

Corporate Social Investment Report

FIRST QUARTER 2024



KAKUZI

Growing Together

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

Quarter one Company community partnership committee meeting was convened to review progress, completion of previously approved contributions and approve projects for the subsequent quarter intended to be of meaningful contribution towards creation of a sustainable society.

2. Community Relations

Kakuzi dedication to focus on community relations remains unwavering to help build and sustain trust, credibility, and loyalty with the local community for prosperity of both the company and the surrounding communities.

Through face-to-face meetings, telephone calls, letters and emails, the company has continued to relate with the locals and other stakeholders to demonstrate commitment in communication and act in good faith.

3. Domains

3.1 Good health & Well-being (SDG3)

Good health is one of the most important things in a person's life, it affects physical, mental, and emotional well-being of an individual. Hence, there is need to invest and create awareness on matters affecting health and wellbeing of individuals and the society at large.

World TB Day

Tuberculosis has long been the world's leading infectious killer disease and continues to kill more people in low- and middle-income countries than any other infectious disease, despite it being preventable and curable. Consequently, Kakuzi supported commemoration of National world TB day in March at Kimorori Stadium Muranga County themed Yes, we Can End Tb through provision of 200 branded t-shirts.



Photos 1: County nursing officer Muranga receiving branded T-shirts donated by Kakuzi

3.2 Quality Education (SDG 4)

Education molds people into leaders not only with knowledge about the curriculum, but it also shows them how to lead with true values and improve their ability in solving local problems.

Education Scholarship

Kakuzi continues to remain steadfast in ensuring that quality education is accessible to all. The company awarded scholarships to seven deserving students from the local community in different levels of education, attending various extra county and county schools to enhance retention and transition from primary to secondary school.

BOM Teachers

In an effort to improve the quality of education, reduce pupil teacher ratio and strengthen performance for learners in the neighboring communities, Kakuzi is supporting 8 additional BOM teachers in Kakuzi, Kitito, Kinyangi primary schools and Gititu Secondary school.

Kitito Primary School Handing over

There is strong evidence that high-quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction, improves student outcomes, and reduces dropout rates, among other benefits.

In line with this, Kakuzi handed over Kitito Primary School after refurbishing the school in a colorful ceremony graced by the Assistant County commissioner Ithanga/Kakuzi subcounty, Area MP, Subcounty Director of Education and Teachers service commission Kakuzi /Ithanga subcounty among other dignitaries. The renovation will benefit more than 290 learners in the JSS and primary sections of the school.



Photos 2: Kitito Primary School handing over ceremony

Sponsorship for Vocational training

Kakuzi in support of building capacity for the local community to promote self-reliance and reduce dependency is sponsoring 5 youths previously running and managing the charcoal kiln for vocational training. The youths from Kinyangi and Kakuzi hills areas are pursuing courses in Motor vehicle mechanics and Masonry at Don Bosco training Centre to acquire skills that match labor market demands.



Photos 3: Youths sponsored for vocational training

Classroom furniture

The Company donated classroom furniture; 75 lockers and chairs to JSS sections of Kambiti, Kimorori and Muhohoyo Primary schools, 5 teachers desks and chairs to Gathanga Primary to address challenges of inadequate furniture in the institutions which largely impacts academic performance.



Photos 4: Teaching staff in Gathanga and Muhuhuyo schools receiving classroom furniture donated by Kakuzi

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 7 students on industrial placement to attain skills in their different fields of specialization.

3.3 Clean water & Sanitation (SDG 6)

Providing access to sufficient amounts of safe water and building adequate sanitation facilities, promotes effective hygiene behavior essential to reducing the burden of disease in a community.

Kakuzi has continued to devise solutions that accelerate progress and ensure clean water & sanitation is available to the surrounding communities, through construction of sanitation facilities and installation of rain water harvesting systems in community facilities and institutions.

In line with this, the company handed over two ablution blocks at Athara primary school and at Ngatho Chief's office.

The facilities will provide proper sanitation for over 300 learners in the institution and community members seeking services at the Chief's office.



Photos 5: Handing over of ablution blocks at Athara Primary school and Ngatho Chief 's office

Kakuzi facilitated water connection for Makuyu police station and over 25 Kenya police and Administration Police households, providing the officers and inmates with clean water for household use and other cores.

3.4 Decent Work & Economic growth (SDG 8)

Community economic development encourages use of local resources in a way that enhances economic opportunities while improving social conditions in a sustainable way.

Kakuzi commitment towards enhancing the ability of individuals and community groups remains unwavering through provision of skills, services, and information that addresses their needs, challenges and aspirations, while making use of their strengths and potential towards development of a sustainable community.

In line with this, the Company is in the process of conducting capacity assessment for 7 bee keeping groups with a membership of over 150 individuals to establish their level of capacity needs in order to design strategies to support them reach their full potential. Kwa stima bee keepers and new Muthaiga groups were evaluated within the reporting period.



Photos 6: New Muthaiga bee keeping group during group assessment

3.5 Climate Action (SDG 13)

Kakuzi is at the forefront of taking action to tackle climate change and its impacts in order to build a sustainable world for posterity.

In 2021 the company donated 200 assorted tree seedlings to Senior Chief Secondary school to establish an arboretum dubbed "Kakuzi corner", besides the donation, the company facilitated a how to plant session and did capacity building on seedling post care.

A follow up visit was conducted in 2024 to track progress and offer support. "Kakuzi corner" was established and the tree seedlings have done exceptionally well.



Photos 7: Senior Chief secondary School arboretum

4. Stakeholder and Community engagement/ Collaboration

Ngatho baraza Meeting

The company, through the community relations manager and community liaison officer was part of a community baraza meeting in Ngatho area attended by the area Chief, assistant chiefs and Government forester. During the meeting, the community was cautioned against destruction of Company's property and illegal logging which has resulted in drying of rubiru spring which was an all year-round water source for them.

The community through their leaders requested Kakuzi to donate tree seedlings for planting during the rainy season. They are committed to nurture the tree seedlings in an effort to reverse the climate change experienced in the area.



Photos 8: Ngatho Community baraza

5. Working with local administration

Kakuzi donated office furniture to Ithanga police station, intended to support service delivery to the community around Ithanga area and offer comfort for the service providers.



Photos 8: Government officers from Ithanga police station receiving furniture donated by Kakuzi