

# Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate

A four-year GCRF-funded project exploring the role of universities in addressing the climate crisis



#### **Project overview**

Climate change is widely recognised as the most critical global challenge of our time. But its many effects are felt most strongly in the poorest communities of the world. To avoid devasting impacts, the world needs urgent action in the next decades, with radical shifts by 2050.

Higher education institutions have a crucial role to play in responding to the climate crisis, not only through carrying out research, but also through teaching, community engagement and public awareness. This project aims to strengthen the contribution of universities to addressing the causes and impacts of the climate crisis in Brazil, Fiji, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Tanzania and the UK, by supporting local action on climate change.

In doing so, the research project contributes to the broader task of understanding the role of education in achieving the full set of Sustainable Development Goals.





# **Project Objectives**

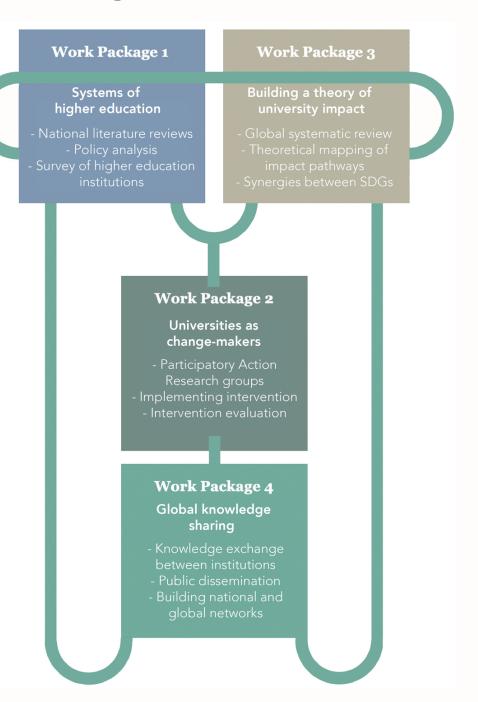
The project has four main objectives:

- To support local action on climate change through the creation of participatory action research groups in universities in Brazil, Fiji, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Tanzania and the UK
- To assess existing coverage of climate change in the curricula, research and community engagement activities of universities in the four countries
- To contribute to theory and understanding of the impact of higher education on climate change and sustainable development
- To build and strengthen national, regional and global university networks and knowledge exchange on climate change

# **Planned Impact**

This project aims to bring benefit to communities in four low and middle-income countries through enhancing the contributions of universities to addressing climate change. In collaboration with other networks, ACU will coordinate events with international stakeholders and policymakers.

# **Work Packages**



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