN agencies, donors and fellow youth organisations who worked with us in 2024.

Save the Children Somalia
Planetary Health Innovation Hub
SOS Children's Villages
TakingITGlobal
Beled Energy
YOUNGO
Ministry of Youth and Sports
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
United Beyond Borders
YALI Somalia
Somali Youth Hub
CRAN
Alliance for Climate and Peace
Somalis for Sustainability
Institute of Climate and Environment
Candid Foundation
African Solutions Co.
PELUM Association



Participants at LCOY Somalia 2024



Young women delegates, LCOY Somalia 2024

Lessons Learned and Looking Ahead

What worked

- A coalition of six youth organisations with a signed MoU and clear roles
- Using YOUNGO's framework to select delegates fairly
- Pre-LCOY consultations in Somali and English, so more youth could take part
- Partnerships with youth networks such as YALI, UBB and CRAN

What we will improve

- A formal funding strategy, instead of last-minute fundraising
- Travel support so youth from Federal Member States can attend in person
- Longer planning time and better use of each partner's strengths
- Stronger finance and reporting systems

Our priorities for 2025

Lead LCOY Somalia 2025
With PUSAN as national Contact Point

Reach every region
Regional consultations beyond Mogadishu

Partner with the UN
Engage UNICEF, FAO and ministries early

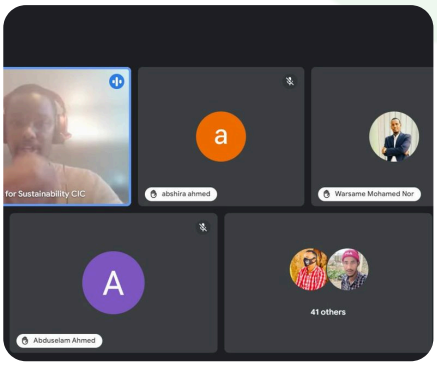
Grow community work
Expand resilience projects in Puntland



Delegates at LCOY Somalia 2024

Photo Gallery





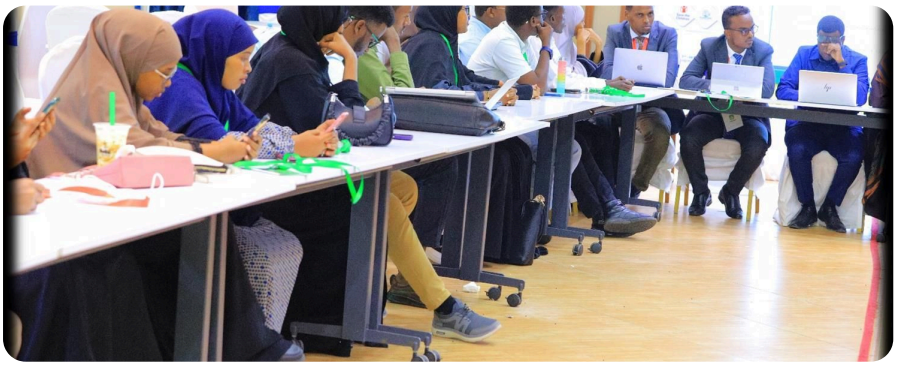






















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