

Project Update: July 2011

Community mobilization exercise at Ngomano, Ikalaasa and Kibauni Location in Kibauni Division

This was conducted on 4th, 5th and 6th of July 2011. The objectives of these initial mobilisation exercises were to ensure that the community members that Green Resources initiative is working with have an understanding of the project objectives and their roles as stakeholders and beneficiaries of the activities proposed. This was a follow-up of meetings that were held during the project proposal preparation and the core objective was to ensure that the project is owned by the community and it's a joint initiative. This meeting was attended by 266 participants from 25 different community-based organisations namely women groups, self help groups, youth groups and the community members. Out of these, 183 were women. The government arm was represented by the Ministry of Forestry and Mineral Resources through the Kenya Forestry Service attended by the District Forest Officer (Mwala district), Ministry of Agriculture through the District Crops Officer, Ministry of Cooperatives represented by the District Cooperative Officer, the provincial administration through the three area Chiefs and two assistant chiefs. The local government by the local councillor and other opinion leaders. The objectives of the project and the partnerships and synergies were highlighted, and government support was assured as we prepared to start on the core activities.

Outputs:

Output 1:

- ❖ 266 people successfully mobilised, and project objectives discussed again with support from all the relevant stakeholders (worth noting is gender mainstreaming, about 69% were women).

Output 2:

- ❖ Synergies and partnerships strengthened between the relevant government ministries and departments as well as the county council.

Output 3:

- ❖ 25 community-based organisations mobilised and information about the project activities passed on to more than 600 members of the different community-based organisations.

Output 4:

- ❖ Government support assured which is key to the success of this project.

Consultative meeting with the team leaders from the National Museums of Kenya

A meeting between Green Resources initiative and National Museums of Kenya ecologists and key scientists was held to discuss on the terms of reference and draft the same. This took place on 14th of July 2011. Agreed was the development of terms of reference (ToR) for the execution of the project. Green Resources has since then developed terms of reference for the collaborative work with the National Museums of Kenya. A workplan that has been agreed upon has been final and work is to start as per the workplan. Meanwhile, Green Resources

Initiative is working with the community members to establish a nursery site. The project objectives and timelines were discussed in detail and a draft work plan prepared based on the proposal timelines.

Agreed Workplan

Programme activity	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5	WK6	WK7	WK8
Inception	<i>September 2011</i>				<i>October 2011</i>			
Reconnaissance, familiarisation tour of Kibauni Hill Forest								
Fieldwork -								
Site characterisation: Data collection and analysis								
Data entry, processing and analysis								
Final report								

Conclusion:

So far, we have been able to move smoothly to advance the objectives of the project to the community members and all the relevant stakeholders. It's our hope that the next phase of activities will be conducted as per the work plan and we will send a report as soon as we have initiated the next phase.