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REF: ROLE OF KENYA FOREST SERVICE IN THE TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

KFS actively support the tree planting exercise through the following actions

1. **TECHNICAL GUIDANCE:** providing expert knowledge on appropriate tree species selection ecological suitability and climate resilience. The forestry office shall participate in mapping out specific areas within the kayas that shall be planted, guiding the team on the tree planting day by demonstrating how seedlings should be planted and spacing.
2. **PROVISION OF SEEDLINGS:** Facilitating access to quality indigenous and exotic tree seedlings through our national nurseries.
3. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT;** Working with local community groups and stakeholders to promote participatory forestry, ensuring their involvement in planting and monitoring activities. capacity building the kaya elders and the Matuga constituency Environmental Conservation committee on how to care for the seedling by providing security to guard areas from encroaching herders and occasional watering of seedling to survival stage.
4. **LOGISTICALSUPPORT;** Assisting in coordinating and mobilizing resources for the successful implementation of the project.

MECHANISMS FOR ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY OF PLANTED TREES

To guarantee the long -term success and sustainability of this tree planting initiative KFS has put in place following measures.

1. **Post-planting care & monitoring;** Implementing and evaluation programs to access tree survival rates and address challenges such as pest infestations and water shortages.

2. **Capacity building and training:** conducting training sessions for local communities, school and stakeholders on the best practices tree maintenance; including watering pruning and soil management.

3. **Integration with Restoration programs:** Aligning this initiative with ongoing national and regional afforestation and reforestation programs, such as the 30% tree cover target outlined in Kenya's vision 2030 and the National strategy for Achieving and maintaining Tree cover.

4. **Community -Based Forest Management;** Collaborating with community forest to establish long-term stewardship and encourage local ownership of reforestation efforts.

5. **Legislative support & Enforcement:** Ensuring planted trees are protected from illegal logging, encroachment and other threats through enforcement of forest conservation laws and policies.

KFS remains committed to working closely with all stakeholders to restore and enhance forest cover in Kenya. We appreciate your collaboration in this initiative and looking forward to a successful tree planting and conservation program.

Should you require any further clarification or additional information, please feel free to contact our office at [KFS contact information]



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