

# Corporate Social Investment Report

FIRST QUARTER 2025



**KAKUZI**  
*Growing Together*

## 1. Update on Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Plan Implementation

The Company is committed to supporting community initiatives that foster sustainable development and building collaborative partnerships for mutual growth and prosperity.

Company Community Partnership Committee meeting was convened to review the progress of previously approved projects and to evaluate new community requests.

## 2. Community Relations

Community relations is essential for fostering mutual trust, understanding and collaboration between Kakuzi and the community we serve. Prioritizing strong relationships with the Community, ensures long term success and contributes positively to societal development.

Community forums and office visits are platforms that continue to foster interaction and engagement with the community.

## 3. Domains

### 3.1 Good health & Well-being (SDG3)

Good health and wellbeing in a community has profound benefits, promoting social, economic and environmental progress, which include enhanced quality of care, increased economic productivity and improved educational outcomes among other benefits.

Kakuzi, together with Government officials from the Ministry of Health attended the commissioning of Mwanja Mbogo dispensary in Ithanga area. The facility was established through a partnership between the County Government and the Company. Kakuzi constructed a 4-door ablution block, to benefit the local community who previously were forced to cover long distances to access health care services including maternity services which has increased the rate of home births associated with higher risks of infant mortality and other complications that have been on the rise in the area.



Photos 1: Commissioning of Mwanja Mbogo Dispensary in Ithanga

## 3.2 Quality Education (SDG 4)

Quality education empowers individuals and transforms communities by fostering growth, innovation and social harmony which contributes to the formation of sustainable and prosperous communities. The Company has supported this agenda through:

### Education Scholarship

Kakuzi awarded academic scholarships to seven deserving students from the local communities who are at different levels of secondary education.

### BOM Teachers

The Company supports payment of eight additional BOM teachers across four local schools Kitito, Kinyangi, Kakuzi Primary, and Gititu Secondary to enhance learning through smaller class sizes and personalized instruction to improve education outcomes.

### Mentorship forum

Academic mentorship offers numerous benefits for both the mentees and mentors, for mentees it includes crucial skills development, guidance and support. For the mentors, it fosters leadership development and continuous learning through interacting.

Kakuzi organized a mentorship forum for the 3 schools' committees and head teachers from Kakuzi, Kinyangi and Kakuzi primary. The forum specifically refreshed the committees on their role as program champions and equipped them with clear assessment metrics to effectively track progress within the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC).



*Photos 2: Schools' leadership and committee mentorship session at Kinyangi Community center*

Education plays a vital role in the health and prosperity of any community. A well-educated community is more flexible to changing economic conditions. In areas where food is scarce, a guaranteed meal at school can be a powerful incentive for children to attend regularly.

In line with our commitment to support the community, Kakuzi donated 380 kgs of rice and 380 of green grams to local schools through the area MP to support lunch feeding programs in the local institutions, to improve attendance rates and promote education outcomes.



Photos 3: Handing over of food items to be donated for schools' lunch programs

## Classroom furniture

Kakuzi donated 30 chairs, 7 tables to Munyu ECDE center along with 5 teachers' desks and chairs to Mianyani Primary School, improving classroom furniture and enhancing comfort for learners and teachers.



Photos 4: furniture donation in Munyu ECDE and Mianyani Primary School

## Schools' Avocado Projects

Income-generating projects in schools provide a powerful blend of educational and economic benefits. Students learn the value of hard work and financial responsibility, while schools gain financial independence, reducing the burden on parents and enabling investment in vital resources, infrastructure, and educational programs.

The Community Relations Manager visited four schools; Kimotho, Thangira, Kahaini Primary, and Ndula Secondary, to assess the progress of Kakuzi-initiated avocado projects. The projects were established through a cumulative donation of 350 avocado seedlings to these institutions, capacity building and periodic extension support services from Kakuzi Outgrowers manager. The visits revealed successful project development, with 80% seedling survival rate.



*Photos 3: School avocado projects in learning institutions*

## Student Placement

Kakuzi remains committed to giving students an opportunity to gain skills by way of career related work experience. During the quarter Kakuzi engaged 21 students on industrial placement to attain skills in their different fields of specialization.

### 3.3 Clean water & Sanitation (SDG 6)

Investing in clean water and sanitation is critical for the health, well-being and development of the community. Access to clean water and proper sanitation reduces the spread of water borne diseases, improves hygiene practices and promotes environmental sustainability.

Consequently, Kakuzi handed over three, 4-door ablution blocks to Mwanja Mbogo dispensary, Kitune Primary and Kianjiruini High School; and a 10,000L rain water harvesting system to Iembeni Secondary School. These facilities will increase access to adequate sanitation for the learners and community members seeking medical assistance in the dispensary.



Photos 4: Handing over of 4 -door ablution blocks at Mwanja Mbogo dispensary



Photos 5: Complete rain water harvesting system at lembeni Secondary School

### 3.4 Decent Work & Economic growth (SDG 8)

Economic empowerment for a community is a process that aims to increase the ability of individuals and groups within that community to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from economic activities. It's about creating sustainable economic opportunities and fostering self-sufficiency.

Gaka Self Help Group, beneficiaries of farm inputs from Kakuzi and the Athara water intake, demonstrated successful utilization of the irrigation system during a recent support supervision visit. The intake was constructed to promote responsible water use from Mutoho river and empower the community. The project has effectively resolved water-related conflicts, fostering good neighborliness



Photos 6: Gaka self-help group

### Business Opportunity for Locals

Kakuzi remains committed to providing employment and a source of sustainable livelihood opportunities for the locals, boosting the local economy and enhance economic self-sufficiency for the surrounding communities. Within the reporting period, the Company engaged local suppliers in purchases of over 31 million Kenya shillings.

### 3.5 Climate Action (SDG 13)

Global climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, with rising temperatures, deforestation, and pollution threatening ecosystems and human livelihoods. Addressing this crisis requires collective action to restore and protect our environment for future generations.

Kakuzi, in alignment with its commitment to environmental sustainability, collaborated with NEMA Murang'a branch and the Kenya Red Cross Society in a tree planting exercise. Kakuzi contributed to the significant tree planting activity by providing t-shirts. The initiative successfully targeted planting of over 1,000 trees at Kiharu Technical Institute, Mumbi Girls, KRCS Office Land, and other locations, to promote a greener and healthier environment.



Photos 7: NEMA official receiving t-shirts donated by Kakuzi

## 4. Stakeholder and Community engagement/ Collaboration

### Munyu Baraza

Kakuzi attended a baraza meeting in the Munyu booster area, organized by the area Chief, to address the increasing human-wildlife conflict. The meeting, which included the Muranga County Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) team, focused on crop destruction concerns from both Kakuzi and the community. The KWS team also provided guidance on reporting wildlife-related injuries and property damage.



*Photos 8: Baraza meeting at Munyu Area*

### Athara Baraza

Athara area Chief convened a community baraza meeting, attended by the Community Relations Manager, Community Liaison Officer, and Kakuzi Horticulture Division Managers. The baraza focused on establishing an agreement with neighboring communities regarding the sustainable use of the Mutoho river, a shared water source for dry-season farming.



*Photos 9: Baraza meeting at Athara Area*