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FLORESTA TANZANIA.



WORD FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

I extend my sincere gratitude to our esteemed guests for the visit. It was a pleasure to have you all and show you the program implementation progress in Tanzania. I believe that you found the visit informative and enjoyable.

To our beloved beneficiaries who participated, thank you for generously allowing us to share with the world the Impacts you have encountered in our journey together.

And to all Floresta Tanzania Staff who were involved directly or indirectly in the process of preparation and hosting our guests, I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

Richard Mhina



INTRODUCTION

Floresta Tanzania was honoured to receive and host nine guests from USA and Australia; On 10th and 11th July 2023. The visitors were Plant with Purpose staff, board of directors, supporters and friends of Floresta Tanzania (Plant with purpose).

The aim of the visit was to see the Program Implementation progress in Tanzania.

The guests visited two Village Savings and Lending Associations groups (VSLA), One lead farmer, One church and one school which partners with Floresta from Hai and Siha Districts in Kilimanjaro region.



DAY ONE OF THE VISIT, 10TH JULY 2023

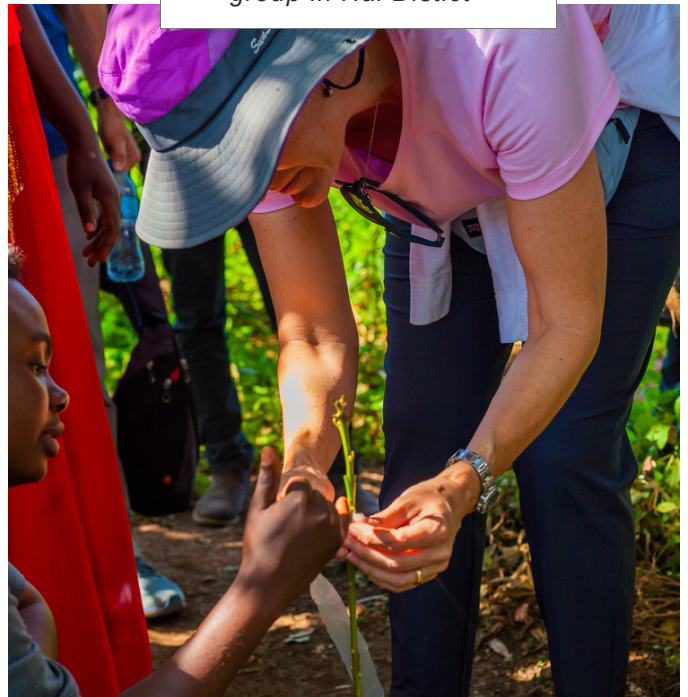
The guests saw the implementation and impacts of Floresta Environmental Restoration and Agricultural programs by visiting the Farmer field School (FFS) of Msimamo VSLA group. They heard from farmers trained in agroecological techniques as they practically prepared compost manure and grafted avocado seedlings. They also learned from the project leader of the group about their beekeeping project and how they establish and manage tree nurseries. From the group's FFS they saw different trials of agricultural technologies taught in the VSLA group.

The visitors saw individual adaption and application of agroecological techniques taught in the groups and the impacts of the organization goat project by visiting one lead farmer who is also a goat beneficiary from Green VSLA group in Nkwansira village, Hai District. They saw the lead farmer's organic farm, his beekeeping project, and he explained how the goat project has socially and economically improved his life and enabled him to install water and electricity systems in his house.



Farmer Field School visit at Msimamo VSLA group in Hai District

One of the guests learning how to graft an avocado seedling at Msimamo VSLA group in Hai District



During the visit, watershed management and environmental restoration program officers received training on Arc GIS application in tracking and monitoring trees planted by Floresta Tanzania. The officers learned all features and practised practically using the app in the field.



Arc GIS practical training at Msimamo VSLA group in Hai District

DAY TWO OF THE VISIT, 11TH JULY 2023

The guests saw the implementation and impacts of outreach and spiritual renewal programs in Mkombozi Lutheran church and Kitahemwa primary school in Siha District, Kilimanjaro region.

The church leaders of Mkombozi church shared how the partnership with Floresta has impacted their lives by engaging them in restoring the relationship between humans and creation through redemptive agriculture training. They heard from the women ministry leaders how church members improved their nutrition and added additional sources of income from the establishment of gardens in their homes. The guests visited the church farmer field School and saw all trees planted around the church.

*Sharing a cup of tea at
Mkombozi Lutheran church
in Siha District*



At Kitahemwa Primary School, the guests saw the involvement of students in environmental restoration activities. They also heard from the head teacher how the avocado project, a product of grafted avocado training they received, benefits them and enables them to buy stationaries for the students. The guests planted trees at the school farm as a symbol of their visit.

*one of the guests, planting a
tree at Kitahemwa primary
school in Siha District*



The guests saw the implementation and impacts of Economic Empowerment programs at Mafanikio VSLA group in Siha District. They heard from the group's chairperson and two members how the village saving and lending association (VSLA) have economically empowered them to pursue their priorities and transform their lives including buying motorcycles and strengthening their businesses.

*At Mafanikio VSLA
group in Siha District*





DE-BRIEF AND CONCLUSION

At the de-brief, The country Director of Floresta Tanzania explained to the guests about the VSLA methodology. The guests shared how the visits made them aware of all the works done by Floresta Tanzania. They expressed their joy in seeing the impacts that Floresta is making in the communities especially the involvement of children in the whole process of restoration.



The guests expressed their appreciations for the warm welcome, love, pride and joy they saw in the communities they visited and from all Floresta Tanzania staff they encountered with.



NAMES OF VISITORS

- Dave Luebke
- Cindy Outlaw
- Khrista Peterson
- Ivan Cornejo
- Mercy
- Daina
- Mike
- Amanda
- Dewey

SPECIAL THANKS

To our beneficiaries and partners from:

- Msimamo VSLA group
- George Munuo from Green VSLA group
- Mkombozi Lutheran Church
- Kitahemwa Primary School
- Mafanikio VSLA group

For their fully participation in hosting the guests.



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