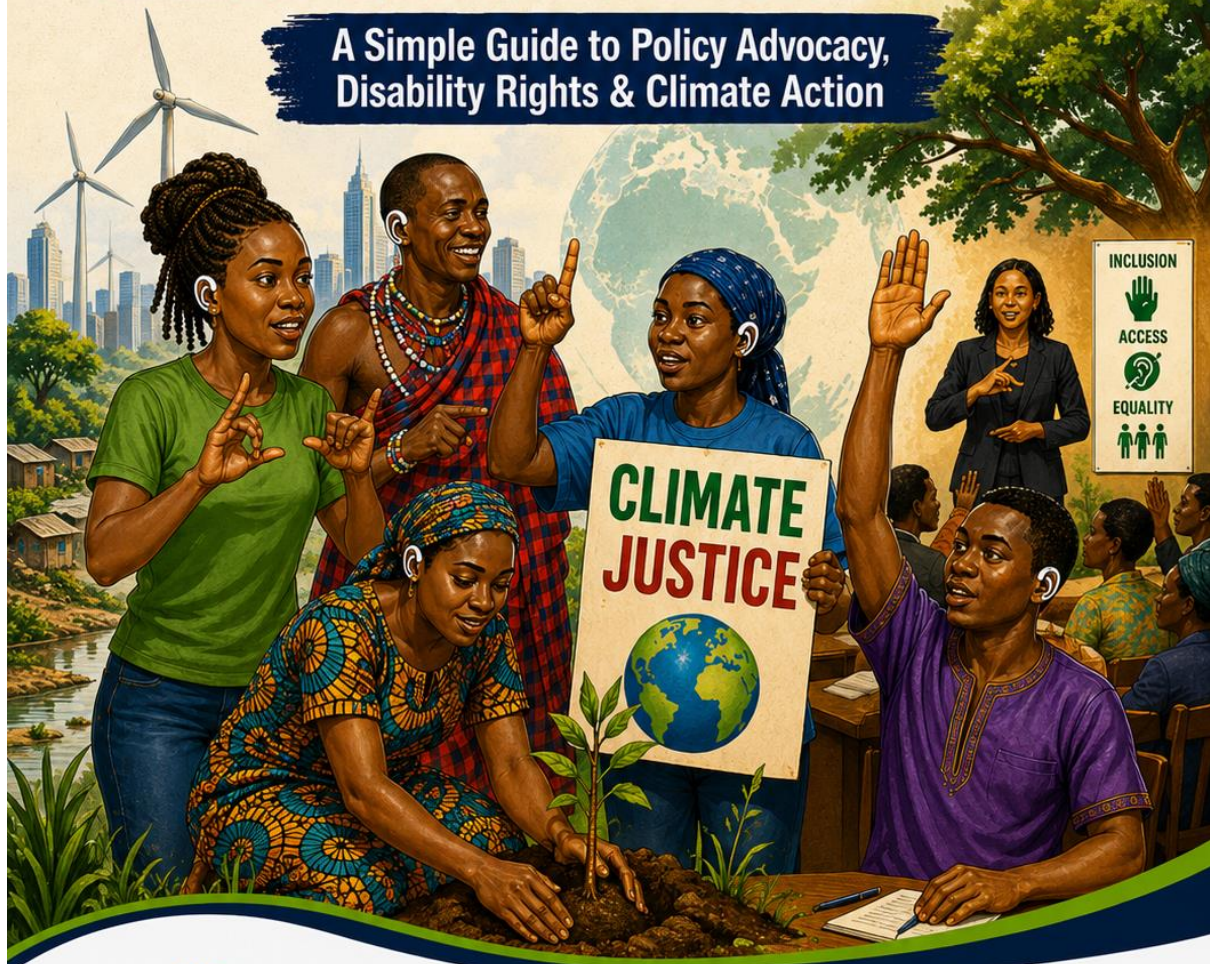


DEAF VOICES FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

A Simple Guide to Policy Advocacy,
Disability Rights & Climate Action



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OUR PLANET.



OUR RIGHTS.



OUR FUTURE.



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ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet is for Deaf youth and Deaf women.

It will help you:

- Understand your rights
- Learn about climate change
- Know how to speak up and demand change



Deaf people have the right to be included in all decisions.



Your voice matters.

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KEY WORDS



Disability

A condition that may make it harder to hear, see, walk, or communicate.

