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Dear Readers, welcome to the second issue of ENDOKWA News a bilingual (English and Kinyarwanda/Kirundi) newsletter produced by the Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS Network) in collaboration with its community partners in the Albertine Rift region through its Nature Based Community Enterprises Programme. This issue was produced with support from the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the New Field Foundation (NFF).

"Endokwa" is a Luganda word (One of Ugandan local language) which means "seedling" . We gave this name to this newsletter to reflect how engaging local communities is a fresh start to finding sustainable solutions for ending poverty and ensuring environmental sustainability as well as tackling climate change impacts. The name also reflects hope and potential of local community groups to ensure a better future of our planet.

In this issue you will read about the work of Kanaba Community Development and Echuya Forest Conservation Association (KADECA) in safeguarding the Echuya forest (Uganda) and promoting sustainable development in the neighbourhood around the forest . You will also read ARCOS Network and its community partners’ journey to resilience, some success stories and in the educative part “Know more about the link between environment and livelihoods” we will learn about the benefits of Forest and Landscape Restoration. Finally, in the last two sections we will meet a farmer from Rwanda in the eastern Province and preview some events.

If you have any questions or ideas to improve this newsletter or would like to contribute an article to the next issue, please contact us (see the contact address on the back cover). We also invite you to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram (see the icons on the back cover).

The main objective of this ENDOKWA News is to support community learning through regional information sharing. It also facilitates the rest of the world to know the efforts of community groups in environmental safeguard and poverty reduction. It is produced in the framework of “Nature Based Community Learning Group” as resolved during the Regional Community Exchange Workshop held in Eastern Uganda from 29th to 31st August 2016.
The Bonn Challenge, a global effort for land restoration, targets to bring 150 million hectares of the world’s deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020, and 350 million hectares by 2030. The Government of Rwanda has joined this global initiative and pledged to restore 2 million hectares of its land by 2020. Adopting the bottom-up strategy is key for meeting these targets. Although restoration is more than just planting trees, the latter play a critical role in this exercise. Trees play a great role in the well-being of people as they provide oxygen, and in the environment by stabilizing the soil and reducing erosion and pollution and effects of flooding downstream. Trees provide food, protection, and homes for many animals. Trees and local communities occupy the centre of restoration initiatives, therefore empowering community to produce and plant trees to restore their land is crucial for a successful restoration. This article presents the lessons learnt by the Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS Network) throughout its road to resilience with its partner community groups.

It used to be common to buy seedlings and hand them over to communities for planting, which sometimes did not consider the local context and community needs. In searching for sustainable solutions to land degradation and effective ways for restoration, ARCOS Network has set up a mechanism for community-based Forest Landscape Restoration, where it built a long-term partnership with Nature Based Community Enterprises (NBCEs). After that a due diligence study to identify the needs for forest landscape restoration was conducted and 11 Community Managed Tree Nurseries (three in Kirehe, 5 in Bugesera and 4 in Rutsiro) were established in different parts of Rwanda. This went hand in hand with skills and capacity building in tree nursery development and management. As a result, more than 270,000 trees were planted, and more than 3000 ha restored as by 2018. Empowering local communities to manage tree nurseries and plant trees, is a sustainable solution to land degradation, livelihood issues and contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The ARCOS Network developed an integrated approach and named it “BEST Approach”, for the implementation of initiatives under its Community Development Programme (“Nature Based Community Enterprises (NBCEs)”) Programme. The BEST Approach (BEST stands for initial of the four pillars comprising the approach as explained below) is built on community partnership and ownership of on-ground interventions, cemented by a Sustainability Agreement involving local communities, local government and ARCOS Network. The BEST Approach is based on four pillars: Building leadership and sustainable institutions, Enhancing environmental resilience, Sustainable business solutions and Transformation and inspiring others. The BEST Approach was proven to be an effective approach as far as on-ground interventions aiming at increasing community development and environment sustainability are concerned.

Throughout the implementation of the project, eleven Community Managed Tree Nursery Centers were established, produced and planted over 270,000 trees in Bugesera, Kirehe and Rutsiro Districts of Rwanda. The planted trees include fruit species (grafted mango and avocado, tree tomato (Solanum betaceum), orange, citrus, Passion Fruit (Passiflora edulis), Carca papaya) and agroforestry species (Grevillea robusta, Calliandra calothyrsus, Leacaena leucocephala, and Markhamia lutea and coffee) as preferred and suggested by most of community members during the baseline study.

By Gilbert Muvunankiko (ARCOS)
Over 300 ha of watershed were restored through tree planting, soil conservation and agroforestry interventions. The project interventions contribute to the sequestration of 9,352,000 tons of CO\textsubscript{2} per year (equalling sequestering 2 Million times CO\textsubscript{2} emitted during return trip from Europe to Australia in a plane). Apart from contributing to soil fixation and carbon sequestration, the planted trees will generate income at household level, contribute to the enhancement of food security and reduce malnutrition in children and women.

We are very pleased to share with other stakeholders what we learned from the established Community Managed Tree Nursery Centers. In brief, empowering communities to produce and plant the trees, is the sustainable option for achieving the target of increased forest cover, restoration of agricultural lands and adaptation to climate change while also reducing poverty among rural communities. Below are some lessons learned:

- Capacity building is the key factor for the success of Community Managed Tree Nursery Centers: Communities need regular technical advice and physical and financial inputs, as well as adequate monitoring and evaluation to run a tree nursery centres effectively and ensure the maximum survival rate of the trees planted.
- Community Managed Tree Nursery Centers are more cost-effective and yield better results than the mega-seedlings production and distribution by big organizations. It is more effective in terms of seedling distribution, greater participation by local people in the production process and tree maintenance.
- For the success and the high survival rate of the trees, local communities need to be involved throughout the process. It is important to have the needs assessment done and be guided by the needs of the community in choosing the species to produce in a nursery. The needs assessment findings also guide the activities pertaining to raising awareness and education.
- Local government involvement in all steps of the process is important for the success of a tree nursery and tree planting initiatives.
- Incentive systems are an integral part of the success of tree planting and land restoration, as it affects the survival rate of trees planted and raises the commitment of local communities in restoration.
- Even if the communities may feel the consequences of land degradation through the decrease in harvests or the occurring disasters, they will not shift to restoration until they are educated and accompanied in the process.

