

Project Title	Community Climate Resilience - Mannar
Type of Service Provided	Fellowship
Period	June 2026 - February 2027
Duration	9 Months
Overview	<p>Communities in Mannar, particularly fishing communities, are increasingly experiencing the adverse impacts of climate change, including extreme heat, flooding, sea level rise, and unpredictable weather patterns. These challenges are significantly affecting livelihoods, public health, housing conditions, and local ecosystems.</p> <p>As part of its climate accountability work, Greenpeace South Asia is launching a community-based climate resilience campaign in Mannar. The initiative aims to strengthen locally led adaptation efforts and amplify community voices in climate justice and accountability processes.</p> <p>To support this initiative, Greenpeace South Asia seeks to engage Community Climate Resilience Fellows from Mannar and surrounding regions who have strong community connections and a demonstrated interest in climate justice, youth engagement, and participatory community processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the creation of a climate-resilient common space for fishing communities that demonstrates practical and locally appropriate adaptation solutions to address extreme heat and flooding, while promoting the use of sustainable and ecologically appropriate materials and approaches. • Position Mannar as a model for community-led climate resilience by showcasing how participatory decision-making, locally relevant infrastructure, and ecological building practices can strengthen community preparedness and protection against climate-related impacts. • Document and amplify the lived experiences of communities affected by recurring heatwaves and floods through testimonies, community diaries, visual documentation, and other participatory methods. The campaign will support the emergence of strong community spokespersons who can effectively communicate local climate realities, influence public discourse, and engage key stakeholders and decision-makers. • Enhance public awareness and engagement on climate resilience in Mannar through collaborations, cultural engagement, and public-facing initiatives, including performance art installations by Subodh Kerkar and other creative interventions.
Key responsibilities	<p>The Fellow will work closely with Greenpeace South Asia programme teams, community leaders, youth groups, artists, and local partner organisations to support the implementation of the campaign in Mannar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and maintaining strong relationships with fishing communities, local

	<p>stakeholders, community leaders, and partner organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting and facilitating regular community meetings, consultations, dialogues, and participatory discussions related to climate resilience and adaptation. ● Mobilising youth, women, and community members to actively participate in campaign activities, events, and collective actions. ● Ensuring the meaningful participation and inclusion of vulnerable and frontline communities throughout campaign processes and activities. ● Supporting community participation in the planning, design, and development of the climate-resilient community space. ● Coordinating communication and collaboration between community members, local stakeholders, technical teams, artists, and Greenpeace South Asia programme teams. ● Assisting in the identification and documentation of community needs, local knowledge, adaptation practices, and community-led solutions. ● Facilitating the development and maintenance of community-based documentation and records relating to climate impacts, including extreme heat, flooding, livelihood disruptions, displacement, and other related challenges. ● Supporting the collection of testimonies, stories, photographs, videos, and other forms of community evidence to strengthen climate accountability efforts. ● Organising and maintaining records, documentation materials, and community narratives generated through campaign activities. ● Mobilising and engaging youth groups in storytelling, theatre, arts-based engagement, and cultural interventions connected to the campaign. ● Supporting the organisation and coordination of workshops, creative sessions, public events, and campaign-related activities. ● Coordinating local participation in creative collaborations, including art installations and performances led by Subodh Kerkar and other collaborators. ● Providing regular updates, field insights, and activity reports to Greenpeace South Asia campaign teams. ● Supporting the documentation of field activities through written notes, photographs, videos, testimonies, and other relevant formats. ● Assisting in identifying emerging local issues, risks, opportunities, and community concerns relevant to the campaign objectives.
<p>Qualifications</p>	<p>The ideal candidate should demonstrate a strong commitment to community engagement and climate resilience work within Mannar and surrounding areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong connections and established relationships with local communities, particularly fishing communities in Mannar and nearby regions. ● Demonstrated interest in climate justice, environmental issues, community organising, youth engagement, and participatory grassroots processes. ● Previous experience in community mobilisation, facilitation, volunteering, grassroots initiatives, or community development work. ● Ability to communicate effectively in Tamil and/or Sinhala. Knowledge of English will be considered an added advantage. ● Ability to work collaboratively with diverse community groups, including youth, women, and other frontline or vulnerable communities.

- Basic skills in coordination, communication, documentation, and community engagement processes.
- Interest or experience in storytelling, theatre, arts-based engagement, cultural activities, or creative community processes will be considered an added advantage.
- Willingness to work in community settings, participate in field-based activities, and engage in collaborative campaign processes.

Formal educational qualifications are not mandatory for this role. Greater emphasis will be placed on community experience, local knowledge, interpersonal skills, and existing relationships within the community.