



# AGRO-FORESTRY CARBON REMOVAL PROJECT


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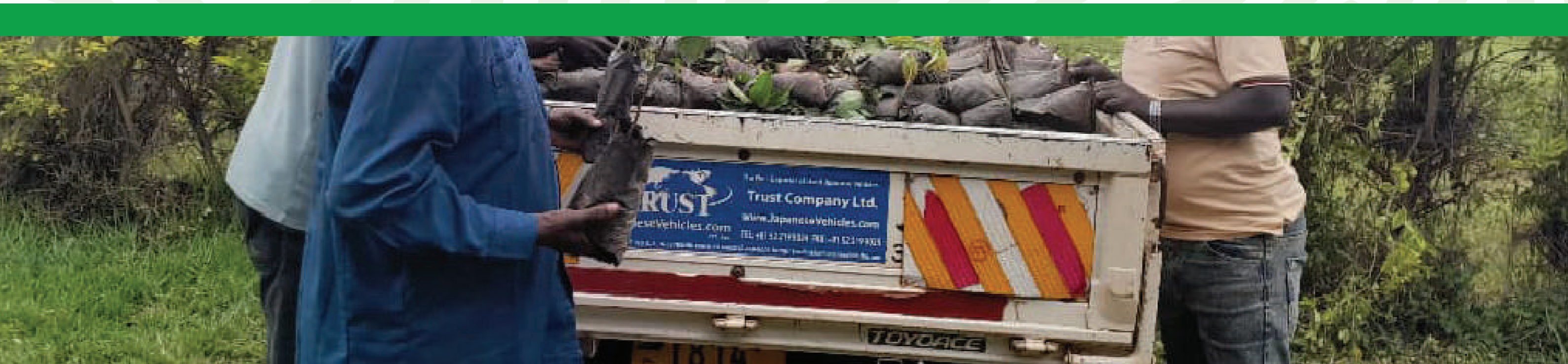


**KPE** PLC

A photograph of a hand reaching out towards the camera, set against a background of lush green foliage, including banana trees. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The bottom of the image features a decorative pattern of light green, wavy, concentric lines on a white background.

KPD PLC in partnership with  
Rabobank implement Acorn  
project to empower smallholder  
farmers to improve their  
livelihoods

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



A photograph of a group of people in a meeting room, with a green overlay containing text. The background shows a group of people seated in a room, with a man in a red shirt standing and speaking. The foreground shows the back of a person wearing a striped shawl. The right side of the image has a decorative wavy pattern.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On June 26, 1997, a group of 14 farmers from Karagwe District, led by Mr. Leonard Kachebonaho, came together to discuss how they could help smallholder farmers in Karagwe District get out of poverty. On May 15, 1998, registered a tool that would lead them to achieve their mission.



This tool was called  
Karagwe Development and  
Relief Services (KADERES)

# Our Mission

To see an empowered community of Karagwe and Kyerwa Districts in which people effectively manage their own lives.






# Our Vision

To capacitate the Karagwe and Kyerwa community to fight against poverty through the facilitation of socio-economic programs in a sustainable way.



As a result of the good work done by KADERES, in 2008 they set up a company with the aim of buying, processing, and selling grains and other farmers' products.

Since its establishment, KPD PLC has focused on giving smallholder farmers a chance to become part of the company's ownership, as well as helping them to secure a fair price for their crops, earn dividends from their businesses as part of their incentives, and also encourage them to produce their crops on the basis of agribusiness and to get rid of subsistence farming.

A photograph of a person, likely a woman, pouring dark brown coffee beans from a large, woven burlap sack. The person is wearing a colorful, patterned garment. The background shows a lush coffee plantation with tall, green coffee plants and some dried leaves. The scene is set outdoors, with natural light illuminating the beans and the person's hands.

Since its establishment, KPD has been involved in the business of two major crops: coffee and beans.