Deaf people are part of this group.



Rights

Things every person must have.

Example: Right to information.



Climate Change

Changes in weather over time.

Too much heat, floods, drought.



Advocacy

Speaking up for your rights.



Policy

Rules/laws made by the government.

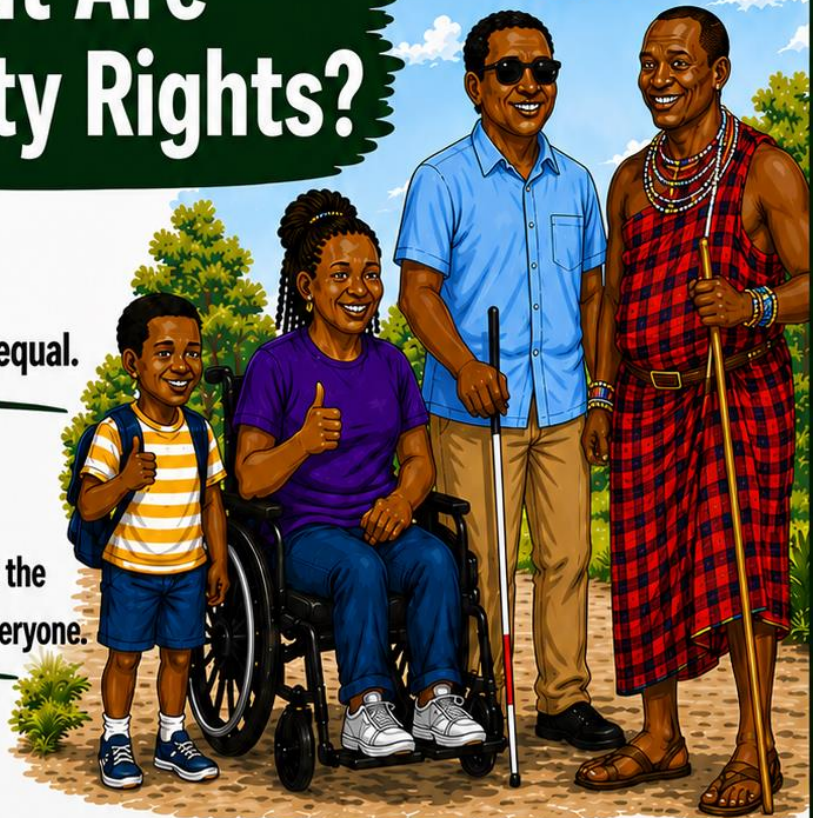
What Are Disability Rights?



All people are equal.



Deaf people have the same rights as everyone.



You have the right to:



Get
information



Go to
school



Access
health services



Be included
in meetings



making
decisions



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If there is no sign language interpreter/caption, this is discrimination.



Example:



A meeting is happening, but there is no interpreter.



Deaf people cannot understand.



This is not fair.



At hospital:



Health workers should learn sign language.



You cannot explain your problem.



You may get the wrong treatment.



What Is Climate Change?



Climate change means the weather is changing over time.



You may notice:



Too much heat



Floods



Drought



Landslide

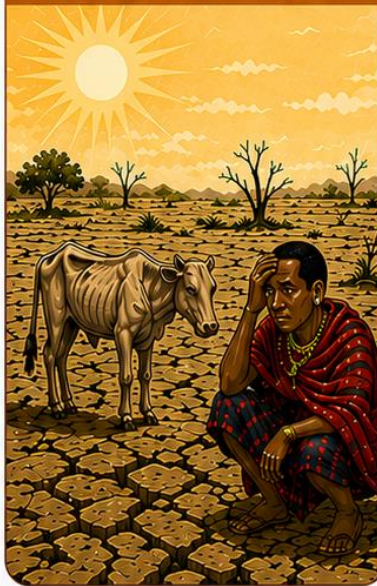


Examples:

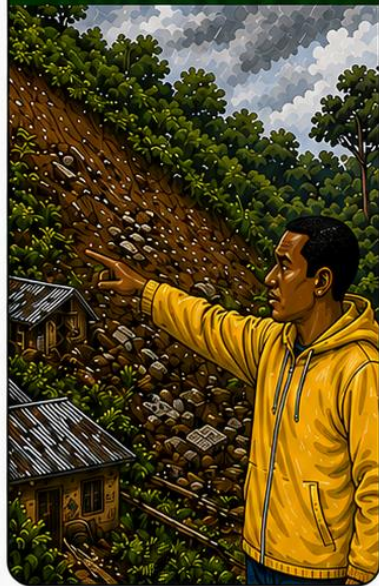
In Nairobi: Flooding



In Kajiado: Drought.