ARCOS Network is committed to maintain and upscale the Community Managed Tree Nursery Center initiative in as many villages as possible in Rwanda and other East African countries. However, the support of everybody is needed for restoration and adaption to climate change, the impacts of which are already widely felt. Rural communities have the ability to make restoration a success. However, any action with communities requires guidance and their involvement in every stage to help them understand. That is why building their capacity is important. It is also important to test a pilot study together and hand over the initiative when the community is ready to handle it independently. The Governments should provide budget to support initiatives that contribute to enhancing climate resilience and land restoration such as this Community Managed Tree Nursery Centers.

See a [pdf copy of the case study on Community Managed Tree Nursery here](#), you can also find a [pdf copy of the project achievements here](#).

ARCOS Network thanks Rwanda’s Green Fund (FONERWA) to have supported this initiative. We also thank the World Resources Institute and One Tree Planted for their support to upscale this initiative.

We kindly ask everyone interested in Forest Landscape Restoration to join us and join hands to take this initiative to the next level. Contact us via the address on the last page.
Dufatanye mu kuzamura imibereho dusigasira ubusugire bw’ibidukikije


Nubwo gusubiranyira imisozi n’ibibaya bitavuze gusa gutera ibiti, ariko ibiti bifite uruhare rukomeye mu kugirango icyo gikorwa kigende neza. Murabizi ko igiti gifite akamaro gakomeye mu mibereho myiza ya muntu. Bimwe muri ibyo twavuga gukora umwuka mwiza duhumeka (oxygen), kigafata ubutaka ari nako kigabanyana isuri no kwandura kw’amazi y’ibishanga, imigizi n’ibiyaga ndetse bikagabanya n’ubukana bw’imyuzure yatera mu tubande. Ntitwakwibagirwa kandi ko bifite n’uruhare rukomeye mu kwiwaza mu biribwa ndetse no kuba indiri y’izindivu nyamase.

Mu bikorwa biyanye no Gusubiranyira Imisozi n’ibibaya byangiritse, abaturage batuye aho bibera ndetse n’ibizi biri mu bya mbere byo kure ho no kwitondera mbere yo gutangira icyo gikorwa. Ni yo mpamvu kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozi abaturage mu gutegura no gutera ibiti ari inkinya ya mwamba mu kugera ku ntego zo gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya.

Muri iyi nkuru turabagezaho inama ndetse n’ibyo Umuryango Wita ku Bidukikije mu Muhora wa Albert (ARCOS Network) wigiywe mu gikorwa cyo kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozi abaturage mu rugendo rwabo rugana mu kuzamura imireho myiza n’ubusugire bw’ibidukikije. Turabagezaho kandi bimwe mu mihigo y’ingenzi besheje. Kera wasangaga (ndetse n’ubu hari aho bikorwa) iyo igihe cyo gutera ibiti cyageraga leta cg ibindi bigo, baguraga ingemwe bakaziha abaturage ngo baterere, rimwe na rimwe ugasa yu kubikora batishe ku miterere n’ubuzima bw’aho bagiye kuzitera cg cyo abaturage bifuza. Mu rugendo rwo gushakisha ibisubizo birambye ku kibazo cyo kwangirika k’ubutaka ndetse n’uburyo bwiza bwo gusubiranyira ahangiritse, ARCOS Network yagerageje uburyo bwo gusubiranyira imisozi n’ibibaya bufite ipfundo ku baturage batuye aho ibyo bikorwa bikorerwa. Ibyo byashingiye mu kugira ubufatanye
burambye na koperative (15 mu Rwanda), gukora ubushakashatsi ku bikenewe ngo ahangiritse hasubiranywe. Nyuma y’ubwo bushakashatsi hatangijwe pepinyeri 11 zicungwa n’abaturage mwe bice binyuranye byo mu Rwanda (Kirehe (3), Bugesera (5) na Rutsiro (4)). Ibi kandi byajyanaga no kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi abaturage mu gucunga neza pepinyeri. Iki gikorwa cyatanze umusaruro ufutakina aho ibiti birenga 270000 byatewe ndetse aharenga Hegitari 3000 harasubiranywa (aha turavuga muri 2017-2018).

Mu biti byatewe harimo iby’imbuto ziribwa, harimo imyembe na Voka (bibanguriye), ibinyomoro, amacunga, indimu, amapapayi n’amatunda; ndetse n’ibivanga n’imyaka harimo Gereveliya, Kaliyandara, Lesena, Umusave, ikawa n’ibindi. Gukora no gutanga ibi biti byashingiraga ku busabe bw’abaturage mu gihe hakorwaga inyigo y’ibikeneke. Ibi biti byatewe bifye akamaro gakomere ku kugabanya umwuka mubi mu kirere kuko bigabanya Tony 9.352.000 za CO₂ (Umwuka wa karuboni) buri mwaka (ibi bingana no gukora hafi inshuro 18 CO₂ jagyasa ku kirere mu muki jywa wa Kigali ku mwaka muri 2015). Turetse no gufata ubutaka ndetse no kugabanya umwuka mubi wa karuboni mu kirere cy’u Rwanda, ibi biti bizabyara amafaranga kandi bigire n’uruhure mu kugabanya imiriire mibi ndetse no kwiha mu biribwa mu ngo.

ARCOS Network yishimiye kubasangiza amasomo twigiye muri cy’ubwo birumye na koperative (15 mu Rwanda), gukora ubushakashatsi ku bikenewe ngo ahangiritse hasubiranywe. Nyuma y’ubwo bushakashatsi hatangijwe pepinyeri 11 zicungwa n’abaturage mwe bice binyuranye byo mu Rwanda (Kirehe (3), Bugesera (5) na Rutsiro (4)). Ibi kandi byajyanaga no kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi abaturage mu gucunga neza pepinyeri. Iki gikorwa cyatanze umusaruro ufutakina aho ibiti birenga 270000 byatewe ndetse aharenga Hegitari 3000 harasubiranywa (aha turavuga muri 2017-2018).