**Acorn**





## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Agroforestry Carbon Removal Units for the Organic Restoration of Nature (Acorn) is built on Rabobank's heritage, the world's leading food and agribusiness cooperative bank founded by Dutch farmers.



# Our Purpose

To support farmers  
transition to sustainable  
agroforestry practices





# Why Transition?

Improve farmers'  
livelihood through



**Increased food security**



**Increased farmer income**



**Increased productivity**



**Increased biodiversity on farms**

# Our Impact



A total of 89,054 farmers  
with 99,242 plots on  
boarded digitally by Data  
Collection Tool (DCT)



The carbon credits received by the first (501) farmers encouraged sustainable behaviours and created better practices at scale.





A total of 4500 Hass Avocado seedlings and 100 beehives were distributed to the farmers' beneficiaries of the Acorn project on that launching event



# Financial Breakthrough From March 2021 2,000 farm plots



**501 Farmers**



**257,310,753 TZS**

# Farmers CRUs Payment

S/N	Farmers	CRUs ID	Total Amounts (TZS)
1.	501	5,915	257,310,753.15
2.	5,751	31,895	1,520,765,742.44
3.	604	1,500	103,970,037
4.	8,659	17,484	1,178,281,728
5.	905	1,161	71,866,828
6.	15,919	50,540	3,132,195,088.59



An increase in smallholder farmers with a specific emphasis on organic agriculture and agroforestry.





## Establishment of Agro forestry Development Centre



A total of 5,845,250 tree seedlings were distributed to 11,345 farmers under the Agroforestry Centre, and planted their trees on over 7,563 ha.



# Success Stories



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I got 2,600,000 Tshs and bought a cow for 1,100,000 Tshs, the cow was pregnant, and when I brought it home, it gave birth to a male calf; I sold it for Sh450,000. We get some milk, and every day we drink three liters. Of those, one we sell and two we drink.

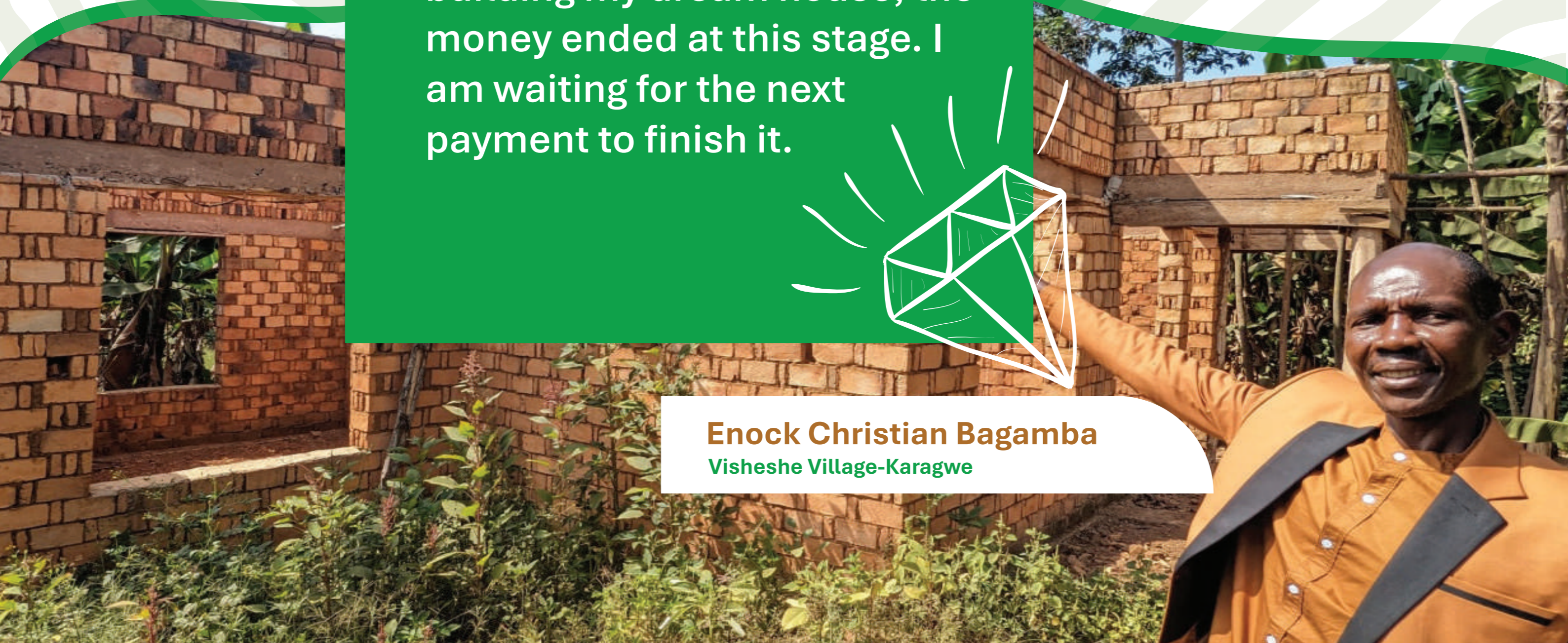
**Richard Banyamulama**  
Kamgambo Village-Karagwe

