

# KENYA

We look back at 2025 and the progress that we could chart and the benefits that the communities we serve in Kenya could gain, with gratitude to our donors and supporters.

Sustained support for climate-resilient, high-value agriculture for farmers with our innovative initiative on medicinal plants cultivation helped several smallholders, many of them women, improve their livelihoods and their nutrition.

Conservation of the rich biodiversity of the Kakamega Forests was also taken forward by local communities, striving to save it for future generations.

Our work with communities in the Arid & Semi-Arid Lands, on water, a source of survival as well as conflict, was extended with additional communities taking up water budgeting and source conservation. It is our hope that the communities will find better water-security and health & hygiene with the technologies being adopted.

Stepping into 2026, we aim to move the needle further on the goals of stronger, resilient communities, with your continued support.

***2025 saw us extend both our initiatives in the country under our Climate Risk Management programme - those of WASH and Medicinal Plants Cultivation & conservation. The WASH initiative in Samburu county engaged with 5 more pastoral communities to provide safe water, hygiene and sanitation, protecting against climate change linked water insecurity. Our initiative on sustainable Medicinal Plants cultivation and conservation also made great strides, strengthening the grower base in 3 Kenya counties.***

Communities, including pastoralist youth, elders, men, and women, developed water resources plans and budgets based on their needs, and identified critical water sources that suffered from contamination, in the process building shared understanding of natural resources and collaborative conservation. 5 Women's Water and Sanitation Councils, comprising 75 women, strengthened women's leadership in sustainable water and sanitation management. The groups are identifying, monitoring, and driving community action on local WASH issues.



Community representatives from each village were trained in water management, gained awareness of low-cost appropriate technologies. They are exploring ecofriendly solutions on protection of natural water sources, water harvesting, water storage and structural conservation, and water purification as well, under Pragya's guidance, which would be taken up for implementation in 2026.

During the year, infrastructure for sustainable medicinal plants cultivation were strengthened in the three counties of Kakamega, Nandi, Vihiga. Three community nurseries were fully equipped, with solar pumps, water storage, fencing, and nursery tools, and established as local hubs for quality planting material of priority medicinal plant species, and farmer support. Propagation programmes are on for 6 medicinal plant species: Piper capense, Aspilia pluriseta, Rothea myricoides, Sesbania sesban, Mondia whitei, and Aloe vera.



Over 100 new small holder farmers (77% women), trained on sustainable medicinal plant cultivation, began cultivating on their own plots, with Pragya's support. Existing growers' groups gained competence in Value Chain Development and cooperative enterprise via trainings conducted by Kenya Cooperative Development Corporation and Aetas Bio, and established linkages with large buyers and lab testing facilities to meet quality standards. 2026 will see medicinal plants growers' cooperatives established and a significant boost in growers in target counties.

Communities in forest-side villages learnt about conservation and the need to shift from wild harvesting, through targeted campaigns. A Community new Conservation Group in Kakamega (adding to two existing groups) was trained in seed banking and biodiversity monitoring, and has designated a new Community-Protected Area (CPA) and initiated planting of nursery-propagated native species which will help restore the degraded areas through 2026.