Soma hano zimwe mu ngingo z’ingenzi z’ibyo twize muri uro rugendo nawe byagufasha niba ushishikajwe no gutfatanya n’abaturage mu gusubiranya imiosozi n’ibibaya:

- Kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi abaturage ni inkingi ya mwamba mu gucunga neza pepinyeri: Abaturage bakenera ku buryo buhoro haubufasha n’imana na tekniki ndetse n’ubufasha bujyanga n’amafaranga; ikindi kandi gushyiraho uburyo buboneye bwo gucunga umiborwa ruhuza mu gucunga neza pepinyeri n’ibibenwe ndetse no kuzamura amahirwe yo gukura kw’ibibi byatewe.

- Pepinyeri zicunze n’abaturage ubwabo usanga zidatwara amafaranga menshi ugereranyije n’ahandi ndetse n’umusaruro uzikomomako ugasanaga ar mwa wanda mendi za igisubizo kirambire ku biti. Urebye ku buryo ingemwe zigeru ku baturage zimeze, uburyo abaturage bitabira yabo na mu gihe cyo ku kuzitegura ndetse no kuzifata neza nyuma yo guterera, usanga ubu buryo ar amakamoda kandi butanga umusanuro ufutaka.

- Kugirango ingemwe zatewe zibeho ku kigero kiri hejuru, bisaba ko abaturage batuye aho pepinyeri zikorera kandi bazanatera ibyo biti bisibereza muri nambi rbwo gukunge kugera ku gutera ibiti. Ni ngombokyana kinyo kubanza gukura inyiko y’ibibhayo, ibikeneke ndetse n’ubabikeneke ngo bigoziro igikorwa cyo guhitaro ingemwe zisakorerwa muri pepinyeri. Iyi nyigo kandi itanga ingwina y’ubukangurambanga bukenewe ndetse n’igikeneke gwishawa abaturage.

- Ubufatanye (kuva mu gutangira kugeza ku guzoza) n’inzingo z’ibanzwe ni ingeni cyane kugirango gutegura no gutera ingemwe bigende neza.

- Gushyiraho uburyo buw’agahimbazamusyi ni inkingi ya mwamba mu gusubiranya ahangiritse. Aghahimbazamusyi gafite uruhare rukomere ku kuzamura umubare w’ibibi bifata mu byatewe, kakazamura ubushake n’imyumvire y’abaturage mwe gusubiranya ahangiritse.

- Nubwo abaturage babona neza ingaruka zo kwangirika k’ubutaka (babirebeye wenda no kugabanuka k’umusaruro cg izina bibaho), ntibazigera bonine bafata ibyana y’ibibaya bmi neza kubamana ubumwe cyo guhitaro igihe cyo batigishije ndetse bakanahekezweza muri uro rugendo.

ARCOS Network ndeza na amakoperative bafatanya, biyemeje gukomeza ndetse no kugeza ahandi iki gikorwa cyo kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi abaturage mu gucunga neza pepinyeri haahangiritse gutegura izina cyane mwe birebe mu kugabanya byo guusubiranya imiosozi n’ibibaya byangiritse. Ario kiki gikorwa ni igikorwa kireba buri wese cyane cyane abaturage bo bafite urufunguzo two kugeru ku gisubizo kirambire cy’iyangirika ry’ubutaka. Niyo mpamvu kubongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi ar mwa ingeni cyane kugera. Ni ngombokyana kandi kuberebeka uko bigende bmwe yo kubareka ngo bakore ibyo bataramwa neza bonyine. Ikindi kandi guverinoma ikwyiye guhitaro ingeni cyane y’imari yihiyiye yo gufasha ibikorwa nk’ibi bigamije kongera imbaraga mu guhanganwa n’ihindaguru ry’ibihwe ndetse no gusubiranya ubutaka bcangiritse binyuze mu gikorwa nk’iki cyo kongerera ubumenyi n’ubushobozsi muri ibyo.

ARCOS Network irashimira cyane Ikigo cy’Igihugu cy’ibidukikije ni z’ihindagurikire ry’ibihwe (FONERWA) y’abaturage mu cyu Rwanda cyba kibaho. Nawe niba ushaka gutfatanya na ARCOS Network, twandikire cyo pishaka pipereli kandi aderesi ziri cyo pishaka pipereli.
Kanaba Community Development and Echuya Forest Conservation Association (KADECA) is a cooperative of 147 members operating in Kanaba Sub-county in Kisoro District in Uganda and is a member of ARCOS Community Network since 2016.

The cooperative was established in 2002 with the aim to engage local communities in restoration and conservation of Echuya Forest Reserve and reduce their dependency on forest resources through providing them with the capacity to develop alternative livelihood initiatives.

Echuya Forest Reserve lies within the Albertine Rift Afromontane area, which makes it the centre of endemism that contains a variety of species only confined to this unique ecosystem. The forest was highly threatened by human activities mostly encroachment due to the search for agricultural land, illegal honey collection and water fetching, large-scale extraction of bamboo and other trees inside the forest, and the papyrus from Muchuya Swamp located on the top of the forest.

As a solution, the government of Uganda through a participatory approach established KADECA to jointly manage and restore the forest. In the beginning, local communities tended to resist when the government restricted the use of Echuya resources. But after the establishment of KADECA, the group was supported financially and given skills to invest in a diversity of income generating activities including handcraft, business-oriented agriculture, beekeeping, wine manufacturing, ecotourism and saving and credit schemes. They also developed tree nurseries for agroforestry and restoration of the forest, as well as securing the availability of raw materials (mostly bamboo) outside Echuya. Among KADECA, few sub-groups were formed to jointly monitor activities inside and outside the forest. Information sharing was reinforced to allow communities to report on illegal activities and get feedback from the local government on correction measures against the reported issues.

