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Executive Summary

The Green Champion Cohort Three Annual Report presents the key achievements of the Green Champions Initiative under the Institute of Climate and Environment (ICE Institute), SIMAD University, from August 2025 to October 2026.



During the year, Green Champions implemented climate education, environmental awareness, and community engagement activities through flagship programmes including the Climate Curriculum Integration Series (CCIS), Green Friday, and the School Outreach Programme, alongside workshops, environmental campaigns, and awareness events.

The initiative strengthened climate literacy among university students, reached over 2,000 school students, promoted youth leadership, and encouraged practical environmental action. This report highlights the programme's major achievements, impact, lessons learned, challenges, and commitment to advancing a more sustainable and climate-resilient Somalia.

About Green Champions

Green Champions is a youth-led initiative operating under the Institute of Climate and Environment (ICE Institute) at SIMAD University. The initiative was established to equip young people with the knowledge, leadership skills, and practical experience required to address climate change and environmental challenges through education, innovation, advocacy, and community engagement.

The initiative provides students with opportunities to participate in climate education programmes, environmental campaigns, community outreach, research activities, and practical climate solutions. By combining academic learning with community service, Green Champions empowers young leaders to become active contributors to environmental sustainability and national development.

Throughout the reporting period, Green Champions successfully organized educational workshops, interdisciplinary dialogue sessions, awareness campaigns, environmental restoration activities, school outreach programmes, climate celebrations, and youth leadership initiatives. These activities strengthened climate literacy while encouraging collaboration between students, educators, policymakers, and community members.

Core Objectives

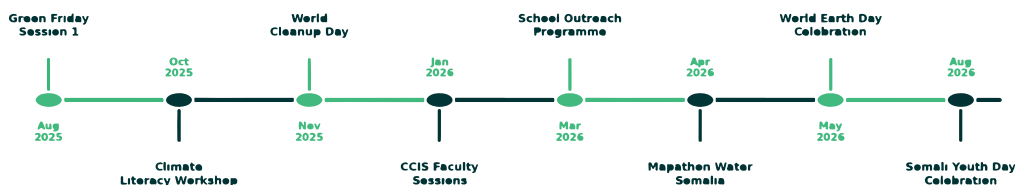
- Promote climate literacy among youth.
- Strengthen environmental awareness and responsibility.
- Integrate climate education across academic disciplines.
- Encourage youth leadership in climate action. Support practical environmental conservation initiatives.
- Promote collaboration between academia and communities.
- Inspire innovation for sustainable development.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

During the reporting period, Green Champions successfully implemented a diverse portfolio of educational and community-based initiatives.

3 Flagship Projects	9 CCIS Faculty Sessions	2,000+ School Students Reached	474 University Students Engaged
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Programme Timeline



Major Projects

- Green Friday Initiative (2 sessions)
- School Outreach Programme (2 major outreaches)
- Climate Curriculum Integration Series (9 faculty sessions)

Major Events

- Climate Literacy Workshop
- World Clean-up Day
- Climate Finance and COP Consultations Workshop
- Mapathon Water Somalia Mapping Event
- World Earth Day Celebration
- Somali Youth Day Celebration

Academic Disciplines Reached



Community Impact

More than 2,000 school girls reached through climate awareness outreach.

Hundreds of university students trained in climate literacy.

Beach and campus environmental clean-up campaigns implemented.

Tree planting and environmental conservation activities conducted.

Digital mapping skills strengthened through geospatial training.

Youth leadership and climate governance promoted across multiple academic disciplines

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

1. Green Friday Initiative

Green Friday serves as the flagship community engagement programme of Green Champions. The initiative encourages young people to translate climate knowledge into practical environmental action through awareness campaigns, environmental conservation activities, and volunteerism. During the reporting year, two Green Friday sessions were successfully implemented.



Session One — environmental awareness and sustainable living activities



Session Two — beach clean-up campaign at Libido Beach

2. School Outreach Programme

The School Outreach Programme is one of Green Champions' flagship initiatives, designed to extend climate education beyond the schools and inspire environmental responsibility among younger generations. Recognizing that climate awareness should begin early, the programme engaged school students through interactive learning, discussions, and educational resource distribution.



