

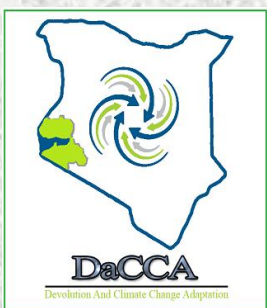
THE DaCCA BULLETIN

A MONTHLY BRIEF ON THE DACCA PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES

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3,000 trees planted in Kisumu and Homabay counties



THE PARTNERS



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OSIENALA (Friends of Lake Victoria) is implementing a project dubbed Climate-Smart Communities' Response project under the Devolution and Climate Change Adaptation programme implemented jointly by SusWatch Kenya, Umande Trust and CREP programme

This project has overseen the planting of over 3,000 trees in Kisumu and Homabay Counties as well as promotion of the use of fuel efficient stoves which will help conserve the environment and reduce poverty.

Both Kisumu and Homa Bay counties are currently experiencing environmental degradation as a result of massive cutting down of trees for domestic and economic use without replacement. Right now getting fuel wood is a problem and very costly. No one is allowed to collect fuel wood in some ones land. The soils have equally become infertile resulting in poor crop yields. During the January – June 2018 rainy season, the project has promoted the planting of trees through establishment of tree nurseries and sale of seedlings within the community groups. Through this intervention, the project will help in restoration and conservation of the deteriorated land making it conducive for life to thrive and also improve on the economic status of the people. The community groups that own the tree nurseries generate income from the sale of the seedlings to the community members.

OSIENALA promotes people's right to information through radio programmes

Radio is the most common source of information for both rural and urban communities and thus it is estimated that over 75% of households in DaCCA project areas have access to a radio. Through the radio, the DaCCA programme has informed the community to participate in decision making processes that affect them.

OSIENALA has always used media to promote community participation with the goal of transforming the society. As such, under the DaCCA programme, a series of radio programmes were developed and aired through Radio Lake Victoria.

In a series of 12 radio programmes 6 from Kisumu and 6 from communities in Homa Bay, the community members shared their best practices to climate change adaptation, livelihood activities health issues, education, gender equality and even disaster risk reduction. Radio Lake Victoria broadcast in the local Luo language as most members of the community do not speak Swahili or English. Hence, the information is effectively communicated through the radio broadcast, allowing local voices to be heard.

Through the radio broadcasts, the community members have widened the market for their products outside the project area such as sale of seedlings, energy saving stoves and honey. The communities that showcased their practices via the radio have also reported receiving visitors within and without the project area including officials from the County government.

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