



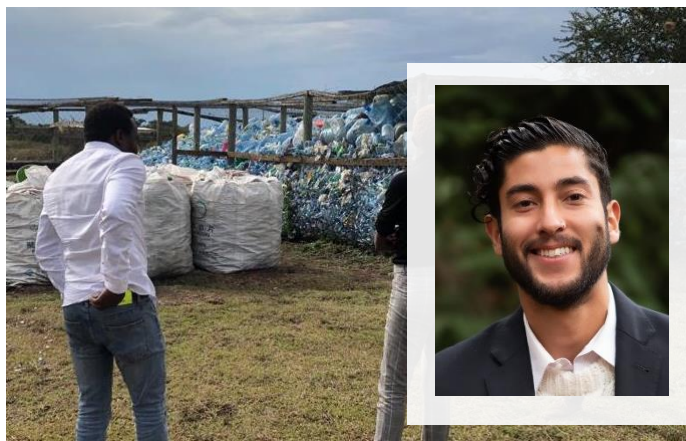
LGT Impact Fellowship 2021/2022

Impact Report

By Daniel Diaz

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Daniel Diaz (USA)

Host organization: LGT Venture Philanthropy

Fellow position: Investment Associate

Fellowship duration: September 2021 - May 2022

Degree: Masters of Business Administration

Professional experience: 9 years



Summary

Leveraging a background in economics and finance, Daniel joined LGT Venture Philanthropy to lead investment research and strategy design for the Congo basin, supporting community-centric, economically viable models for forest conversation

The problem LGT Venture Philanthropy aims to tackle

- Ecosystems essential to climate change mitigation and biodiversity increasingly threatened
- Hundreds of millions without access to sustainable livelihoods

The solution LGT Venture Philanthropy provides...

- Flexible, multi-year financing to conservation organizations to support core operations and organizational development
- Advisory services to support financial self-sufficiency and increased impact

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

- Detailing state of ecosystem degradation across the Congo basin
- Researching existing conservation interventions and lessons learned
- Developing pipeline of potential portfolio organizations and implementing partners
- Designing strategic options for effective, community-centric engagement

“My experience as a Fellow...

... was truly formative. The ability to focus exclusively on the Congo basin allowed for such rich learnings regarding an ecosystem so important to the climate and biodiversity crises. Furthermore, there was emphasis on the needs of local communities that can often be overlooked in global discussions. I am grateful for this exposure and intend to continue supporting locally-rooted efforts to protect our planet.”

- Daniel Diaz



Daniel's achievements...

- Developed deep understanding for the business and environmental context of Congo basin countries: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea
- Detailed geographical footprint and nature of environmental interventions for +150 potential portfolio organizations and implementing partners across the Congo basin
- Led +20 stakeholder meetings to develop deal pipeline for the Congo basin; at least 2 organizations currently undergoing diligence
- Designed and presented robust research and strategy document, sharing key insights and strategic options for effective, initial engagement in the region



... contributing to LGT Venture Philanthropy

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countries assessed

+150

portfolio organizations sourced

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regional engagement strategy developed

Daniel's next challenge

Daniel is working with TechnoServe, an international nonprofit supporting investments in improved productivity and environmentally regenerative practices for smallholder farmers. He is currently based in Malawi.