

REPORT ON MURAL PAINTED BY KIANGURE SPRINGS ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE WITH FUNDING FROM PAINTING A NEW WORLD FROM CANADA



Mural painted at Gathuthi tea buying centre

The community empowerment through art programme is guided by the need to create and sustain community level awareness in Biodiversity conservation. It recognizes that public awareness, public participation and education are crucial in promoting Biological diversity.

Protected biodiversity will promote community health, food security, poverty reduction while mitigating climate change.



Through the support of Painting a new World (PNMW), KSEI embarked on the participatory process of producing a Conservation mural in Partnership with local farming communities.

The Mural was painted in January 2018 at Ndugamano Tea Buying Centre. The process took longer than expected. The Mural was done after a Focused Group Discussions (FGDs) with farmers on the challenges facing them in the area. The mural highlighted on the following areas:

- 1) Illegal logging in the Aberdare forest and its environs
- 2) Poaching
- 3) Pollution
- 4) Cook stove promotion

The FGDs are a participatory open forum where people share about the challenges they are facing and suggested solutions. These ideas are used while composing the mural making the process participatory and promoting ownership in the community.

We have also been promoting spring rehabilitation due to water pollution by pollutants coming from farms and flooding during rains.



Spring polluted by farm pollutants and erosion



Previously rehabilitated spring in the area.

Kiangure Springs Rehabilitation

This is the springs after which our organization is named. The springs is currently being rehabilitated after farmers in the area highlighted water safety challenges during the Mural FGDs. With funding from Upper Tana Natural Resource Management project (UTaNRMP), the spring is being rehabilitated to promote water safety



The spring before rehabilitation



ongoing rehabilitation

The mural has created a lot of impact since farmers visit the tea buying centre 6 days a week and then it's located in a busy shopping centre and next to our resource centre below. The Entire community is grateful for the Mural. We look forward to producing more murals in other centers to highlight on the Problems facing the Environment and the community.



The resource centre under construction.

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