As a result, illegal activities in and outside Echuya have been stopped. No bush fires anymore, no illegal bamboo cutting and tree cutting, no illegal harvesting of papyrus. In addition, community’s behaviour and mindset has improved. They are now focusing on protecting and restoring Echuya forest while building sustainability of their livelihoods.

Cooperative turnover significantly increased from UGX 200,000 in 2010 to UGX 30,000,000 in 2018. However, KADECA is facing some challenges including climate variability, lack of enough technical skills, lack of enough manure, some bamboo species disappearing and few among local community who are still too rigid to adopt to new technologies.
KADECA mu rugamba rwo guteza imbere imibereho irambye no kubungabunga ishyamba cyimeza rya Echuya i Kisoro muri Uganda

KADECA (mu magambo arambuye y’ icyongereza ugenekereje mu Kinyarwanda: Ishyirahamwe rhiranira iterambere ry’abaturage ba Kanaba no kubungabunga ishyamba rya Echuya) ni hagamijwe gushishikariza abatuye Kanaba kugira uruhare rufatika mu kubungabunga no gusubiranya ishyamba rya Echuya, no kubafasha kubaka imibereho irambye badashingiye ku mutungo kamere barikuramo.

Ishyamba yashinzwe mu mwaka wa 2002, hagamijwe gushishikariza abatuye Kanaba kugira uruhare rufatika mu kubungabunga no gusubiranya ishyamba rya Echuya, no kubafasha kubaka imibereho irambye badashingiye ku mutungo kamere barikuramo.

Mu rwego rwo guhanganana ni’ibi bibazo byugarije ishyamba rya Echuya, guverinoma ya Uganda ku bufatanye n’abaturage bashinze KADECA hagamijwe gushyiraho uburyo buhuriweho n’impande zombi bwo guhanganana ni’ibi shyamba. KADECA igitangira, habaye ho igisana mu guhanganana hagati y’impande zombi bwo hashyirahigurasho amawariri mshasha ahindura uburyo aburageye bari basanzwe bakoresha umutungo kamere w’iri shyamba.

Amwe Mu matsinda agize KADECA yashyirweho guhanganana n’ibibazo byugarije ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo kugira ababikenera mu bikorwa bitandukanye badashubina kubikorera kubvisa mu ishyamba.

Ibi byatumye ibikorwa binyumanyiye n’amategeko bikorwa ku kubungabunga ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo guhanganana n’ibibazo byugarije ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo bigabanyuka ku buryo bugaragara, kubungabunga kwa bwa rustwitsi na bwa rushimusi, guhagarara burundu kw’itemwa ry’imigano n’ibibanzo n’ibibazwo amabwiriza amahuterero kw’itemwa ry’imigano n’ibibazo byugarije ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo.

Ibi byatumye ibikorwa binyumanyiye n’amategeko bikorwa ku kubungabunga ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo bigabanyuka ku buryo bugaragara, kubungabunga kwa bwa rustwitsi na bwa rushimusi, guhagarara burundu kw’itemwa ry’imigano n’ibibanzo n’ibibazwo amabwiriza amahuterero kw’itemwa ry’imigano n’ibibazo byugarije ishyamba rya Echuya no hanze yaryo.
rw’umutungo kamere waryo. Inyungu itaziguye y’ibyinjiraga mu matsinda yiyongereye kuva ku mashilingi 200,000 mu mwaka wa 2010 kugeza ku mashilingi 30,000,000 aho ihuriro rishyiriweho.

N’ubwo habayeho impinduka nyinshi nziza, KADECA yagiye ihura n’imbogamizi zirimo ihindagurika ry’ibihe rigira ingaruka nyinshi ku bikorwa byabo bitandukanye, kuba badafite ubumenyi-ngiro buhagije mu bikorwa bakora, kutabona ifumbire y’imborera ihagije yo gukoresha mu buhinzi, amwe mu moko y’imigano agenda akendera bityo kuyabonera imbuto bikabagora ndetse n’abaturage bamwe na bamwe batarahindura neza imyumvire ngo bajyane na gahunda z’imikorere irambye.
2. NBCES success stories and experience sharing

Can Organic farming be a solution to food insecurity and land degradation challenges?

By Immaculee (farmer from Gitesi) & Brigitte Kanyamugenge (ARCOS)

Although agriculture has always served in terms of providing food for an increasingly growing population, many farmers nowadays are facing a decreasing productivity mainly driven by unusual weather conditions, pests and crop diseases and land degradation being a result of unsustainable agriculture practices and climate change.

Enhancing productivity as well as the capacity of production systems to adapt to a rapidly changing environment and climate, with scarce natural resources requires innovations that help to move towards a resource-efficient and environmental smart agriculture. Strengthening farmers’ capacities for production and for delivery of ecosystem services, as well as facilitating knowledge exchange, demonstration and dissemination is key to enhance sustainability of agro-ecosystems.

Organic farming is one of sustainable practices that can enhance productivity without destroying the environment, while being more resilient to climate change and improving the livelihoods of farmers. On the other hand, consumers’ demand for organic food has been increasing and influencing a number of market measures worldwide. However, many farmers, especially in developing countries, are not aware of that, and those who adopt the initiative face marketing and branding challenges.

This section focuses on the experiences shared by Immaculée Mukandori, a vegetable farmer from Gitesi, Karongi district in Rwanda, testifying the wonders of using vermi-compost as leaf food, insect repellent and manure. According to her, the production has tripled since she shifted from using chemicals to vermi-compost, unfortunately, she had difficulties to sell her products, as buyers could not believe that they are fully organic. The following is the conversation between her and Brigitte from ARCOS Network:

Brigitte: What do you do to get such big and healthy vegetables on your farm?
Immaculée: My secret is vermi-compost

Brigitte: What is Vermi-compost and how do you make it?
Immaculée: Vermi-compost is a system through which organic waste is turned into very high-quality compost using earthworms. Worms’ urine (technically named “Worm Tea”) is also collected, diluted and used as leaf food and insect repellent. The system is established by setting up a worm bin, filling the worm bin with organic materials (in our case we use coffee pulps) and introduce earthworms. The system must be always shaded and let the sunlight and fresh air reach the heap, as well as regularly watered. After few months (depending on materials used and frequencies of feeding and watering the bin), normally between 3 to 4 months the compost can be collected and used on farm or mixed with other organic materials to make more compost.

