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ANNUAL REPORT



**KAZURAMIMBA
CATCHMENT
CONSERVATION
AND EDUCATION**

Message from the Coordinator



First of all, it's my believe that this activities brief report will finds all our stakeholders well, including our beneficiaries. The year 2023 was marked by a recession and many accomplishments at Kazuramimba Catchment Conservation and Education (KACCE). I would like to thank all involved in our programs implementation and to reflect on our progress and share some key updates with all.

Over the twelve past months of year 2023, we KACCE have witnessed tremendous growth and impact in our mission to create sustainable environment conservation and education impacted solutions for the communities across Kigoma, Tanzania. Our vibrant team, including volunteers have been fundamental in driving positive change and transforming the lives of countless individuals. However, we are not complacent, and we recognize that there are still many challenges ahead. As we move into the year 2024, we remain committed to improving our achievements, expanding our reach, and forging new partnerships towards the following programs, as Environmental Conservation, Bee keeping, Education Support to Vulnerable children, Social-Economic empowerment to youth and widows, and Health and Sanitation program.

I would like finally express my deepest gratitude to our incredible team, tireless volunteers, generous supporters, and our board members who make our work possible.

Your dedication and passion continue to inspire us, and we are truly humbled to be a part of this organization. As we embark on the new year, let us renew our commitment to creating a better future for all.

Together, we can build a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, succeed, and become a force for positive change.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

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GIFAT MAHUNDI

KACCE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kazuramimba Catchment Conservation and Education (KACCE) is a non-profit, voluntary organization established by local community and registered under the Community Based-Governmental Organization Policy with No. KDC/CBO/051/2012 on October 09th, 2012 to operate in Kigoma District Council level, currently divided into Uvinza District from former Kigoma District. KACCE is working with all residents regardless their age, ethnic origin, ability, sex, belief or political affiliation recognizing the value of our many differences.” The main objective is to conserve environment and improve livelihoods of local communities, gender equality, human rights and community-based organization integration through participatory approach.

Vision

To become the center of excellence of envisage society with a clean and safe environment that can benefit all citizens equally and in a sustainable way.

Mission

To conserve the environment and natural resources through education, protection, reforestation and enforcement of environment laws and policy advocacy.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Improve the capacity of **Kazuramimba Catchment Conservation and Education (KACCE)** in schools and in the community social-economic empowerment of marginalized population groups through enhancing sustainable use of environment and natural resources.

PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Environmental Conservation program

Through this program component “KACCE strives to fight poverty, global warming, environmental and cultural degradation in the rural and peril-urban areas to promoting the health and well-being of the residents of the targeted areas. This is done through promoting both environmental improvement and conservation practices by educating, encourage and support local populations in Environmental practices, Art and Culture development, Education support, Water sources protection and Community livelihoods improvement by working with and for the target communities.

Education Support to Vulnerable program

Through this program KACCE strives to combating ignorance, illiteracy and increase school attendance and good record for vulnerable and poorest children. Mostly named “Education Support for Environment Protection”.

Social-Economic empowerment program

To avoid unsafe and extreme deterioration of environment and natural resources, KACCE strives to socially and economically empowering the poorest communities with substitutional sources of income.

Health and Sanitation program

The program aims at improved water supply, environmental hygiene and sanitation which are long lasting health benefits to community dwellers.

ANNUAL IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMS

Environmental Conservation program



This was done through promoting both environmental improvement and conservation practices by educating, encourage and support local populations in Environmental practices, Art and Culture development, Education Support for Environment Conservation, Water sources protection and Community livelihoods improvement by working with and for the target communities.

In additional, project enhanced skills and knowledge to 10 primary schools on environment education and managed to form 10 ECO-Education Clubs which comprised 7450 Students. Through this, 600 fruit trees and 400 shade trees have been planted and hence school environment is attractive. On the other hand, organization established nursery trees of 6000 trees; of which 5000 tree seedlings were distributed to 5000 community members and schools.



More education campaign and awareness on environmental conservation, protection of native trees and forest management in village level has been conducted in Kazuramimba and Uvinza wards. Additionally, 30 villagers and 5 forest officers were trained collecting and conserving native tree seeds. As the result community have native seed banks at village level.