During the reporting period, Green Champions conducted two major outreach activities in Mogadishu. The first outreach targeted Mogadishu Primary and Secondary School, where students participated in climate awareness sessions focusing on climate change, environmental conservation, waste management, tree planting, and sustainable practices. Interactive discussions encouraged students to identify environmental challenges affecting their communities and explore practical solutions.



School outreach sessions delivered across Mogadishu classrooms

The second outreach was conducted at Boondheere Orphan Girls Centre. Green Champions visited classrooms to deliver climate awareness sessions directly to students, ensuring that every class received the same learning opportunity. The team distributed climate education toolkits and informational booklets to support continued

learning beyond the outreach session. More than 2,000 girls benefited from the programme, demonstrating the initiative's commitment to inclusive climate education and youth empowerment.



Climate education materials distributed to students

The School Outreach Programme strengthened environmental knowledge among young learners while encouraging them to become advocates for sustainable practices within their schools, homes, and communities

3. Climate Curriculum Integration Series (CCIS)

The Climate Curriculum Integration Series (CCIS) represents Green Champions' flagship academic programme, aimed at embedding climate change into higher education across multiple disciplines. Rather than treating climate change solely as an environmental issue, the programme demonstrated its relevance to governance, economics, engineering, law, education, technology, health, and finance.

Throughout the reporting period, nine faculty-based sessions were successfully delivered at SIMAD University:



Faculty
Social Science
Theme
Environmental Protection: Policies and Practices in Somalia



Faculty
Engineering
Theme
Engineering Innovation in Climate Change Mitigation



Faculty
Economics
Theme
Climate Change Through the Lens of Economics



Faculty
Education
Theme
Promoting Climate Awareness Through Education for Sustainability



Faculty
Management Sciences
Theme
Youth Leadership, Policy Engagement and Strategic Governance



Faculty
Accountancy
Theme
The Role of the Accountancy Profession in Advancing Climate Action



Faculty
Law
Theme
Environmental Protection Through Legal Frameworks



Faculty
Computing
Theme
Beyond Code: Computing Solutions for Somalia's Climate Challenge



Faculty
Medicine & Health Sciences
Theme
Climate Change and Public Health: Preparing
Future Healthcare Professionals

Each session combined expert presentations with interactive dialogue, enabling students to examine climate challenges from the perspective of their future professions. Participants explored discipline-specific solutions while strengthening critical thinking, collaboration, and practical problem-solving skills.

The series significantly enhanced climate literacy among university students and established an interdisciplinary model for climate education that can be replicated across other higher education institutions in Somalia.

OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Climate Literacy Workshop

Green Champions organized a Climate Literacy Workshop to strengthen participants' understanding of climate science, adaptation strategies, and sustainable development. The workshop provided practical knowledge while encouraging participants to become climate advocates within their institutions and communities.

World Cleanup Day

To mark World Cleanup Day, Green Champions mobilized volunteers to participate in environmental clean-up activities aimed at reducing pollution and promoting responsible waste management. The campaign reinforced the importance of collective community action in protecting the environment.



Volunteers participating in World Cleanup Day activities

Climate Finance and COP Consultations Workshop

The Climate Finance and COP Consultations Workshop introduced participants to international climate negotiations, climate finance mechanisms, and opportunities for youth engagement in global climate governance. Participants strengthened their understanding of policy processes and financing mechanisms that support climate action.

Mapathon Water Somalia Mapping Event

Green Champions collaborated in the Mapathon Water Somalia initiative to improve digital mapping of water resources. Participants received practical training in geospatial mapping and contributed to the creation of open-source geographic information that supports humanitarian planning, disaster preparedness, and water resource management.



Participants engaged in geospatial mapping training



Somali Youth Day Celebrations

World Earth Day Celebration

World Earth Day was commemorated through tree planting, environmental art, awareness campaigns, and collaborative discussions on climate change. Participants worked in groups to identify local environmental challenges and propose practical community solutions while promoting environmental stewardship.