In Murang'a: Landslide



Causes of climate change:



Cutting trees



Pollution



Burning fuel



Climate change affects everyone.

Why Climate Change Affects Deaf People More

Deaf people face more challenges.



Why?



- No access to warning information



- Rescue team do not understand sign language



- Excluded from meetings



- Information not in sign language

Example:



Flood warning is given on radio.



Deaf people do not hear it.

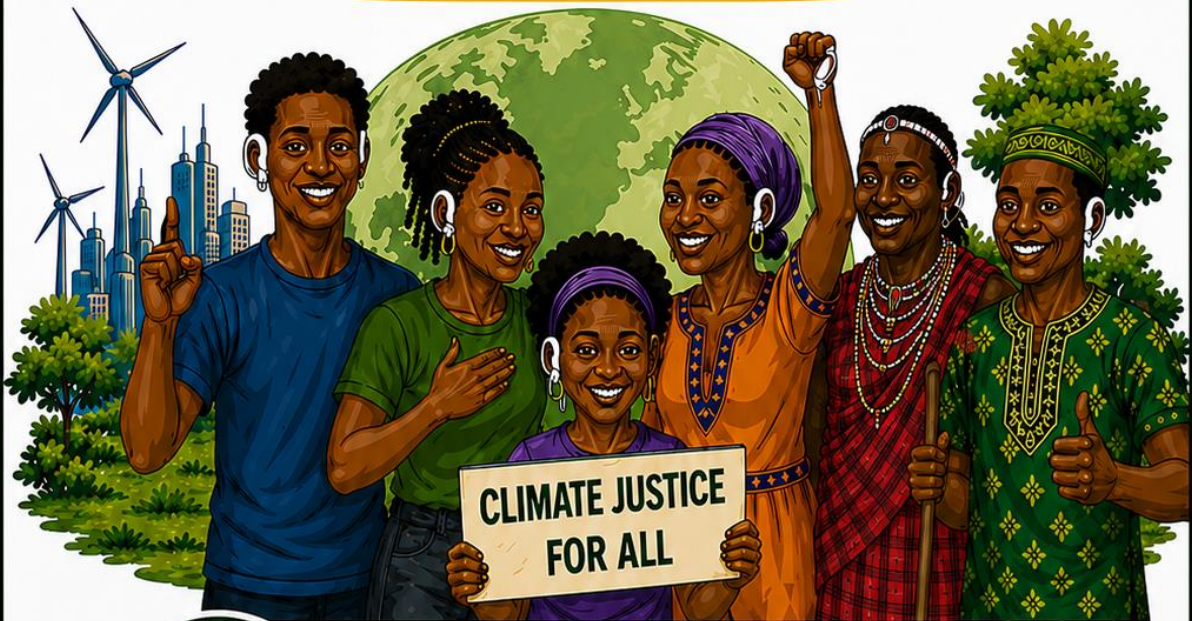


This is **dangerous.**



Deaf people must be included.

WHAT IS CLIMATE JUSTICE?



Climate justice means fairness.



Everyone must be treated equally.



No one should be left behind.

DEAF PEOPLE MUST:



- **Get information**



- **Be included in decisions**

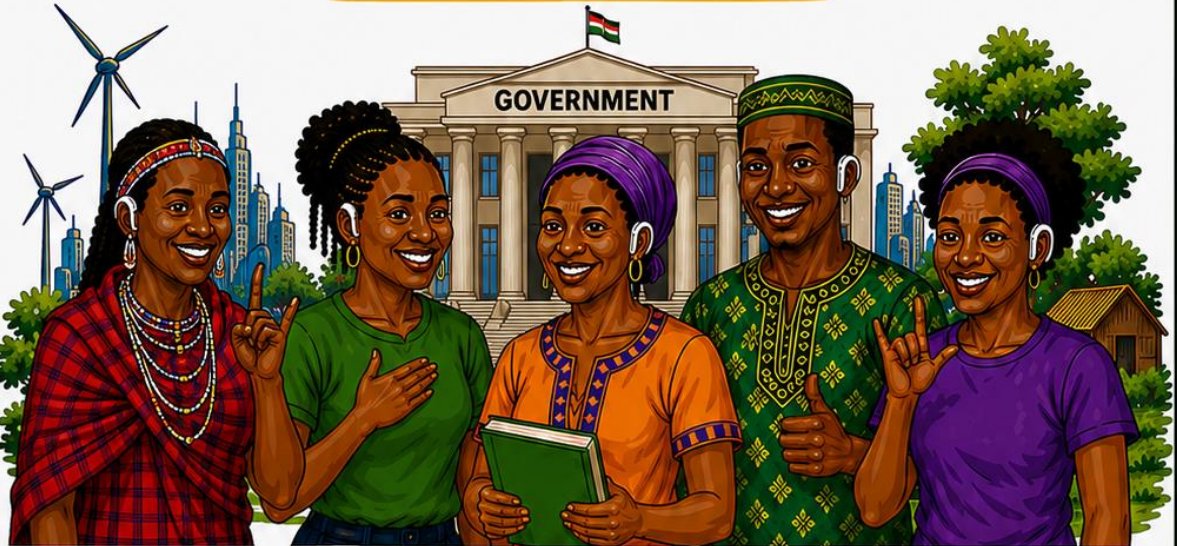


- **Be supported during disasters**



Climate justice = Inclusion.

WHAT IS A POLICY?



A policy is a rule/law made by the government.



Policies affect your life.



Policies can be amended.



Policies are not 100%.

EXAMPLES:



- Climate plans



- Disaster response plans



These policies should include Deaf people.



If Deaf people are not included, the policy is **not fair.**

WHAT IS ADVOCACY?



Advocacy means speaking up.

It means:



- **Saying what is wrong**



- **Asking for change.**



- **Demanding for inclusivity.**

SIMPLE STEPS FOR ADVOCACY:

1. Identify the problem

Example: No interpreter



2. Speak up

Tell leaders



3. Ask for change

- Demand inclusion
- You have the right to speak.



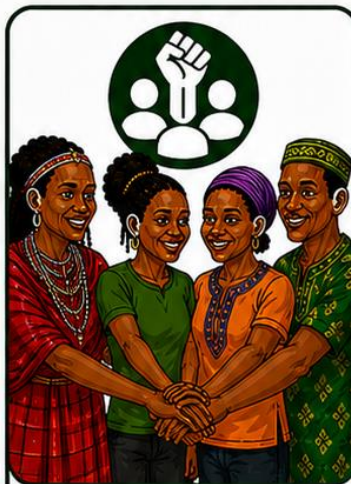
- Advocacy is not only for leaders.
YOU can do it.
For example: Ask for an interpreter in a meeting.

HOW DEAF PEOPLE CAN ADVOCATE

You can:



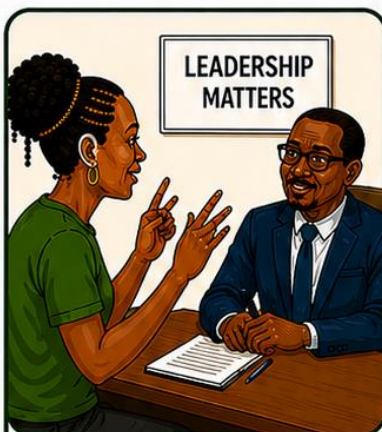
- Join meetings



- Work as a group



- Use social media



- Talk to leaders



- Share your experience.



- Create your own content.



DO:

- Be clear
- Be respectful
- Be confident



DON'T:

