

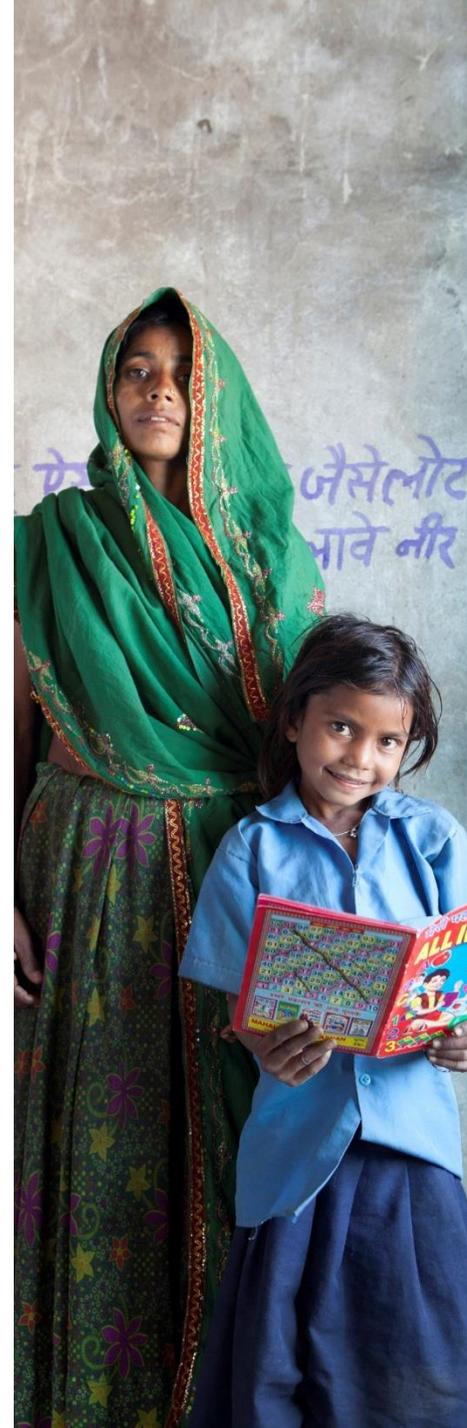


LGT Impact Fellowship 2019/2020

Impact Report

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Nduta Waidhima (Kenya)

Host organization: MMWCA

Fellow position: LGT Impact Fellow

Fellowship duration: Jul 2019 – Jun 2020

Degree: environmental studies and community development

Professional experience: program design for social impact and community sustainable development



Summary

Over the last one year I have been part of an amazing social impact journey with MMWCA in designing programs for community sustainability in conservation within the Mara conservancies; centering women and youth as the key focus and developing educational programs for children.

The problems/challenges MMWCA aims to tackle

- Women participation in key decision-making, leadership and problem-solving spaces
- Social enterprise development (women and youth)
- Develop sustainable conservation models
- Increasing benefits to communities through participation in wildlife conservation
- Provide employment opportunities for locals in tourism and wildlife conservation
- Climate change emergency response
- Youth empowerment through environmental education and vocational training programs

Opportunity for a Fellow

- Gain knowledge of sustainable models of conservation in Pardamat conservation area and other upcoming conservancies
- Designing tech-savvy spaces for local women and youth participation in social enterprise development
- Environmental and conservation education curriculum development and design

“My experience as a Fellow...

As a Fellow I've really had the pleasure to understand better how best to put the communities as the center of development in conservation.

I've received utmost support from the LGT VP management team in grasping the value of impact investing for social Impact. I've had the pleasure to meet different philanthropists during this amazing work experience and to design programs that suit well for the communities in this ecosystem. I am so grateful for that.

Lastly, I've had the privilege of learning a lot on community conservation working with MMWCA, an association that supports conservancies in the Maasai Mara.”

- Nduta



Nduta’s achievements...

- I worked on a pilot reforestation program in the Pardamat conservation area, involving women and school going children as the key beneficiaries
- Designed an environmental education program to involve school going children as front liners in preventing land degradation and soil erosion – a response to climate change emergencies
- Designed a social enterprise manufacturing plant in honey harvesting and bee keeping for women living in conservancies to participate and benefit from conservation
- Participated in brain storming sessions with PCA management team on future sustainable community programs that can improve the livelihoods and sustain the conservancy

... contributing to Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association

- Support their programs team on different weekly agenda items, workplan meetings and implementation across different conservancies under the MMWCA umbrella
- Participate in the Mara youth day convening around 800 young people from the conservancies within the ecosystem for a youth career and opportunity exposure day

Nduta’s next challenge

I will hopefully have the chance to follow up on the designed programs and help ensuring that communities’ livelihood is improved. Moreover, I would like to continue designing more programs for community conservancies, both in the Maasai Mara and other wildlife conservation hotspots in the country.