

Progress Report Regreening Central Tanzania

Gerdes - Landwehr



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Justdiggit Update

Dear John Hendrik Landwehr,

To start this progress report, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for supporting Justdiggit and our program in Tanzania. With this report, I would like to give you a general update about Justdiggit, our regreening program in Singida and the impact that has been realised so far – partly thanks to your donation!

Besides the regreening program in Tanzania, we are also working hard to restore degraded rangelands in the south of Kenya. In the Chyulu hills, we are digging tens of thousands of soil bunds (or as we like to call them - earth smiles) to restore hundreds of hectares of bare land that was once covered by grasses. By bringing these grasses back, we aim to restore the resilience of the ecosystem, providing a better environment for both wildlife and local communities.

A few hundred kilometers west, we are restoring two large valleys that are a valuable source of grazing land for local communities, together with our new partner SORALO. Here, we are implementing several rainwater harvesting and revegetation interventions.



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Lastly, we are happy to share that our relatively young Regional Office East-Africa in Nairobi is growing fast. From this office, which opened mid 2021, we are able to manage our projects in East Africa even better, as we will be closer to our implementing partners and project locations. Not only can we better finetune the daily project management from here, we will also focus on our African regreening and awareness campaigns and increase our monitoring and evaluation efforts.

I hope this report will give you a good update on newly launched program and the villages that are supported with your contribution. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional questions.

Kind regards,



Marjolein Albers

Director Justdiggit Foundation



Progress Update

With your support, we have been able to start our regreening program in two different village clusters, with a total of 12 villages.

The first cluster with a total of 58 village, of which 6 are supported by Gerdes Landwehr, started in May 2021. A lot happened since then. Champion farmers have been trained and they started the regreening movement in their villages. We have organised the movie roadshow in these villages, promoted the SMS service, our champion farmers have been engaged in coaching and monitoring activities and the village leaders have been putting an effort into enacting village bylaws that protect and favour FMNR trees. So far, almost 2,000 households were engaged and trained, of which 1,340 are now bringing back trees. Also, 30 institutions - such as schools, churches, mosques and health posts - have been trained; 28 are now activated!

Together, they are now bringing back over 73,600 trees already!