Brigitte: Did you see any difference since you started using worm compost?
Immaculée: There is a huge difference. I started using this compost on experimental plots and the production was impressive (a lot and big vegetables). Later on, I definitely decided to use it on the entire farm.
For instance, with chemical fertilizers and pesticides, I could harvest only 4kg per 1 tree of coffee; but by using worm compost and worm tea, the average yield per coffee tree is 12kg now. Since I started using worm compost, beetroots
from my farm weigh more than 1kg each, where I used to harvest four or five beetroots to reach 1kg.

**Brigitte:** Did you face any challenges to adapt to the system?

**Immaculée:** For coffee, there was no problem, because the market is already secured. However, for vegetables, no one neither at the local market, nor in big supermarkets would believe that it was fully organic. Only few vegetables (not more than 10kg of beetroots, onions and green pepper combined) were bought by neighbours who have witnessed the process and the remaining (over 95% of vegetable production) was given to friends and family for free, given I did not have post-harvest facilities to keep it longer.

**Brigitte:** What did you learn from that experience?

**Immaculée:** I did not take the challenges I face at the markets as a problem, but rather as an opportunity. Most farmers in rural areas do not believe that organic farming can enhance productivity, while restoring the land. I was not aware that most of buyers these days prefer organic products rather than those produced using chemicals.

**Brigitte:** What can you suggest as a way forward?

**Immaculée:** Farmers need to be educated, not only about organic farming, but also about other good practices that enhance production and contribute to restore the environment. In addition, market measures should be enhanced to promote organic products (ex: establish markets for organic products).
Kuba kera ubuhinzi ni inkingi ya mwamba mu kwihaza mu biribwa kw’abaturage biyonjera umunsi ku munsi. Nubwo bimeze bityo ariko, abahinzi muri iyi minsi bari guhanga n’ikibazo cy’igabanuka ry’umusaruro ahanini riterwa n’ihindagurika ry’ibije by’imvura n’izuba, udusimba n’indwara byangiza byimvura byihindura, ndetse n’iyangirika ry’ubutaka nitewe n’ibikorwa by’ubuhinzi bitita kuri ejo hazaza, hakiyongeraho n’ikibazo gikomereye rwa kiyana y’ndotse n’ihindagurika ry’ikirere.

Kuzamura umusaruro ndetse n’ubumenyi n’ubushobozi busabwa mu kujyana n’iri hindagurika mu bidukikije ndetse n’ikirere bituma umutungo kamere ukendera, bisaba guhanga udushya tugamije gukoresha uwo mutungo kamere usigaye neza ndetse no gurura ubuhinzi buramwe, bushyira imbere ibikorwa byo kubungabunga ibidukikije. Kongerera abahinzi ubushobozi ndetse n’ubumenyi mu bikorwa byo kwita kuri serivisi zitangwa n’ibiyana by’umutungo kamere no gushyiraho uburyo bakungurana ubumenyi ndetse n’ubunaranibonye, ni urufunguzo rwo ku kigefwama rubyora rwa kw’abaturage ry’ubuhinzi.

Gukoresha ifumbire mborera ni Bumwe mu buryo bwiza bwidtha konera umusaruro kandi butangiza n’ibidukikije, ndetse ugasanga bwisho kuri konera ubudahangarwa kuri n’ihindagurika ry’ibije kuri nako bizamura imibereho y’abaturage. Iyo urebye neza kandi ku rundi ruhande, usanga abantu bashaka ibibwera byahingishijwe ifumbire y’imborera usanga bareyi byiyana y’ubuhinzi cyane ku isi hose. N’ubwo bimeze bityo ariko, abahinzi benshi, cyane cyane mu muhihi bikiri mu nzira y’amajyambere batazi iby’irebo shakishwa ry’ibibwera byahingishijwe imborera ndetse n’ababiteza imbere muri ibyo muhihi ugasanga bahura n’imbogamizi mu kwamamaza no guricuruzo ibyo biribwa.

Muri iki gice cy’iki Kinyamakuru ENDOKWA numero kabiri, twasuye Immaculée Mukandori, umuhinzi w’imboga ukorera Gitesi, mu Karere ka Karongi ho mu Rwanda, atubwira ibitangaza biri mu gukoresha ifumbire ikorwa n’iminyorogoto. Iyo fumbire ikoresha n’ikibitanga igihingwa kandi ikanakoresha mu kwirukana udusimba twangiza imyaka. Yaduhaye ubuhamya ko umusaruro we wikubye gatatu (3) kuva yareka gukoresha ifumbire y’imvaruganda agatangira gukoresha ibyo mbo mu minyorogoto yoroye. Arikio naye are gusanga y’imbogamizi zo kubona abaguzi kuku batemera ko koko imboga ze zihingishije ifumbire y’imborera kubera ingano zabaga zifite. Ni ikiganiro Brigitte (Umukozi wa ARCOS Network ushinzwe porogaramu y’iterambere ry’abaturage) yakiranye na Immaculée:

*Brigitte*: Tubwire ibanga ukoresha kugirango imboga zawi ozi nziza gutya?

*Immaculée*: Ibanga nkebwa nta rindi ni ifumbire y’iminyorogoto

*Brigitte*: Ifumbire y’iminyorogoto se ubwo ni iki, uyikora ute?

*Immaculée*: Ifumbire y’iminyorogoto ni ifumbire y’imborera nkora nifashishije ibishishwa cyangwa ibindi bintu bibora nkabishyira mo iminyorogoto ikabishwanyaga mo iminyorogoto nkabishyira mo iminyorogoto cyangwa ibindi bintu bibora nkabishyira mo iminyorogoto.

