SANIDA

STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND MARKETS TRANSFORMATION

2018 - 2022

2397 Direct women Supported

45 CBOs supported under the Hub

2,369,000 Number of trees planted
The programme envisioned a Civil Society that influences policy and market decisions to ensure good governance of natural resources and engage private sector in innovative financing mechanisms and sustainable technologies to benefit livelihoods of women, men and youth in the Albertine Graben and Uganda in general.

The programme also worked toward ensuring that “People and communities in programme areas are effectively exercising their rights, controlling decisions and equitably receiving benefits from natural resources, and contributing to the sustainable management of key ecosystems and habitats.

The programme also co-financed part of an existing Climate and clean energy project funded by the European Union (EU) and Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD), operating in similar landscapes.

The SANIDA programme aimed at strengthening the role of civil society in delivering sustainable natural resource management and market transformation in the Greater Virunga Landscape (GVL) and other selected High Conservation Value (HCV) landscapes in the Albertine Rift Region (ARR).

**Program Milestones**

- 35 Heifers distributed to CBOs
- 1870 Bee keeping hives distributed
- 2,348 Jobs created
- 6 Wood Cooperatives formed
- 108 Water tanks constructed
- 1,084.5 Hectares planted
- 2,584 cook-stoves distributed
- 2,420 solar sets have been installed.
The PPDA Act was revised and this created avenues for responsible procurement of timber by government agencies. The revision further guides adoption of the District Forest Officer as a member of the District Local Government contracts committee.

Influenced the revision of the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019. The most visible outcome is the livelihood fund and compensation of victims as well as increasing the penalties.

Climate change campaigns mobilized millions of Ugandans to take Action for Nature recovery.

Through the timber traders’ forum, Afzelia has been listed in schedule 2 of CITES. Schedule 2 means that there can be a trade that is regulated.

The component of responsible trade was considered in the EAC forestry strategy as a result of the advocacy.

Districts supported to develop policies, for instance, Kasese, Rubirizi and Bundibugyo developed Energy strategies, Ntoroko developed an environment ordinance while 6 Districts developed District Forest Development Plans.

Conducted a review of the Collaborative Forest Management (CFM) guidelines and this strengthened CFM groups to demand for services.

Development of the national Community Conservation handbook.

All the CSOs under the project confirmed that they increased their capacity to engage in policy processes after the advocacy trainings.

Enhanced capacity of CSOs and CBOs to relate and influence at landscape and national levels.
Sustainable Market Transformation & Finance for Development

- Provision of saw mills is evidence of improving trade thus influencing markets.
- The provision of Sawmills and improved handling of coffee has improved the products hence attracting better markets.
- TUNADO has been involved and is providing market for honey and Macadamia nuts.
- There is evidence of value addition on bamboo and skilling the youth to make furniture from bamboo
- There are a number of enterprises promoted such as honey and equipment donated to add value onto the enterprise

Global Climate Change and Energy

- There is an energy hub in Kasese that Kiima Foods hosts that worked with 16 active CSOs in 9 Districts.
- Distributed 2,584 cook-stoves and 2420 solar systems on a repayment method. The cook stoves included promotion of fixed cook-stoves addressing issues of use of charcoal and firewood.
- Presented a position paper to influence the oil and gas policy.
- A renewable energy strategy has been developed for Mitooma, Rubirizi, Kasese and Bundibugyo districts.
- A position paper by the CSOs was presented to the District LG of Rubirizi and there has been a budget allocation to the energy sector, as well as council passed a resolution to compel new institutions to install energy cook-stoves.
- The capacity of CSOs to partner with the private sector actors and government to promote the energy agenda has been developed.
- CSOs have promoted Climate Smart Agriculture practices. Tree planting, agroforestry and energy-saving technologies.