World Earth Day tree planting and awareness activities

Somali Youth Day Celebration

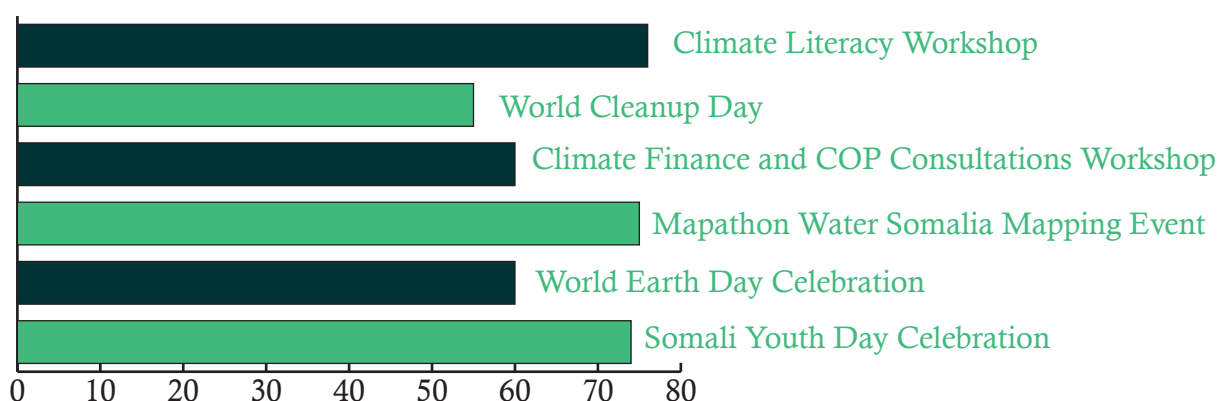
Green Champions joined the celebration of Somali Youth Day by recognizing the important contribution of young people to environmental protection, leadership, innovation, and national development. The event encouraged youth to continue playing an active role in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development.

IMPACT STATISTICS

The Green Champions Initiative continued to expand its reach and influence through a diverse portfolio of climate education, community engagement, and environmental action programmes during the reporting period.

Programme Highlights

Participation by Event



Areas of Impact

During the year, Green Champions made meaningful contributions in several thematic areas:

- Climate education and awareness
- Youth leadership and volunteerism
- Environmental conservation
- Community outreach
- Climate policy dialogue
- Digital mapping and innovation
- Sustainable development education
- University–community partnerships
- Interdisciplinary climate learning

These achievements demonstrate the programme's commitment to equipping young people with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to address climate change while promoting environmental responsibility within their communities.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the reporting period, Green Champions achieved several significant milestones that strengthened climate action and youth engagement

Climate Education

- Successfully delivered the Climate Curriculum Integration Series across nine academic faculties.
- Increased climate literacy among university students through interdisciplinary learning.
- Connected climate change to diverse professions, demonstrating that every sector has a role in climate action.

Community Engagement

- Expanded climate awareness beyond the university through school outreach programmes.
- Reached more than 1,000 school girls with climate education and learning materials.
- Encouraged community participation through awareness campaigns and environmental activities.

Environmental Action

- Organized beach clean-up campaigns and environmental conservation initiatives.
- Conducted tree planting and environmental awareness activities during global environmental celebrations.
- Promoted responsible waste management and environmental stewardship.

Youth Leadership

- Strengthened youth leadership through volunteer engagement and climate advocacy.
- Encouraged students to become climate ambassadors within their faculties and communities.
- Promoted collaboration among students, experts, and community stakeholders.

Innovation

- Introduced participants to geospatial mapping technologies through the Mapathon Water Somalia initiative.
- Promoted digital innovation, climate finance awareness, and practical problem-solving skills.

LESSONS LEARNED

Implementation of Green Champions activities provided valuable lessons that will guide future programming.

- Climate education is most effective when linked to students' academic disciplines and future careers.
- Practical activities such as clean-up campaigns, tree planting, mapping exercises, and outreach visits increase participant engagement and knowledge retention.
- Early climate education in schools helps cultivate environmentally responsible future leaders.
- Collaboration between universities, schools, experts, and community organizations enhances programme quality and impact.
- Interactive learning methods, including dialogue sessions, case studies, and group discussions, encourage active participation and critical thinking.
- Youth are highly motivated to contribute to climate action when provided with meaningful opportunities for leadership and community service.

CHALLENGES

While the reporting period was successful, several challenges affected programme implementation.