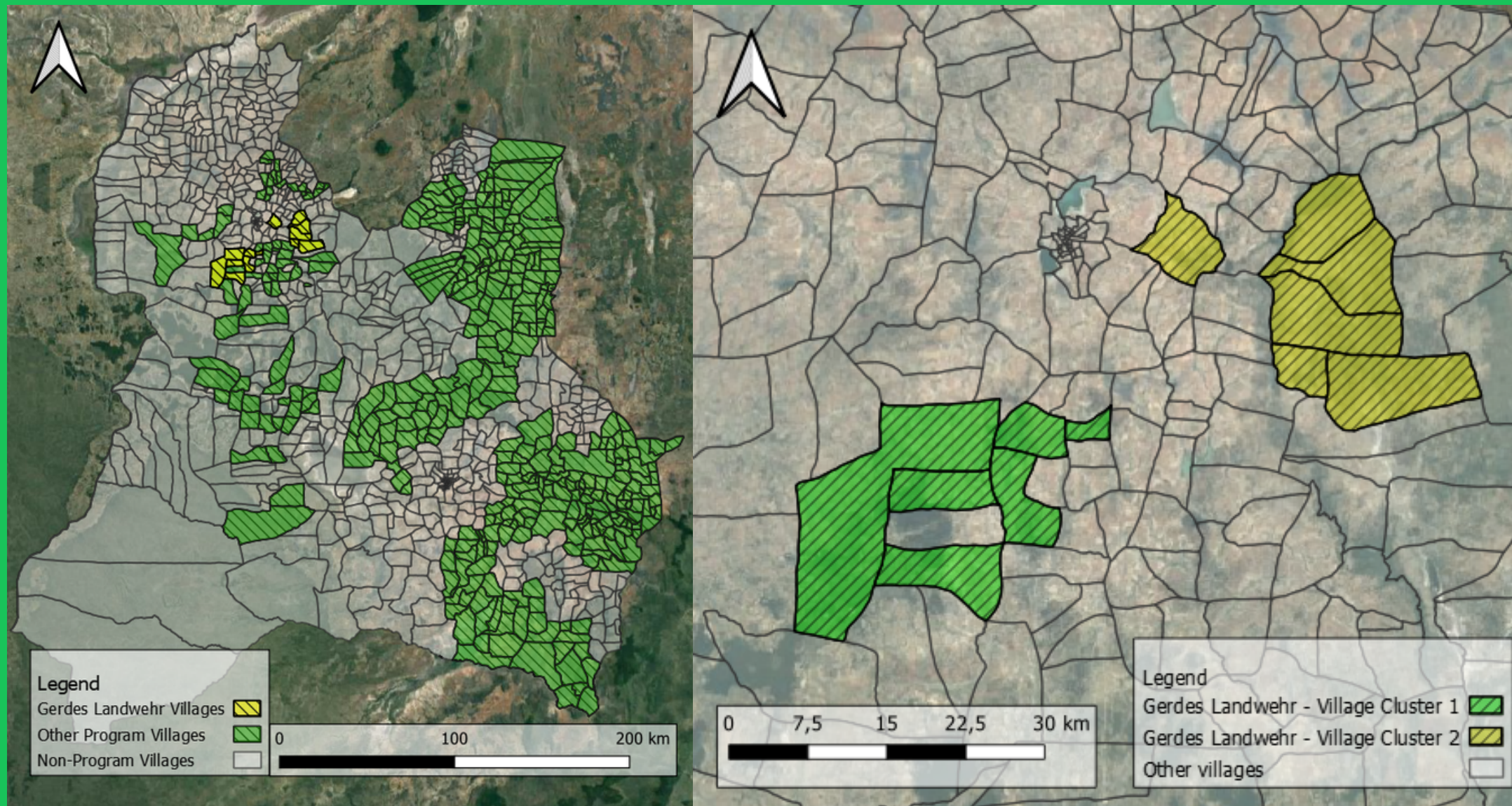
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In the second village cluster, the program started last May. This cluster contains 43 villages, of which 6 are supported by Gerdes Landwehr. Here, we also selected and trained champion farmers - four in each village. Next, we organised the movie roadshow, which was on average attended by over 400 people in each village - a great success! Currently, the champion farmers are starting up their monitoring activities, so we are expecting the first impact number in the coming months.



Dedicated Villages

The 12 villages in which the program is supported by Gerdes Landwehr are displayed in the maps below. In the villages displayed in green, the program started in May 2021. In the orange villages, the program started in May 2022.



The program is supported in the following villages:

Cluster 1

Isaranda
Kituntu
Nkhoiree
Unyangwe
Ihanja
Chungu

Cluster 2

Kisasida
Mkungu Wa Kihendo
Makotea
Munkhola
Mgori
Sughana

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73,600
trees regenerating

Over 11,000
people benefitting

Over 4,100 hectares
under more sustainable
management

7.7 million liters
of rainwater retained

14,000 tonnes of CO₂
being sequestered (t=20)



*more information on how this impact was calculated can be found in our impact report

Farmer's Testimony

"The Kisiki hai program brings a lot of positive changes, a total transformation of environment has been observed, because previously we used to destroy the natural resources in our environment. There was no shadow on our farm. Through Kisiki hai education we all know how it will help. Trees bring a beautiful look to our farm, reduce the wind speed by acting as a windbreaker and preventing damage to crops. Am so grateful and happy about the program, as I am enjoying a beautiful look around the house. Am also harvesting timber and building materials from Kisiki hai tree."

Farmer in Kinyika Village, Singida





**Thank you for your
continuous support**

