



## FOREST and FARM FACILITY Country achievements



Kenya



### HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPACTS

- **46 to 65 percent jump in average incomes for hundreds of thousands of forest and farm producers** through strengthened Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs), due to support from Forest and Farm Facility (FFF).
- **Scaled up organization of, and support for, FFPO businesses** has been strong. Strengthening six product-based associations allowed organizations to reach more producers and grow membership by 800 percent, indirectly benefiting about 20 000 people (3 492 households). The Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya (FF SPAK) became a member of the Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF).



### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

- **Six new tenders will lead to better market access and incomes** for three FFPO group enterprises and one county association due to FFF technical support.
- **Tender for tree seedlings worth USD 70 000 secured** by Nakuru County Tree Nurseries Association (NCTNA) to supply the National Environmental Management Authority and the County Government of Nakuru as a result of effective negotiations at national and county level.
- **Community Tree Nursery Growers Association of Kenya (COTNGAK) established** in 2017 by 1 000 tree nursery operators in 20 counties (out of 47) with encouragement from the NCTNA.







## A KENYA SUCCESS STORY

In 2017, FFF implemented a pilot mentorship programme to strengthen the capacities of the Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya (FF SPAK) to deliver women champions and mentoring services to its members. Mentors included grassroots female leaders from GROOTS Kenya, who had long-term experience in organizing across Kenya and in other African countries.



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At least 21 women producers directly benefited through the programme, which has enhanced women's capacities to engage, finance their business initiatives, and grow their business skills.

"I was very glad to have been nominated to offer mentorship to the women in FF SPAK. The pilot programme demonstrated a lot of potential for the women (participating) and I hope to walk with them to realize their individual action plans that we supported them to develop and additionally, support them to assert their contribution in the forest farm groups and in their communities", said GROOTS mentor Winrose Mwangi.



## LESSONS LEARNED

An approach that engages strong or emerging federations of community forest smallholders helps to deliver better business and policy outcomes.



## GENDER/YOUTH IMPACT

Success was seen in business mentoring for women in Kenya, where FFF supported FF SPAK in identifying 21 leaders among women entrepreneurs for business training.



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**Partners:** Beyond 1 Billion Trees Mau Women Community Based Organization; Community Food and Environment Group (COFEG); Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya (FF SPAK); Junction Bamboo Tree Nursery and Conservation Group; Laikipia Livestock Marketing Association; Lake Elementaita Self Help Group; Lariak Community Forest Association; Marura Environmental Conservation Community Based Organization; Menengai Crater Bee Keepers; Nettle World Group; Shamanek Community Forest Association; Tumaini Mwangaza Investment Self Help Group; Yaaku Cultural Group.

**Implementing partner:** We Effect.

**Government counterparts:** Kenya Forest Service (KFS); County Government of Nakuru and Laikipia.

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