HB 1 MOBILLIZATION REPORT

GFCCA — GLOBAL FOUNDATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AFRICA

Empowering Africa for a Sustainable Future

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BACKGROUND

Homa Bay 1 Project started under the Agroforestry Forest Farmland System model operating in Homabay region, majorly in Rachuonyo South, Rachuonyo North and Rangwe sub- counties. In Rachuonyo South, the project operates in Konuon'ga, Kodera South and Kodera North sub locations, while in Rachuonyo North, it has farmers in Kagan, Kochia, Gem East wards. Also, within Rachuonyo North, the project is currently in Wangchieng, Kanyaluo, and Kachien South wards.

CHAPTER 1: INDRODUCTION.

The project was led by Carolyne Kodiyo, who is the Project Officer and Stanley Omondi, an Assistant Project Officer. This is the first project initiated by Global Foundation for Climate Change Africa, which is headed by Moses Ojunju, the Director and Programs Manager. The team

scouted areas within the entire three sub counties where farmers own large parcels of land. The team reached out to so many community members that share GFCCA's goals, objectives, and mission.

We carried out mobilization and sensitization of community members. Later, formal registration of local farmer groups and farmers was conducted. A total of 500 farmers were realized and registered to work with GFCCA. It was noted that the team needed an app, Taroworks to save and synchronize all its members' details and data. Equally, the team lacked an app to measure the farms (polygon taking), a key requirement to being in the project.

This report also focuses on some of the achievements and challenges encountered during these exercise. The program started on first week of November, 2023. Through the leadership of Program Manager, Moses Ojunju, the mobilization started on higher note, engaging stakeholders such as local administrators such as chiefs to mobilize and sensitize community members.

The GFCCA team had very robust engagement meeting with local groups from villages organized by administrators including clan elders, contact persons and influential characters in the communities within these marked areas.

CHAPTER 2, OBJECTIVES.

The following objectives were pointed out in the project:

- ➤ Conducted 12 community meetings through local leaders.
- ➤ Attended 27 group meetings
- ➤ Conducted 25 local group registration and reaching out to 513 farmers out of the targeted 500 farmers.

CHAPTER 3: APPROACH.

CHIEFS' MEETINGS.

Mobilization meetings were conducted with ease in most of the areas that we mapped due to the fact that GFCCA has been working in these areas for over 3 years and chiefs and their assistants in the mentioned areas welcome HB1 project positively. Additionally, they organized different group meetings attended by local leaders as well.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION MEETINGS.

The team mobilized 7 groups that were adequately attended. Farmers were as well given opportunity to ask their questions and concerns. The team highlighted our main focus which is the regenerative agriculture, climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as the carbon removal project.

FARMER MOBILIZATION MEETINGS.

After group mobilization, a farmer registration exercise followed. The organization provided refreshments to the farmers who attended.

CHAPTER 4; ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. 10 groups were registered with GFCCA as from January, 2024 to the first week of February, 2024.

2. 513 Farmers were registered successfully with GFCCA.

3. 10 Lead farmers were selected to head the 10 farmer groups.

CHAPTER 5; CHALLENGES.

CHALLENGES.

1. Chiefs and their assistant were requesting for some sitting allowances after meetings

2. Few farmers who attended meetings but possessed less than an Ha piece of land felt neglected by organization

3. The general work was tedious being that mobilization and registration meetings occurred in far distances with limited staff.

4. Some farmers requested for extra support such as farm tools as witnessed with certain organizations within such areas.

5. Some apps were needed to help keep farmers details and information safer. Such apps include the Taroworks and Survey 123 for polygon recording.

6. Inadequate funds for transport across the regions and facilitation materials.

OPPORTUNITIES.

1. There are some areas where farmers are yearning for the project and possess large track of land but because we exceeded project target that was 500 to 560 farmers, we were unable to register them anymore.

2. The local administration expressed their full support to the project through organizing and attending different meetings

3. The farmers showed big interest in the carbon removal project and the agroforestry forest farmland system.

3. The team managed to register the following 10 registered groups

1. Jikaze farmers group
2. Agido farmers group
3. Chamluchi farmers group
4. Ebenezer farmers group.
5. Hera farmers group
6. Ling'ni Kimiyi farmers group
7. Jirani Mwema farmers group
8. Andingo farmers group
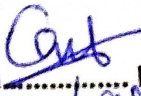9. Team Kinda farmers group
10. Yao farmers group.

Farmers registration

After group registration, 513 farmers were registered in their respective groups as shown bellow

No.	Group	Number of farmers
1	Jikaze	45
2	Agido	34
3	Chamluchi	55
4	Andingo	52
5	Jirani Mwema	40
6	Ebenezer	48
7	Team Kinda	60
8	Lingni Kimiyi	57
9	Yao	53
10	Hera	69

MATTERS ARISING

1. There was a general concern in relation to land sizes. Some farmers were unable to register because of small land sizes despite having interest in the project.

2. Farmers as well as stakeholders wanted to know more about the sustainability structure put in place by the GFCCA to ensure sustainable impact of the project in their localities.

3. Organization should consider the local administration for the support they offered to the project. As most of them were requesting for sitting allowance.

Finally, all achievements experienced was due to team work, and having used posters during mobilization exercise it came out to be a vital strategy in efficient delivery of the points during mobilization.

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