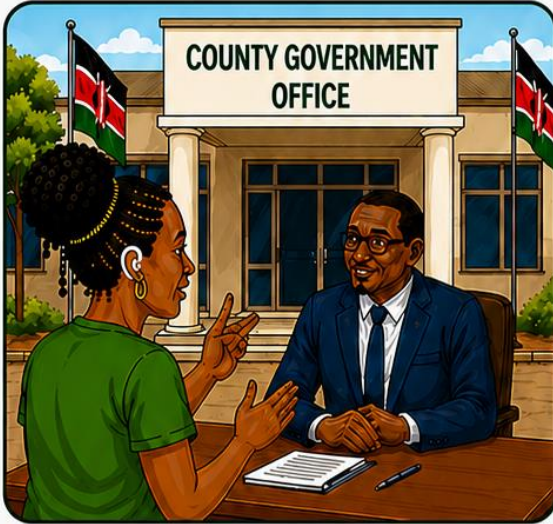
- Stay silent
- Give up



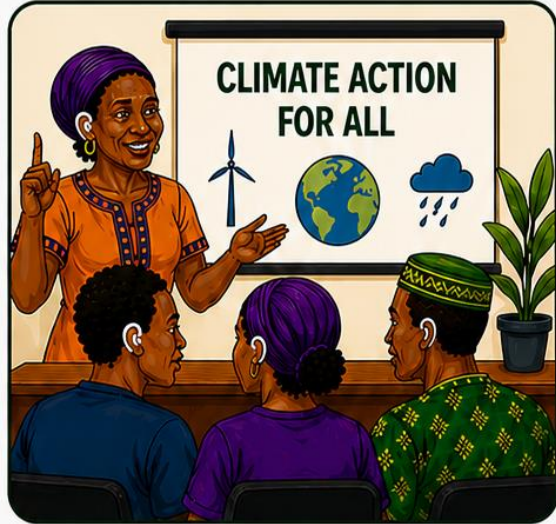
**Your voice is
powerful.**

WHERE CAN YOU ADVOCATE?

You can speak up in:



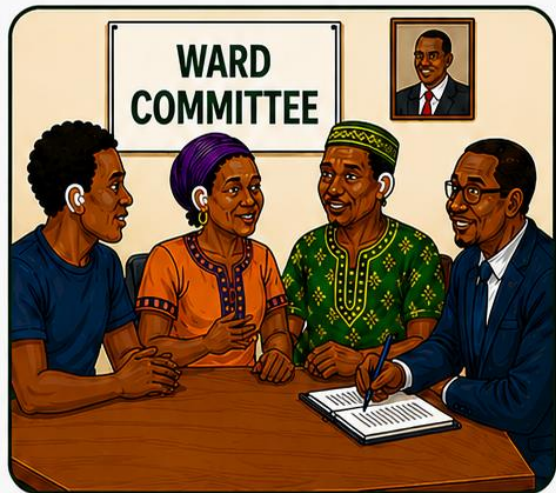
- County government offices



- Climate meetings



- Community forums



- Ward committees.

SIMPLE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM



- These places make decisions.



- Deaf people must be present.



- Start at ward level (closest to you)



(Closest to you)



YOUR VOICE MATTERS (STORY)



- A Deaf young woman attended a climate meeting.



- At first, there was no interpreter.

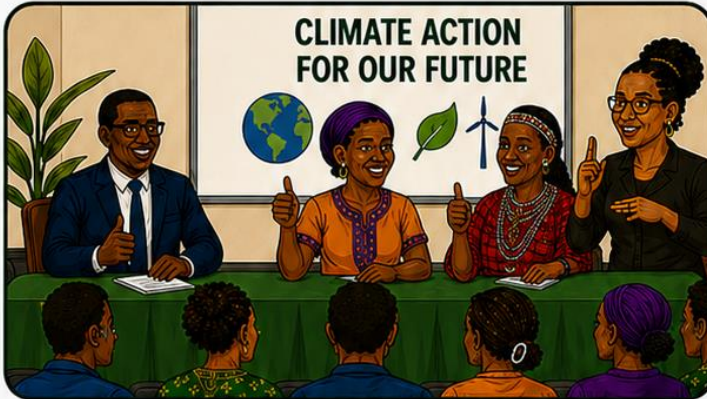


- She spoke up.



- She asked for an interpreter.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS (STORY)



- The organizers agreed.



- Now, Deaf people are included.



- She spoke, got interpreter and other Deaf persons benefitted.

One voice can create change.

Your voice matters. Speak up!

WORKING TOGETHER



- You are stronger together.



- Join other Deaf people.



- Form groups.



- Support each other.



One voice
is ignored.



**Many voices
are heard.**



Many voices
are heard.

DEAF CLIMATE ADVOCACY NETWORK



Together, you can:



- Share ideas



- Speak louder



- Create change.

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TAKE ACTION

Ask yourself:



✓ Do I know my rights?



✓ Can I speak up?



✓ Can I join meetings?



✓ Can I help others learn?

START TODAY.



Small action = Big change.

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