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I got 4,500,000 Tshs from the Acorn Project and started building my dream house; the money ended at this stage. I am waiting for the next payment to finish it.



**Enock Christian Bagamba**  
Visheshe Village-Karagwe





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I got 3,200,000 Tshs on my 5-acre farm. I made a small amount of money and bought a milling machine, and now I am doing business here in the village. From this machine, I get a nap for my chickens, ducks, and cows. Every day, the machine gives me money, the cows give me milk and money, and the chickens give me eggs and money. I don't miss 1,500 Tsh per day.

**Aroni Leonard, Tinugu**

Bujuruga, Karagwe



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I got 1,200,000 Tshs, and from this amount, I took 900,000 Tshs and bought a fried bread (mandazi) production machine. I now produce 700 pieces of mandazi daily, and my income has increased greatly, I earn between 70,000 and 80,000 Tshs a day. I have hired four young guys sell mandazi in the villages. The market is huge. When I get money, I will buy a motorcycle to expand the market.

**Pelesi Fute Bagume**

**Muleba**



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I got 362,000 Tshs, of which I spent on buying three goats. I get manure. This project has motivated me to plant many fruit trees; so far, I have planted more than 1000 different fruits. The benefits are enormous; my family can access some fruits, and the rest we sell to get cash for improving our meals.

**Yasini Suleiman Rubagumisa**

Bisheke, Muleba

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I got 1,800,000 Tshs on my 8-acre farm. I bought a motorcycle to reduce the cost of transportation I spend on my farm activities.

I saved a lot of money until I managed to buy a Pool Table to raise income. I earn between 20,000 Shs to 30,000 Tshs per day.



**Kamuli Jeremia**

Bujuruga Karagwe





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I got 4,4548 Tshs, on my 10-acre farm. It was a huge amount of money in my life. I always earn a lot of money, but not at once like this. We directed this money to the construction of a business building with four rooms, two of which I use and two for rent. I get 100,000 Shs for rent.



# Our Future Plan



**Tree nurseries establishment  
in (6) Districts & (18) Village  
nurseries**



**Farmer tree seedlings distribution  
(30,000,000) in the next 3 years**



**Farmer data collection (950,000)  
in the next 7 years**



**Conduct (4500) stakeholder  
and coordination meetings**



**Project council meetings (Village,  
Ward/Zone/Division, District, Regional  
level & National level-as the project grows  
in the country)**



**Provision of insurance (Health, life  
and general insurance)**



## Establishment of Micro Credit for Social Investment and Livelihoods



## Modern farming (Dairy cattle's, Dairy goats and Chickens)



## Expansion of the project to the South Highlands and Lake Victoria regions (Chato, Bukombe- Geita, Mwanza)





# THANK YOU

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