

Corporate Social Investment Report

FOURTH QUARTER 2024



KAKUZI
Growing Together

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

Kakuzi is committed to form and support Company Community Partnership Programs that are collaborative to support local needs and address shared challenges and goals.

We consistently receive requests for consideration from different stakeholders and given timely feedback based on the nature of the requests.

2. Community Relations

Community engagement and interaction remains to be of great importance to Kakuzi. Community forums and one on meetings have continued forming basis for social interaction, communication and positive engagement, appropriate for building a sense of responsibility and togetherness between the Company and the local community.

3. Domains

3.1 Good health & Well-being (SDG3)

Investing in community health and well-being offers a multitude of benefits, both for individuals and society as a whole. Healthy individuals are more productive, leading to a stronger workforce and economic growth.

Kakuzi commitment towards promoting good health and wellbeing for surrounding communities and employees remains firm by investing in programs and initiatives that contribute to good health. In line with this Kakuzi was part of World prematurity day celebration, themed 'access to quality care everywhere'. An annual global event to raise awareness of the challenges and burdens of preterm births on a global scale, and the most urgent actions to prevent, diagnose and manage preterm babies.



Photos 1: World prematurity day celebration walk

Free medical Camps

Kakuzi conducted free medical camps in 3 locations; Makuyu, Kinyangi and Gikono areas to enhance access to primary healthcare for the local communities. Over 600 individuals benefited from the range of services offered which included; Health Education, Voluntary HIV Counselling and testing, Nutritional assessment, Prostate cancer and Cervical cancer screening among others.



Photos 2: Free medical camps at Makuyu and Gikono areas.

Gituamba Health Facility

Promoting access to quality health care remains a priority for Kakuzi, in line with this, Kakuzi handed over a 10,000L rain water harvesting system to Gituamba Health facility to increase access to clean water to the facility personnel and over 150 community members who seek health services from the facility on a daily basis.



Photos 3: Members of staff at Gituamba Health Facility during handing over of the rain water harvesting system

Tabasamu

Kakuzi donated 1000 sanitary towels to learners in Gatanga through the Go economic Empowerment program (GEEP). The initiative aimed to increase access to absorbents for the school going girls and sensitize over 1000 boys and girls on menstrual health during a brigade camp at Chomo Secondary School.



Photos 4: Tabasamu session at Chomo Secondary School in Gatanga

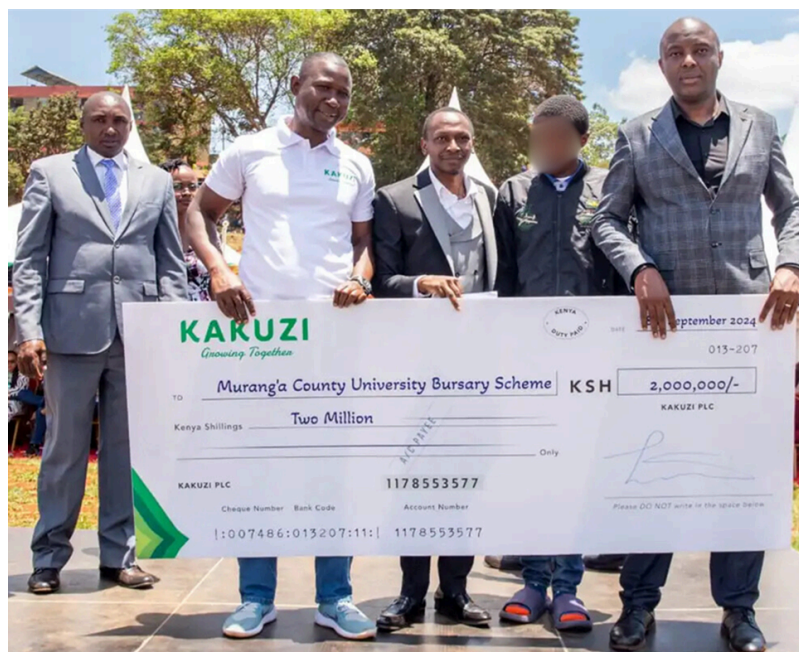
3.2 Quality Education (SDG 4)

Education is an investment in the future. It empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and drives societal advancement. In addition, a well-educated workforce drives economic growth and innovation.

Donation to Murang'a County University Bursary Fund

Kakuzi remains consistent in promoting access to quality education. In this regard, Kakuzi donated two Million Kenya Shillings towards the Murang'a County University Bursary Fund to sustainably provide leadership development opportunities for needy but bright students.

Beyond the cash donation, Kakuzi will also provide fully paid pre-university internships to help prepare the best students for wide job opportunities while preparing them for their university studies.



Photos 5: Murng'a County Governor receiving a cheque from Executive Head Corporate Affairs Kakuzi PLC

Kakuzi Mentorship Program

Kakuzi conducted a mentorship forum for 7 students from the local communities and beneficiaries of Kakuzi academic scholarship program. The students were taken through leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills, skills essential to equip them navigate life's challenges and opportunities successfully.



Photos 6: Mentorship session at Kinyangi Community Centre

Sponsorship for Vocational training

Vocational training is a valuable investment in human capital that yields significant benefits for the entire community. It contributes to economic growth, social development, and overall community well-being.

