



# SHE GROWS THE FUTURE

She Grows the Future (SGTF) is a three-year multi-country programme funded by Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Fondation L'Oréal (FLO) through CARE France, operational in Peru, Ecuador, Laos, and Vietnam. Aimed at promoting inclusive climate adaptation policies and practices led by women, the programme will directly benefit 4,110 individuals, with nearly 70% being women, and will strengthen over 48 Community Based Organisations (CBOs). In Vietnam, SGTF will support 840 ethnic minority individuals and enhance the capacity of 10 local organisations, reaching an anticipated 6,075 extended beneficiaries.

To achieve its objectives, SGTF collaborates with women leaders and networks, whilst building the capacity of national and local civil society to advocate for women's and youth's involvement in policy development and decision-making processes related to climate adaptation.

The programme focuses on two interlinked objectives: supporting the scaling-up of ecosystem adaptation solutions by rural women and fostering a community of committed stakeholders who promote gender-transformative policies and practices in climate adaptation and conservation.

## Donor:



## Project participants:

+ 6,075 ethnic minority individuals

+ 10 local organizations

**Timeline:** 2024 – Jun 2027

**Location:** Tan Uyen and Pac Ta communes, Lai Chau province

## Implementing Partners:



Lai Chau  
Women Union

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Lai Chau, a rural province in northwest Vietnam, faces significant socioeconomic challenges, with poverty rates of 28.5%, far exceeding the national average of 4.4%. Home to over 20 ethnic minority (EM) groups, these communities represent 55% of the province's poor. Agriculture, their primary livelihood, is under pressure due to limited arable land, scarce economic opportunities, and rising climate risks.

The region experiences increased temperatures, irregular rainfall, and frequent natural disasters, such as landslides and floods, which undermine agricultural productivity and strain local resources. Women, particularly those from EM groups, face compounded vulnerabilities. They constitute 85.9% of the agricultural workforce but encounter significant barriers to accessing credit, land, resources, and decision-making power, with only 23% leading agricultural cooperatives. These challenges hinder their resilience and increase their burden in managing the impacts of climate change.

To address these challenges, the program will combine gender transformative and sustainable approaches, such as natural based solutions, to improve climate adaptation competency for local project participants.



### KEY OUTCOMES



Support the development of community climate adaptation plans.



Implement Farmer Field Schools to promote climate-resilient agricultural practices.



Support women-led climate adaptation initiatives



Raise awareness of gender equality, engage men, and strengthen stakeholder networks.