

Kakuzi PLC

Corporate Social Investment Report

FIRST QUARTER 2022



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

There has been a steady growth in the implementation of CSI which are aligned to the SDGs aimed at improving livelihoods and responding appropriately to the needs of the community by addressing concerns and implementing projects that are community centered.

Community consultation and involvement has continued to form an integral part of our community interventions for appropriateness and achievement of the desired outcome. We received requests from community groups and other stakeholders for consideration and approval. Approved Projects are currently at different stages of implementation.

2. Community Relations

The company through stakeholder engagement and community interaction has continued to nurture and influence good relations and partnership with the bordering communities. The OGM has provided an avenue for information to flow freely from the community to the company and vice versa which has strengthened the social cohesion and fostered understanding between the two entities.

3. Domains

3.1 Good health & Well-being

(SDG3) Food Donation

Good health is central to positive emotions and wellness that contributes significantly to prosperity, economic progress and productivity. For this reason, Kakuzi donated 1.695 tons of maize flour to communities bordering the farm to supplement their diet and ease the burden associated with the surge in food prices.

The donations targeted the elderly, vulnerable and persons with disabilities. The exercise benefited 339 Households translating to 1,017 individuals.



Photo 1: Food donation exercise

Tabasamu Program

Tabasamu menstrual hygiene program continues to ensure access to absorbents, education and mentorship for adolescents in school. In this regard Kakuzi conducted sessions in four schools; Mangoto, Marura Primary Schools, Gititu boys and Thangira Secondary Schools reaching 1436 learners with information on Menstrual hygiene, adolescent crisis, alcohol and substance abuse. In addition, the company donated bars soaps to 1436 participants and 405 packets of sanitary towels to the girls.

Through Tabasamu Program 106 Female employees in Kitito and Kaguru estates were trained on menstrual health and hygiene in order to promote sanitary practices and safe disposal of absorbents.



Photo 2: Tabasamu session in Gititu Secondary school

3.2 Quality Education (SDG 4)

Kakuzi continues to work closely with education stakeholders to enable schools within our catchment achieve quality education for all. In this regard the company has made donations towards engagement of 4 qualified supplementary BOM teachers at Kinyangi and Kakuzi Primary Schools with the objective of enhancing quality of teaching and reduce pupil teacher ratio which will impact learning for over 500 pupils.

Computer Donation

Kakuzi donated 23 Computers to 15 learning institutions and other stakeholders; Mutithi, Gathungururu, Karung'angi, Kirimiri Primary and Secondary Schools among others to facilitate computerizing their office functions and equipping computer labs in these learning institutions, benefiting over 1,200 learners.



Photo 3: Computer donation exercise in learning institutions

School educational visit

The Company hosted 96 Students and 4 Teachers from Gathungururu Secondary School, during an academic trip to the farm. The students were taken through the theoretical knowledge on packhouse activities and given a guided tour round the packhouse.



Photo 4: Gathungururu secondary school academic trip

Classroom Furniture

The company is in the process of donating 509 class room furniture to 23 learning institutions to ease congestion and create a positive learning environment for learners. The exercise is scheduled to take place after schools reopen in May.

Student Placement

Kakuzi remains committed to giving students an opportunity to gain skills specific to their subjects of study. We currently have 14 students on their industrial placement at Kakuzi.

3.3 Clean water and Sanitation (SDG 6)

In long term measures to address the challenge of water shortage, the company installed 10,000L rain water harvesting tanks to Rubiru and Kitito Primary Schools, benefiting over 450 pupils as well as a 3000L rain water harvesting tank in a residential home for a disabled community member to ease household errands.



Photo 5: Rain water harvesting projects

Sanitation facilities

Kakuzi donated a 4 door Girls sanitation facility at Gathungururu Secondary school. The facility will benefit 221 girls and promote sanitary practices in the school.



Photo 6: Handing over sanitation facility at Gathungururu Secondary school

The company is in the process of installing an additional 10, 5000L rain water harvesting tanks in 6 institutions, 32 sanitation facilities in 9 institutions and 1 hand washing facility in a school to enhance hygiene practices.

3.4 Decent Work and Economic growth (SDG 8)

Economic empowerment is a vital aspect of our CSR program aimed at building capacities for economic self-sufficiency. To this end Kakuzi has been working with community groups to facilitate trainings and donation of items to create additional income for these households.

Progress on Jiko kisasa Energy Saving Stoves Project

The 33 builders trained on installation of Jiko Kisasa energy saving cooking stoves have continued to apply the skills acquired for economic benefits. Within the quarter 13 builders have successfully installed 11 energy saving jikos and sold 71 liners within the community. In addition, they have proceeded with community sensitization on the benefits of using jiko kisasa as opposed to the three stone method as a marketing strategy.