Nkiri izyo minyorogoto, twita “worm tea (bivuze ugenereke cy’i m’nyorogoto)”, nazo turazifata tukazungo fumurecyo ziga kubekere wa kubura bangura cy’imyaka ko koko imboga ze zihingishije ifumbire y’imborera kubera ingano zabaga zifite. Ni ikiganiro Brigitte (Umukozi wa ARCOS Network ushinzwe porogaramu y’iterambere ry’abaturage) yakiranye na Immaculée:
Ubundy dukora ikintu nakwita nk’ikibumbiro gikoze mu mbaho, twarangiza tugashyiramo ibintu bibora, kuko turi n’abahinzi b’ikawa ibyo bibora dukoresha ni ibishishwa by’ikawa; nyuma tugashyiramo iminyorogoto. Iki kibumbiro kigomba iteka kuba gisakariye ku buryo ariko butabuza imirasire iringaniye y’izuba kugeramo ndetse ugomba kudatumwa bya bishishwa washyizero byumagara (Nukuvugako ugenda unyanagyizaho utuzi, ntugomba gutuma bikakara). Nyuma y’amezi make (bitewe n’ibintu bibora wakoreshhehe ndetse nuburyo uccucagiraho amazi), muri rusange ni hagati y’amezi 3 na 4, ifumbire yawe iba yabonetse ukaba wayikoresha mu mirima yawe cg ukayivanga n’ibindi bintu bibora mu ngrane kugirango nabyo bikozebeibire ifumbire nziza cyane nkayo.

Brigitte: Ubona hari impinduka zazanywe no gukoresha iyo fumbire y’iminyorogoto?
Immaculée: Cyane rwose impinduka narazibonye. Natangiye gukoresha iyi fumbire mu karima nakoreragaho igerageza cg se ubushakashatsi, kandi umusaruro wari ku rugero rushimishije cyane (imboga nyinshi kandi ubona ko zishishe cyane rwose). Nyuma niho naje kuye cyane rwose.

Nk’umuhinzi wa kawa kandi, nafashe ibiti bimwe mbikoreraho ubushakashatsi nkoresha iyi fumbire na cya cyayi cy’iminyorogoto. Kugit kimbwe cyahigave, igihe nkoresha ifumbire mvaruganda ndetse n’imiliy’ubutabire yica yudukoko, nibrururuga 4kg; ariko nkoresha ifumbire y’iminyorogoto ndetse n’icyo cyayi cyayo mu kwiruka udusimba ndetse no gubumira, igihe kimbwe cyahigave yake kawu ugereranyije nasaruyeho 12 kg. Ku mboga zo nahinze, beterawe imwe yashoboraga gupima 1kg kandi mbere byarasabaga ko nsarura beterawe enye cg eshanu ngo ngwize 1kg.

Brigitte: Hari imbogamizi waba warahuye nazo muri ubwo buryo butamenyerewe bw’imihingire?
Immaculée: Ku ikawa ho nta kibazo cyabaye kuko isoko ryo risanawe rihari. Arikiby mboga ho, yaba mu masoko ya hano iwacu cg mumaguriro agezweho y’imboga n’ibintu bicozuzwa (Super Market), nta mutumi numwe wemeraga ko imboga zanjiye zfumibjie 100% ifumbire y’imbgorera gusa. Icyo gihe nagurishije gusa imboga nke zitarenze n’ibiro 10 bya beterave, ibitunguru ndetse na puwawuro, kandi nabo byaguweze n’aburanyi gbimba basanzwe bazi koko ko nkoresha imbgorera. Ibintu bispiga (birenga 95%) nabyihereye aburanyi y’abavandimwe ku buntu kuko ntafite ubundy buryo nabikomabo umusaruro wanjiye w’imboga nyuma yo gusarura.

Brigitte: Ibyo bibazo waciyemo ucyeza bwa mbere byakwigishije iki?

Brigitte: Ubona hakorwa iki ngo bigende neza kurushaho?
Immaculée: Njye mbona hakenewe cyane ko abahinzi bigishwa, atari gusa gukoresha imbgorera mu buhinzi bwabo ahubwo n’ibindi bikorora byiza biyiya n’ubuhinzi byongera umusaruro kandi bikanafata neza ibidukikije ryo shingiro rya byose. Ikindi kandi hagakwiye gushyirwaho uburyo bufatika bwo guteza imbere ubuhinzi bukoresha ifumbire y’imbgorera cyane cyane hashyirwahe amasoko azwi wagurirambo ibyo bicozuzwa.
3. Know more about the link between Environment and livelihoods

Did you know about the benefits of Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)?

For decades, unsustainable human practices driven by high population growth and rapid economic development, have degraded the environment and affected people’s livelihoods. The latter caused natural resources decline which goes with the decline in services they provide. Those practices contributed much on climate change which in return exacerbates the situation. Those practices include mostly deforestation, unsustainable use of land/soil which lead to many problems including a decrease in crop harvest, soil erosion, watershed degradation among others.

It is now time for humans to reverse the situation through Forest and Landscape Restoration. In this issue, we will learn the benefits from FLR. In the next issue, we will explore the steps and principles of FLR and the context of this initiative at local level.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) is the ongoing process of regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded landscapes. FLR is more than just planting trees – it is restoring the whole landscape to meet present and future needs and to offer multiple benefits and land uses over time. FLR manifests through different processes such as: new tree plantings, managed natural regeneration, agroforestry, or improved land management to accommodate a mosaic of land uses, including agriculture, protected wildlife reserves, managed plantations, riverside plantings and more.

FLR interventions benefits not only local people but also have regional and global benefits. For example, when you plant a tree, many people benefit; it result in fresh air, erosion control accompanied by food security. The impacts of planting trees have global benefits such as carbon sequestration and contribution to climate change mitigation and adaption at the same time.

Forest Landscape Restoration has multiple advantages including economic, social and environmental. The below table summarizes the FLR benefits.

