

Progress Report Regreening Central Tanzania



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Justdiggit Update

Dear Alen Cevra,

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 greening program in Singida and the impact that has been realised so far – partly thanks to your donation!

Besides the greening 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 greening 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



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With your support, we have been able to start our regreening program in two different village clusters, with a total of 2 villages.

The first village that is supported by TLT started in May last 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, about 8,000 trees have been regenerated by over 204 activated households and institutions!



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In the other village, the program is starting up as we speak. Our Tanzanian implementing partner, LEAD Foundation, is selecting potential villages to scale up the program to. This is done in collaboration with local and regional governmental stakeholders, to make sure we focus on the most degraded areas and that the program is supported by all necessary stakeholders.

The next step will be to select champion farmers in these villages. This will be done based on several aspects, such as their social position within the village and their current agricultural practices. After that, they will be thoroughly trained and the greening starts! We will explain more about the activities that will be carried out in the coming months in the next progress report.



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With your support, we have been able to start our greening program in 2 villages! Overall, we have realised the following impact! *

8,000

trees regenerating

Over 1,100

people benefitting

Over 330 hectares

under more sustainable
management

1,500 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

