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FOREST RESTORATION AND CARBON ABSORPTION(FRECAR) PROJECT

WWF Uganda received funding from VELUX Foundation, Denmark to implement project in Uganda aimed at regeneration of the natural forests for carbon sequestration.

The Ugandan project is aimed at regenerating the most deforested natural forests, hence the reason for targeting the forests in the Muzizi and Budongo Ranges which according to the State of Forests Report 2015, showed the highest levels of forest loss (over 60% of the forests in this region have been lost between 2005 and 2015)

The project will be implemented in the **Bugoma-Kagombe Landscape** which comprises of **Bugoma, Kyamurangi** Group of CFRs, Kagombe, and Kitechura/ Ibambaro CFRs; using a mix of approaches that include active planting on the CFRs, boundary strengthening, and engaging communities to participate in the protection of the CFRs, reduce pressure and have improved livelihood.

This grand restoration agenda will contribute to both the national target as enshrined in the Vision 2040 and National Development Plan III. We are cognizant that the country is working to restore landscapes back to the 1990 levels. We applaud efforts to move from 9% in 2013/14 to currently 12% as of 2021. We hope that our efforts will contribute to the 24% target.

The long term outcome of the project is **“Forest cover in the landscape are regenerated to create a positive impact on carbon stocks and community benefits”** with a focus of at least 1 million tons of CO₂ Emissions in the 20th year of the project. The project outcomes relate to amongst others a) capacities for forest management and climate reporting in the landscape improved; b) forest cover outside protected areas increased including a few remaining natural forests on private lands; d) better and improved lives for the communities in the landscape.

The current project is 4m USD, for 20 years; 5 years active implementation, 5 years of maintaining the planted areas and 10 years of monitoring impacts on carbon, biodiversity, community and households. We anticipate a minimum of 4 more projects to augment our efforts in the landscape. I am told that already the Muzizi Range is soon hosting the DK plant trees project in either Muhangi or Rwenshambya – soon to be finalized,we pledge our continuous support.

The Lead Implementing Partner is **National Forestry Authority (NFA)**, we expect a lot of proactive engagement and keen interest in ensuring the project is delivered on schedule, technically sound and financially transparent.