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# The Social Fund

by Kennedy Haule

## Background

At its inception in 1992, KVTC established a Social Fund to support village communities, who used to have access to KVTC land before acquisition by the company.

The Social Fund was set up to improve social infrastructure in the surrounding communities and focuses mainly on education, health and economic infrastructures improvements. The fund does not support political or religion activities.

From 1992-2000 the Social Fund was channeled through an NGO and the District Council however from the year 2000 the Fund was allocated directly to the villages.

## Coverage

Since the start the Social Fund has expanded from 9 to 17 villages as a result of inclusion of adjacent villages as well as the sub-dividing of villages following population. In 2009 Mavimba was added following the construction of the sawmill and shift of the company's Head Quarters.

## Project Selection

The Village Council identifies a community project and presents this project to the KVTC Management who conducts an initial

screening. If the proposed project meets the Social Fund criteria, then the Village Council presents the project at the Village General Assembly for voting and petitioning. On successful submission the company approves funds to be released and monitors implementation. The District Council as well as the District Commissioner are informed of any Social Fund project that is approved as well as its completion.

## Projects Supported and Impact

Since the year 2000 when support was channeled directly through village accounts there has been 700m TZS of funds released to support a total of 140 projects, with the majority related to education and schooling.

Often Social Fund money is used as co-funding of a project and as such the total impact and value of projects is significantly higher than the reported figure above.

## More Information

KVTC's Social manager can provide additional information on the Social Fund and its workings. You can contact him via 0757 768 825 or [khaule@kvtc-tz.com](mailto:khaule@kvtc-tz.com)



## Conservation Works!

Around our sawmill site we maintain about 60ha of pristine miombo forests and despite the noise of the machine animals are moving in.

We currently have bushbuck, duiker and a leopard with cubs roaming the patch of forest next to our sawmill.



## African Forestry

KVTC is a member of African Forestry (AF), the industry body representing commercial forestry industries in Tanzania. If you like to know more about AF or would like to become a member you can contact them via email [info@africanforestry.org](mailto:info@africanforestry.org) or [www.africanforestry.org](http://www.africanforestry.org)

## From Hans' desk

by Hans Lemm

Happy New Year and welcome to first copy of the KVTC quarterly newsletter of the year. Although the year only just started for KVTC's team it has been on the way for a bit already as we resumed our operations in December.

2018 has started for KVTC just like 2017 ended: Strong! We are pleased with the progress made during 2017 and we like to maintain this momentum in the new year.

This year we have been blessed with early rains that started already in October and have continued to the end of January and we are now in the middle of our dry spell we normally

see just ahead of the long rains in March and April.

Planting activities are in full swing on our estate and also the outgrower plots are soon to be planted. A total of 250ha will be planted with outgrowers this year.

At the end of December we had changes in our team and some of our managers moved on to other ventures or decided to move closer to their families. Luckily, we managed to attract young and talented new staff who will bring fresh ideas to KVTC.

We are excited about the biomass challenge that was launched last year and we hope to receive serious and viable proposals and hope our initiative will result in an additional boost to the local (and national) industrial economy.



## The KVTC Biomass Challenge

by Hanta Rwegoshora

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December KVTC launched the Biomass Challenge together with the Private Forestry Programme.

### Launch Party

On 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 KVTC hosted approximately 60 of its closest relations at a private cocktail event held at the Coral Beach Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

The event was graced by Hon. January Makamba, Minister of Union Affairs and Environment who together with a representative of the Embassy of Finland launched the Biomass Challenge.

### Background

Majority of households in Tanzania depend on firewood and charcoal for their energy needs and with a growing population this is resulting in ever increasing pressure on Tanzania's forests

KVTC operates a forest plantation and sawmill in the Ulanga District (Morogoro) and supplies roundlogs to an additional four sawmills in the area. All sawmills are generating significant amounts of unutilized by-products from their milling operations

KVTC believes that finding solutions to sawmill residues can offer some solution to Tanzania's energy needs and assist in reducing deforestation whilst at the same time offer economic opportunities for the company to monetize its waste products.

### The Award

The winning business plan, to be determined through an open and robust vetting and judging process by a panel consisting of KVTC and PFP executives will receive an **award of TZS 75,000,000**

Details on the challenge and how to participate can be found here: <http://kvtc-tz.com/the-kvtc-biomass-challenge/>



KVTC participated in the Forest Policy Dialogue in Morogoro held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### LISTEN TO US

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On Radio Pambazuko at 89.5FM

Every Friday at 07.30pm and every Saturday at 07.30am

### 20-21 MARCH: FORESTRY TRADE FAIR

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March PFP will organize a Forest Trade Fair in Mafinga. KVTC will exhibit its products. More info on the PFP website: <http://www.privateforestry.or.tz>

### DID YOU KNOW?

The worlds biggest teak tree is found in Myanmar and has a girth of 8.4m and is 33m tall

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