
WEMA WEALTH AFRICA

(Empowering Communities for Sustainable Prosperity)

REPORT TITLE:

" The Greening Kibera Roadside Initiative"

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Project Date: April 23, 2021

Location: Makina Road Reserve, Kibra, Nairobi, Kenya

1.0. INTRODUCTION

The Greening Kibra Roadside Initiative was a strategic environmental and food security intervention designed to transform degraded urban spaces into productive green corridors. WEMA WEALTH AFRICA, in partnership with the Soroptimist International Club of Nairobi Central (SINC), mobilized local stakeholders to plant 1,500 fruit and ornamental trees, establishing a sustainable, community-managed urban forest.

2. Objectives

- **Environmental Restoration:** To reclaim and stabilize the Makina Road reserve, mitigating soil erosion and improving local air quality.
- **Food Security:** To provide a sustainable, hyper-local source of nutrition (fruits and vegetables) for residents of the informal settlement.
- **Community Empowerment:** To formalize the role of women and youth groups in environmental governance and stewardship.

3. Implementation & Substantive Role

WEMA WEALTH AFRICA took a lead role in the coordination and technical execution of this project:

- **Strategic Collaboration:** Facilitated a multi-stakeholder partnership between the local administration (led by Area Chief Madam Asia Suleiman Ramadhan), the Soroptimist

International Club of Nairobi Central (SINC), and local grassroots youth and women's groups.

- **Logistical Orchestration:** Managed the procurement and logistics for 1,500 tree seedlings, ensuring rapid deployment and planting efficiency.
- **Capacity Building:** Conducted on-site training for community members on proper planting techniques and long-term tree maintenance to ensure high survival rates.
- **Policy & Governance:** Successfully negotiated with local leadership to designate the area as "The Soroptimist Friendship Food Forest Park," formalizing the community's mandate to protect the site.

4. Outcomes and Impact

- **Environmental Impact:** Successfully planted 1,500 indigenous fruit and flower trees in a single operational hour, significantly increasing the green cover of the Makina road reserve.
- **Social Impact:** Established a "Friendship Food Forest Park," which now serves as a community asset managed by local women and youth. By adopting specific sections of the park, these groups have secured a decentralized source of fresh green vegetables and fruit.
- **Sustainability:** Through the community adoption model, the initiative ensured that the stewardship of the green space remained with the residents, fostering long-term environmental accountability and community ownership.

5. Sustainability Plan

The project continues to be managed by the local women and youth groups who agreed to adopt and nurture their specific sections. This model has transitioned the initiative from a one-time planting event to an ongoing community-led urban forestry program.

8.0 CONCLUSION

Wema Wealth Africa remains committed to empowering communities and driving sustainable development through impactful programs and partnerships.

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