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3. MENYA BYINSHI KU ISANO IRI HAGATI YO GUFATA NEZA IBDUKIKIJE N’IMIBEREHO MYIZA

**Gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya byangiritse bivuze gukora ibikorwa bigamije kugarurira impuzandiri (ecosystems) ubushobozo bwazo bwo gutanga serivisi (services) zahozo zitanga mbere yo kwangirika. Muri ibyo bikorwa hibandwa cyane mu gukora ibisubiza ibyo abатурage batuye aho bakeneye ndetse inyungu z’ibyo bikorwa zikagera no ku rwego rw’igihugu, akarere ndetse no ku isi yose. Tekererea iyo uteye igiti, umwuka mwiza gikora uhumekwa n’abantu benshi, isuri ikagabanuka bikajyana no kwiyongera k’umusaruro; ibyo kandi bigira akamaro ku isi hose kuko cya gitì kigabanya n’umwuka mubi wa karubon (carbon dioxide) ifite uruhare runini ku ihindagurika ry’ibihe**

Biturutse ku bwiyongere bw’abantu, ndetse n’ibikorwa bya munty bitita ku ngaruka zo kwangiza ibidukikije, ingaruka nyinshi zagiyi zisubiza hasi imibereho myiza y’abaturage ndetse n’umutungo kamere ugenda ukendera. Ibi byageze no ku rwego rwo guteza ihindagurika ry’ikirere naryo kandi rituma imibereho irushaho kuba mibi n’ibidukikije birushaho kwangirika. Ibyo bikorwa byaranzwe ahanini no kwangiza amashyama, gukoresha ubutaka nabi byateye ingaruka nyinshi harimo kugabanuka k’umusaruro w’ibihingwa, isuri, kwangirika kw’amasoko byateye igabanuka n’ibura ry’amazi meza, gucika burundu kw’ibinyabuzima bimwe na bimwe, ndetse binateza ihindagurika ry’ibihe naryo risubiza irudubi iki kibazo.

Harageze ko umuntu, we nyirabayazana w’ibyo bibazo byose, afata iya mbere mu gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya byangijwe. Muri iyi nkuru turareba muri make ibyo twunguka mu bikorwa byo gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya byangiritse. Mu numero itaha y’iki kinyamakuru tuzareba neza uburyo n’amahame ngenderwahe muri icyo gikorwa.

Gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya byangiritse bivuze gukora ibikorwa bigamije kugarurira impuzandiri (ecosystems) ubushobozo bwazo bwo gutanga serivisi (services) zahozo zitanga mbere yo kwangirika. Muri ibyo bikorwa hibandwa cyane mu gukora ibisubiza ibyo abaturage batuye aho bakeneye ndetse inyungu z’ibyo bikorwa zikagera no ku rwego rw’igihugu, akarere ndetse no ku isi yose. Tekererea iyo uteye igiti, umwuka mwiza gikora uhumekwa n’abantu benshi, isuri ikagabanuka bikajyana no kwiyongera k’umusaruro; ibyo kandi bigira akamaro ku isi hose kuko cya gitì kigabanya n’umwuka mubi wa karubon (carbon dioxide) ifite uruhare runini ku ihindagurika ry’ibihe twavuze ruguru.

Gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya bigira akamaro ku bukungu, umuryango ndetse n’ibidukikije. Imbonera hamwe iri hepo irerekana neza inyungu yo gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya muri ibyo bice tuvuze haruguru.

Ibi twabibasomeye mu gitabo kiswe mu runiri rw’icyingereza Forest Landscape Restoration Opportunity Assessment ndetse no ku rubuga rwa murandasi rwa gahunda y’isi y’o gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya “Bonn Challenge (soma Boni Carenji)” (http://www.bonnchallenge.org/)
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| Imyidagaduro n’ubukerarugendo | Gutuma ubukerarugendo bushoboka kandi bukanezaza imitima na roho za ba mukerarugendo |

Dufatanye mu kuzamurubukungu imibereho dusigasira ubusugire bw’ibidukikijwe
Inyungu ku muryango mugari wa muntu

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Kwihaza mu biribwa

- Kongera umusaruro biturutse ku butaka bwafashwe neza binyuze mu kuvanga ibiti n’imyaka
- Kongera ingano y’imbuto gakondo ziribwa
- Kongera ubwatsi bw’amatungo (ryo ubworozsi bwibanzu mu kuvanga ibiti n’ubwatsi biribwa n’amatungo mu rwuri baragiramo)
- Bituma udusimba tubangurira imyaka twiyongera
- Byongera udukoko turya udusimba twangiza imyaka

Akazi

- Gihanga imirimiro mishya (Urugero: gucuruza imbuto n’ingemwe, akazi ko gukora muri pepinyeri, gutera amashyamba n’ibindi bijyanye nabyo)

Gahunda mpuzamahanga igihugu cyasinye

- Bituma igihugu cyibona mu ruhando mpuzamahanga kikanishimira gukora ibikorwa bifiite yinyoko muntu ku isye akamaro
- Kugira uruhare muri gahunda y’isye yose mu kugabanya imyuka ihumanya ikihere bitewe no gutema amashyamba ndetse no gucungu nabi umutungo kamere
- Kugera ku masezerano mpuzamahanga yasinywe n’igihigihugu, aha twavuga nk’amasezerano mpuzamahanga wo kurinda urusobe rw’ibinku
- Kugira uruhare muri gahunda y’isye yose gusubiranya imisozi n’ibibaya bise mu rurimi rw’icyongereza Bonn Challenge

Kugabanya no kurandura ubukene

- Kongera umubare w’amafaranga yinjiraga mu rugo binyuze mu kuzamuka k’umusaruro w’ibihingwa, imbaho n’ibiti byo kubakisha n’ibindi

Ubezima bwiza

- Gutanga amazi yo kunywa meza kandi afutse atatera indwara
- Kurinda imfu zashoboraga guterwa n’ibiza (nk’inkangu cg imyuzure)

