

# GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES TAKING ACTION FOR RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS IN THE MUKOGODO FOREST

## PROJECT GOAL



Community living around Mukogodo community forest develops and implements locally led climate protective measures and engages in adaptive activities towards their climate resilience, the project aims at reaching 2000 community members of whom 50% will be women.



## BACKGROUND

The project idea is to build the foundation of locally led Integrated Climate risk management and landscape resilience that can be scaled up and replicated to other communities as a contribution towards increasing tree cover as projected nationally. The project has been conceptualized as to contribute to the landscape as a carbon sink pathway.

Involving the stakeholders and the beneficiaries in the activities and building the capacities of the communities in sustainable forest management, Community based Natural Resources Management, integrated climate risk management and wildlife conservation will contribute to biodiversity conservation and support sustainable livelihoods through development of viable land use plans. Ultimately leading grassroot communities to be front liners in taking actions on mitigation and adaptation building resilient ecosystems.


## OUTPUTS


- 100 ha of previously degraded forest is replanted
- 150 community members are trained on improved natural resource management
- 200 Community members have small Nature-based products enterprises established

The project primarily targets the Il Ng'wesi community who are predominantly pastoralists and Yaaku the hunter-gatherers. They live on the eastern lowlands of Mukogodo East Ward and along with the fridges of Mukogodo forest respectively. The project seeks to reach and work with the target groups and beneficiaries through the existing structures such as the Community Forest Associations (CFAs), Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs), Kenya Forest Service and the county government of Laikipia. Since the target groups belong to these structures they will participate as part of the project implementation unit in decision-making processes and carrying out activities like tree planting. The targeted communities and relevant ministries at the county level will ultimately work in collaboration in the implementation of the activities during the project period.

**CONTRIBUTING TO AICHI TARGETS**

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14 The Ecosystem provides essential services such as a source of food, (wild fruits, other edible plant parts and honey), water and herbs that are important to community health and key to indigenous communities in the landscape including vulnerable groups such as women and children
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15 The project's efforts are geared toward the conservation and restoration of the landscape. This will highly contribute to increasing the carbon sinks, mitigate the climate change impacts and combat desertification
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18 The indigenous communities in this landscape have been using the Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (ITK) for the conservation of the forest and the adjacent landscape. This project will promote this important ITK and will link to the national legislations and relevant international obligations and support the indigenous communities to continue living in harmony with nature



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