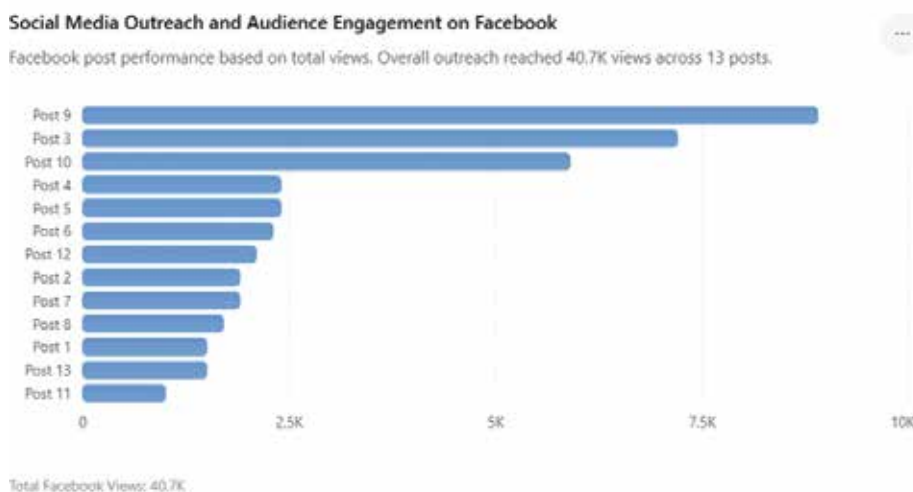
- Time limitations within academic calendars affected scheduling and participation.
- Limited access to climate education resources and materials restricted wider dissemination.
- Sustaining participant engagement after events required additional follow-up mechanisms.
- Expanding activities beyond Mogadishu remains a challenge due to resource limitations

Despite these challenges, Green Champions successfully delivered its planned activities through teamwork, volunteer commitment, and institutional support.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

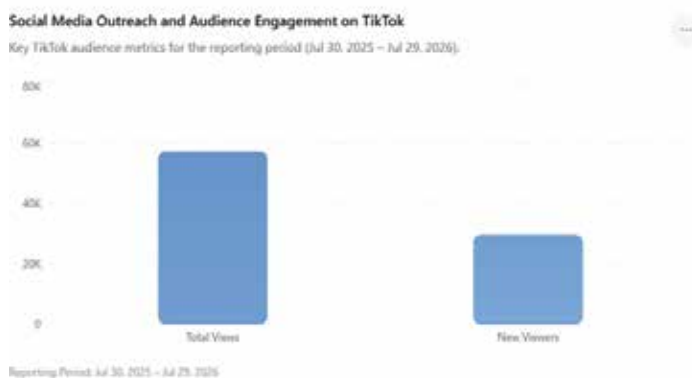
Green Champions maintained an active social media presence to extend the reach of its climate education and awareness campaigns, engaging audiences across multiple digital platforms.

Facebook Engagement



Social media outreach and audience engagement on Facebook

TikTok Engagement



Social media outreach and audience engagement on TikTok

SUMMARY OF KEY STATISTICS

3 Flagship Projects	9 CCIS Faculty Sessions	2,000+ School Students Reached
474 University Students Engaged	2 Green Friday Sessions	2 School Outreach Activities
6 Major Events Held	2,000+ Girls Reached (Outreach)	12 Months Covered

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Green Champions Initiative sincerely acknowledges the invaluable support and commitment of everyone who contributed to the success of Cohort Three during the reporting period.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the Institute of Climate and Environment (ICE Institute), SIMAD University, for its continued leadership, guidance, and institutional support in advancing climate education and environmental sustainability.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all guest speakers, facilitators, university staff, school administrators, and partner organizations whose expertise and collaboration enriched every programme and activity conducted throughout the year.

Special recognition is given to the dedicated Green Champions members whose passion, volunteerism, teamwork, and commitment made the successful implementation of every initiative possible. Their efforts continue to inspire positive environmental action and youth leadership.

Finally, we thank all university students, school learners, volunteers, and community members who actively participated in our programmes. Your enthusiasm, ideas, and commitment have contributed significantly to building a more climate-aware, environmentally responsible, and sustainable Somalia.

Together, we are creating a generation of informed and empowered young leaders committed to protecting our environment and shaping a resilient future.



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