

# CI Women in Healthy Sustainable Societies - About the Opportunity

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Women in East Africa play a critical role in the “environment” - food production, water and fuel wood harvest, natural resource management, and household well-being, although until recently there has been limited recognition and support for women in these roles. Recognition of the importance of involving women more in environmentally-related decision making at all levels has been growing, although further coordination and support is needed to fully achieve equality. Conservation International (CI) is dedicated to furthering these issues through policy, action, and dialogue.

In October 2013, experts and practitioners working on these issues came together for a two-day Strategic Discussion in Nairobi and developed a set of recommendations for funding priorities including:

1. **Community-based capacity building, education and awareness** that supports women’s involvement and benefit-sharing in environmentally-related activities – including community decision making and project implementation
2. **Influencing policy-level decision making** around gender equality and women’s empowerment in the environment
3. **Information sharing and networking** between practitioners and organizations working on gender equality and women’s empowerment to share knowledge, collaborate and strengthen a collective voice on these issues
4. **Research** to demonstrate benefits of incorporating women into environmental decision making and inform best practices (including tools, guidelines, etc.)

Following these recommendations, CI, with the technical support of BirdLife International, is providing small grants in **Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda** to support work focusing on at least one of these recommendations. The goal of these small grants is to further global and local understanding and practice of gender equality and women's empowerment (e.g. leadership skills development, technical training, etc.) vis-à-vis the environment.

**View all eligible Key Biodiversity Area locations in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda on the map below**

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