



Vi Agroforestry



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VI AGROFORESTRY IN KENYA

About us

Vi Agroforestry began in Kenya in 1983. It is a Swedish development organisation fighting poverty and climate change through agroforestry and sustainable agriculture land management practices. Our Head Office is in Stockholm, Sweden.

We have a Regional Office in Nairobi, coordinating operations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. There is a Country Office in each of these countries overseeing country activities.

Our vision is a sustainable environment that enables women and men living in poverty to improve their lives.

Agroforestry – our cornerstone

The cornerstone of our work is teaching agroforestry – a system of growing trees alongside crops and livestock keeping. Farmer families who use agroforestry get better yields and incomes, improve their food and nutrition security, become more aware of gender equality and increase their resilience

to the effects of climate change. By shifting to agroforestry, farmers also help fight climate change, restore agricultural land, and increase biodiversity.

Working with and for farmers

Vi Agroforestry's mission is to fight poverty and climate change – together. Our target groups are smallholder farmer families living in poverty, with a special focus on women, youth and children, who are members or potential members of democratic farmers' organisations.

Our approach is working through partnership with local member-based farmer organisations, with human rights-based approach at the core of all interventions. Our partners implement and sustain our projects. In turn, we provide our partners with knowledge, resources and process facilitation so that they can be strong and stable and serve small-scale farmers even better.



Our thematic areas of focus

- **Systems and governance** – for strong organisations
- **Sustainable agriculture based on agroforestry** – for climate change mitigation and adaption
- **Economic security** – through agricultural value chains and financial services
- **Gender equality and empowerment** – of women, children and youth
- **Advocacy** – for our focus areas
- **Communication, fundraising and resource mobilisation** – securing funds for our work

Where we work in Kenya

Vi Agroforestry's Regional Office is in Nairobi, and our Kenya Country Office is in Kitale. We work with local partners in:

- Elgeyo Marakwet
- Bungoma
- Kisumu
- Siaya
- Homabay
- Kericho
- Trans Nzoia
- Busia
- Kakamega

ONGOING PROGRAMME AND PROJECTS IN KENYA



Elizabeth and Godfrey Berunga. Photo Elin Larsson

Agroforestry for Livelihood and Empowerment (ALIVE)

ALIVE is our main programme, with several projects contributing to it. The programme is implemented in partnership with farmer organisations (core partners), technical partners and strategic partners. Each of the farmer organisation core partners, supported by technical partners, implement their own unique projects under the ALIVE Partnership.



Photo Lisa Brunzell

Shrubs for Change (S4C)

trains over 300 'trainers of trainers' who in turn train 120,000 farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices and improve their dairy farms. The project promotes scaling of fodder shrubs. It is implemented in Western Kenya and the Rift Valley and Central Parts of Kenya.



Beatrice Wamalwa. Photo Onyango Ayany

Kenya Agriculture Carbon Project (KACP)

reaches 30 000 smallholder farmers in the Kisumu, Siaya and Bungoma Counties, two thirds of them women. It promotes a package of Sustainable Agricultural Land Management (SALM) practices within smallholder farming systems. Farmers increase their productivity and resilience to climate change. At the same time they remove greenhouse gasses through carbon sequestration.



Margaret Muchanga. Photo Elin Larsson

Livelihood Mt. Elgon Project (LMEP)

reaches 15 000 smallholder farmers in the Bungoma and Trans Nzoia Counties, whereof half are women. The project promotes sustainable agriculture practices within dairy cooperatives. It improves production, income and resilience to the effects of climate change.

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