Kunezeza roho ndetse no kugarurira umubiri imbaraga

- Bibyara ibyanya byiza byo gukorera umubiri ubukerarugendo buiyana n’uburobyi
- Bigatanga ahantu heza ho gutemberera n’amaguru ukora imyitozo igorora umubiri, aho gukambika hari umwuka mwiza kuri ba mukerarugendo, aho kwitegereza inyoni n’ibindi
- Bitanga ahantu heza hashimisha ubwonko ndetse na roho umuntu akumva abaye mushya (abakora ingendo zo gusenga, gukora imigenzo gakondo, kumedita n’ibindi bijyanye nabyo)
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About ARCOS’ Nature Based Community Enterprises Programme

**ARCOS Network Approach:**

ARCOS Network’s Nature Based Community Enterprises (NBCEs) programme (community development programme) adopts a holistic understanding of the socio-ecological system and helps the community to build vision of success based on sustainability principles and rooted in the cultural heritage. ARCOS works with Nature Based Community Enterprises (NBCEs) through a model structured around four but interrelated components that make the situation more approachable.

The BEST Approach (ARCOS 2015) focuses on four key areas:

- **B:** Building leadership and sustainable institutions. Cooperative governance, setting targets and work plans, gender and youth inclusiveness.
- **E:** Enhancing environmental resilience. Community Based Adaptation through sustainable agriculture, enhancement and protection of soil and water ecosystems and biodiversity, forest landscape restoration, ecosystem-based adaptation, promotion of green energy technologies.
- **S:** Sustainable business solutions. Assisting NBCEs in business planning, value addition, private sector engagement, market linkages and quality certification.
- **T:** Transforming and inspiring others. ARCS and empowered NBCEs focus on Nature Based Villages (NBVs), demonstration sites in integrating sustainable environment and livelihoods practices. This is supported through a Nature Based Community Fund (NBCF) established to foster sustainability actions in each NBV through community loans, incentives and activities of common benefits. ARCOS also promotes community to community exchange through training workshops, exhibitions and exchange visits where communities share knowledge and experience and learn by doing.

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3. EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Community to Community Echange (C2CE 2018)

From 13th to 16th September, ARCOS Network and partners organized the 3rd Edition of the Community to Community Echange (C2CE 2018) under the theme: “Toward resilient and sustainable communities”. This event was held in Kigali/Rwanda and Kisoro/ Uganda. It started with participation in Second Africa Regional Mountains Forum held in Kigali from 12th to 14th September 2018 and then a field visit in Kisoro, Uganda. The C2CE 2018 involved 32 NBCES from Rwanda (22), Uganda (8) and Burundi (2).

The main objective of the C2CE is to enable participants to exchange information, knowledge and experiences on sustainable practices building on key areas under BEST approach, focusing on sustainable institutional management and leadership; best agricultural practices, forest landscape restoration, energy and water use efficiency; sustainable business operations, cultural exchange and community self-reliance initiatives.

The main highlights of this event include:

- One representative of mountain communities (Emmanuel Harerimana from Muhismbi Cooperative) was elected to represent community groups in Governing Council of Africa Regional Mountains Forum
- Exhibition of community products and initiative towards sustainable livelihoods and environment sustainability during the second Africa Regional Mountains Forum
- Participants appreciated the efforts by ARCOS Network in promoting and facilitating regular C2CE, as well as in assisting and supporting its partner NBCES to ensure that their businesses are sustainable and transformational
- Participants committed to advocate for the sustainability of C2CE and mainstream sustainable practices in all NBCCE operations.
- Participants concluded that the next C2CE will be conducted in Rutsiro district in Rwanda in 2019 and they requested ARCOS Network to coordinate the event as usual.
- Participants committed to contribute to the organization of this event.

Ihuriro Nyunguranabumenyi rya gatatu rya Koperative ziteza imbere zinabungabunga ibidukikije

Iri hururo ryabaye kuva ku itariki ya 13 kugeza ku itariki ya 16 Nzeri 2018, rikaba ryari rifite insanganyamatsiko igira iti “Twubake umuryango aho abaturage batajegajewza n’impinduka izo arizo zose”. Iri hururo ryabereye i Kigali ndetse na Kisoro ho mu Bugande rihuza abahagariye koperative 32 zikorana na ARCOS Network (Rwanda (22), Bugande (8) and Burundi (2)). Ryatanganye kuri 13 Nzeri aho abagize iri hururo bitabiriye Inama ku Misozi ku Rwego Rw’Afurika banahakorera ndetse imurikagurisha ku bikorwa binyuranye bakora ndetse n’ubuziranenge bwabyo. Ibindi bikorwa byakomereje Kisoro muri Uganda aho bakoze ingendoshuli, bahanahana amakuru n’ubumenyi ndetse barisuzuma baniha gahunda yo kugenderaho mu gih kiri imbere. Ibi ni binwe mu byaranze iri hururo rya gatatu:

- Umwe mu bagize iri hururo (Emmanuel Harerimana wo mu Koperative ya Muhisimbi) yatorewe guhagararira amatsinda y’abaturage mu Nama Nyobozi y’Ihuriro Nyafurika ku Iterambere Rirambye ryo mu Misozi ya Afurika.
- Abaturage bamuritse ibyo bakora byiziza biyanye no kuzamura imibereho myiza ndetse no gusigasira ubusugire bw’ibidukikije muri iriya nama nyafurika ku misozi.
- Abagize iri hururo bibanze cyane ku gushimira ARCOS Network ku mbaraga ishyira mu gutegurira iri hururo igihe ndetse n’ubufasha iha abari muri iri hururo mu gukora ibikorwa birambye kandi Bizana impinduka zigaragara.
- Abagize iri hururo bahize gukora uko bashoboye ngo iri hururo rikomere kurutaho ndetse no gukomeza gushyira ibikorwa birambye ku izingiro ry’ibikorwa bya koperative zabo.
- Hemejwe ko ihuriro nyunguranabumenyi ritaha rizabera mu Karere ka Rutsiro ho mu Rwanda.
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