Kakuzi sponsored 5 youths previously running and managing the charcoal kiln in Kinyangi for vocational training. They pursued different courses based on choice and fulfillment of the minimum requirement for enrollment.

The youths have successfully completed one-year course and graduated from Don Bosco training center with certificate in Motor vehicle mechanics and Masonry courses.



Photos 7: Youths sponsored for vocational training

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

3.3 Clean water & Sanitation (SDG 6)

Rain water harvesting systems

Clean water is a fundamental human right and a crucial resource for a community's health, well-being and overall development. Clean water management practices help preserve water resources for future generations.

Kakuzi is cognizant of challenges associated with limited availability of clean water in the community and learning institutions which affects service delivery and education outcomes in these institutions.

In attempting to providing a long-term solution to this challenge, Kakuzi funded construction of two, 5000-litres rain water harvesting systems in Murang'a South Sub-County Education office and Registrar of Persons office. This will increase access to clean water for over 400 community members accessing services and staff personnel in these institutions.



Photos 8; Government officials during handing over of the rain water harvesting system at Muranga south Subcounty offices

Sanitation Facilities

Investing in adequate sanitation for a community offers a multitude of benefits, impacting public health, economic growth, and social well-being. Healthy communities are more productive. Improved sanitation in schools, can increase school attendance and academic performance.

Consequently, Kakuzi constructed and handed over 16 ablution blocks in 3 learning institutions; Githanji, Pundamilia Primary Schools and Ngimu ECDE center.

An additional 4 door latrine was constructed at the Muranga south AP line. These facilities will serve and promote hygiene practices for over 1000 learners in these institutions and over 10 officers and their households residing at Muranga south AP line.



Photos 9: Githanji Primary School Ablution block handing over

3.4 Decent Work & Economic growth (SDG 8)

Economic empowerment allows people/ communities think beyond immediate daily needs and enables households to make their own decisions around making investments in health and education.

Donation to Community Development Programs in Muranga County

As part of Kakuzi efforts to support sustainable development and the local community economic growth, The Company donated 50 beehives, 200 beehives and 200 avocado tree seedlings to Community Development programs through Betty Maina foundation and Irungu Nyakera foundation respectively, to be distributed to farmers throughout the 6 sub counties in Murang'a County.



Photos 10: Beehive & Avocado tree seedlings donation to Community development programs in Muranga County

Training on nursery operations

In line with this the company held a session on nursery operations with 6 youths who are scholarship beneficiaries in an effort to prepare them spear head environmental conservation initiatives in their previous schools and the communities they come from as environmental champions.

Standard Chartered Marathon

Kakuzi sponsored 31 Members of staff to take part in 2024 Standard Chartered Marathon. This year's Marathon focused on Future makers initiative to tackle social and economic inequality focusing on disadvantaged young people, women and people with disability to learn, earn, and grow. Since its launch in 2019, Future makers programs have reached more than 24,500 beneficiaries in Kenya.



Photos 11: Kakuzi employees during 2024 Standard Chartered Marathon

3.5 Climate Action (SDG 13)

Kakuzi is dedicated to combat climate change and its impacts, these efforts involve afforestation, reducing emissions, and adapting to climate change among other interventions.

In line with this, Kakuzi donated 300 tree seedlings through the area chief to Gathunguuru, Athara and Thangira communities to be planted during the short rains, the initiative aimed to promote partnership and ownership towards environment conservation efforts with the locals



Photos 12: Tree seedlings donation to local communities

4th Phase Jiko kisasa Project

Kakuzi successfully completed implementation of the 4th phase of jiko kisasa project, that targeted 500 households for communities neighboring the farm especially those bordering the forest areas. Besides health benefits, reduced smoke and economic value, jiko kisasa is also environment friendly. It is fuel efficient hence reduces the amount of firewood consumed per household which translates to reduction of trees cut down to meet firewood demands.

Cumulatively, in 4 phases of implementing the project, over 1500 households have been fitted with double cook stoves. For project sustainability, over 100 local youths have been trained on construction and maintenance of the stoves.



Photos 13: Jiko kisasa beneficiary household

4. Stakeholder and Community engagement/Collaboration

Community forum

Kakuzi was part of a public participation forum at Kirimiri area, a forum organized through the area chief by an investor planning to establish an avocado Packhouse in the area. In attendance was the area Member of Parliament and the Assistant County Commissioner.

Different concerns were raised in the forum, ranging from its benefits to the locals, the targeted suppliers and safe guards towards ensuring that the establishment does not promote theft of avocados from the neighboring farms.



Photos 14: Public participation forum in Kirimiri area

Jamhuri Day Celebrations

Jamhuri Day is a national holiday in Kenya celebrated on 12th December each year, since 1963 to mark the date when Kenya became established as a republic.

Kakuzi was part of the celebrations in both Ithanga/Kakuzi and Muranga South Sub counties through provision of tents, seats and other items in fulfilling requests extended to the Company.



Photos 15: Jamhuri day celebrations in Huhoini Sports grounds Kambiti Muranga South Sub County

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