Photo 7: Builders during Installation of energy saving jiko (jiko kisasa)

School Avocado Project

Progress evaluation visits were conducted in 13 schools in Ithanga sub county that had benefited from avocado seedling with the objective of inculcating entrepreneurial skills to the learners and supplementary income for the school. The follow up visits were to assess and learn best practices for replication.



Photo 8: Mianyani Primary School Avocado Project

Bee Keeping Projects

Mumbuini Self Help Group

Bee keeping project is one of the economic activities initiated by Kakuzi to economically empower neighboring communities.

To this end Kakuzi facilitated a training on bee keeping and donation of 17 beehives to Mumbuini SHG, a registered group with a membership of 17 men who are currently making monthly contribution and wish to supplement their income through beekeeping to achieve their goal and objective of buying and selling land as a group.

This is an addition to two other groups that the company is already working with in a similar program. This entire program is currently benefiting a total of 82 members.



Photos 9: Mumbuini SHG Bee keeping training and donation of hives

Kakuzi hills and upper stima bee keeping groups

A total of 80 group members from Upper stima beekeepers and Kakuzi Hills Self Help Group were taken through a refresher training on bee keeping with support from horticulture and Macadamia divisions to improve skills, increase yield and farming returns.



Photo 10: Kakuzi hills beekeepers during a refresher training on beekeeping

Avocado Smallholder Programs

Kiambu Farmers day

The avocado society of Kenya organized an exhibition for avocado farmers in Kiambu as one of its county field days. The exhibition provided an opportunity for networking and linkages to national and regional stakeholders, a market expansion strategy for the farmers.



Photo 11: Extension officer attending to visitors at Kakuzi PLC stand Kiambu farmers day

Thogoto Farm Forestry Self Help Group Farm visit

A group of 23 farmers from Kiambu and beneficiaries of Kenya forestry service funding made a field visit to the farm. The purpose of the visit was to acquire skills on good avocado seedlings production, an economic venture which they recently established.



Photo 12: Thogoto SHG during their field trip

Athara water intake

To foster good neighborliness, the company facilitated construction of a water intake in Athara Swamp to ease access and responsible use of irrigation water from river Mutoho for economic empowerment of the community.



Photo 13: Complete Athara water intake

Construction of Gikono market

Kakuzi partnered with the member of county assembly Kimorori Wempa in constructing market sheds in Gikono market, a public utility reserved area in wempa, which will promote the economic and social welfare of the community.



Photo 14: Kimorori Wempa member of county assembly receiving poles & timber donated by Kakuzi



Photo 15: Gikono Market handing over

Gaka SHG

Kakuzi donated 76kgs French beans seedlings and 300kgs of fertilizer to Gaka SHG, a group of 35 community members who have come together to enhance their economic abilities through farming and selling their produce as a group. The group signed a contract with Kenya Fresh Produce Exporters LTD to supply French beans for export.



Photo 16: Gaka SHG receiving fertilizers and French beans donated by Kakuzi

3.5 Climate Action (SDG 13)

Environmental management is an integral part of Kakuzi operations. The company has come up with a plan of action to assess environmental impacts of our business activities with an objective of managing them in a responsible manner.

In our indigenous tree nurseries, we are raising 15532 seedlings, these will be planted during the long rains.

4.Roads and Bridges

Kakuzi has facilitated construction of Sunset to Kihato and Kihato to Munyu roads to ease movement and enable communities within and around the farm access essential services. This project which is part of our progressive measures is ongoing and will be handed over when ready.



Photo 17: Community road under construction

6. Stakeholder and Community engagement/

Collaboration Community Baraza Meetings

Within the quarter the second phase of Sikika(OGM) community consultations targeting 25 sublocations bordering Kakuzi was concluded reaching 3944 community members. The forums were a platform to pass information on sikika and an opportunity for the community to interact with Kakuzi.



Photo 18: Community baraza meetings

In making positive contribution towards the community and foster Understanding the Community Relations Manager has continued to interact with the community in different forums. In the first quarter, 3 community groups were taken through SIKIKA as an alternative conflict resolution mechanism.



Photo 19: Gaka and Judeah SHG during their monthly meetings

Working with local administration

Kakuzi donated office furniture to 1 Chief and 5 assistant Chiefs in Kariaini, Mihango, Kambiti, Gakungu and Kagaa sub locations, intended to enhance productivity, organized office operations and service delivery to the community.



Photo 20: Office furniture donation to local administration

In addition, a 4-door Latrine donated for public use at Ithanga/Kakuzi DCC office is complete and soon to be handed over for utilization. The facility will serve community members seeking services from the Ithanga/Kakuzi sub-county office.



Photo 21: Complete sanitation facility at Ithanga DCC office

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