Education Support to Vulnerable program



About 250 vulnerable children aged 7-14 years have received support of scholastic materials (uniforms, shoes, bags, books & exercise books, pens and pencils). This project-program aimed to campaigning for increasing enrolment and retention students in school. These children come from the vulnerable families of nomadic rural farmers, hunters, beekeepers and charcoals makers in Ikubulu, Chakulu, Mpetta and Mazungwe villages in Uvinza district.

Social-Economic Empowerment program:

15 youth and 10 widows have been empowered for self-reliance and economic independent on soap making, production and marketing. In additional, they were supported with equipment capital and materials as a starter to establish enterprises. As the result both youth and women (widows) have managed to open up their small enterprises of soap making as well as product in the market. By so doing their income has improved, of which they manage to meet the basic necessities (cloths, health, food, shelters) in household level.



Health and Sanitation program



This has been enhanced through repair and protects the village water spring by making fence. As the result the community members adopted the protection measures and established bylaws to protect the area. Thus, the village government oversees and monitoring the sources of water.

On the other hand, health and food supports have been provided to 112 children from the families infected by HIV/AIDS and Children living with HIV/AIDS and cared by 25 grandmothers. Likewise, they have benefited on school materials, nutritious foods, clothes and hygiene materials including soaps, body oils, tooth pastes and sanitary pads

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

In 2023, KACCE has actively pursued strategic partnerships to fuel its growth and ensure the successful implementation of its programs including;

1. Collaboration with Local Government Authorities and Entities:

By enhancing exchange meetings, reports and information sharing, KACCE has accelerated a solid strategic partnership with the LGAs from the Suburbs, Villages, Wards to the District levels. Through this collaboration, the Education, Environment & Forestry and Health Departments provided legal support and played significant role in the growth and successful implementation of the KACCE programs in many villages.

2. Individual Supporters:

Global Impact through local fundraising and private donations. No any external donors' grants received in the year, but KACCE has successfully attracted small donations from individual supporters from both rural and peri-urban areas in Uvinza district and Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal. These donations have been instrumental in sustaining the organization and its initiatives.

3. Networking for Collaborative Impact:

In achieving its goals, KACCE has actively joined various local networks organizations for sharing expertise and activities focus. These Networks are not limited to: Uvinza NGOs' Network (UNON), Kigoma-Ujiji NGOs' Network (KIUNGONET), Ilagala Development Unit (IDEU), Tanganyika Youth Economic Coordinating Council (TYEC), Human Resources Development Organization (HUREDO) and Tanganyika Christian Manpower Support (TCMS). These Networks' partnerships will continue to serve as valuable platforms for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and collective efforts in advancing KACCE's mission.

CHALLENGES

Financial constraints

An inadequate fund is always an issue for **KACCE**. However, it has been possible to reach the community through sensitization; social marketing campaign and partnering with others in order to build community understanding on environmental conservation, education to most vulnerable children, health and economic empowerment to youth and women.

Effectiveness of the education plan

KACCE staff members tend to be overworked and underpaid due to inadequate funds to employ and pay well staffs. The organization has been training local community members to support the move of environmental conservation and other organization programs.

WAYS FORWARD

Our Future Plan programs are among:

1. Restoration, Reforestation and Protection of five Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFRs) of Kazuramimba, Nyanganga, Mazungwe, Kidea and Mwamila;
2. Continued Training of ECO-Education Clubs' members as well as:
 - (1) Expanding and increasing the numbers of clubs' members in targeted schools, and,
 - (2) Formation Volunteers' Young Ecologists.
3. Continued Education Support to over 250 vulnerable children. This support could comprise Economic empowerment to poor households and caregivers of these vulnerable children;
4. Establishment and Management KACCE Demo Beehives Apiaries in each five targeted villages;
5. Financial and Entrepreneurial Empowerment and Training to more widows, Out – of - school girls and girls early teenage mothers to improve their economic status and prevent them from New HIV infections;
6. Continued development of the Cooperation and Networking with the LGAs and other Non-Government organizations from grassroot to the national and international levels.
7. Making a Strong and structured KACCE Fundraising and Management plan.

Thanks.