



LGT Impact Fellowship 2021/2022

Impact Report

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Host organization: Ahueni AG

Fellow position: Program Management

Fellowship duration: October 2021 – September 2022

Degree: Bachelor of Economics and Statistics

Professional experience: 9 years



Summary

My role mainly focused on execution and follow-up of tasks related to the One Mara Carbon Credit project, locally in Nairobi and in the Maasai Mara as well as providing support to the local Nairobi office of CI and the GMM with regards to the implementation of the project.

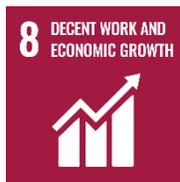
The problem Ahueni aims to tackle

- The rules and governance arrangements of carbon crediting programs differ widely; eligible mitigation activities, levels of transparency and oversight, effectiveness of third-party auditing, avoiding double counting, and the risk of non-permanence. these raise concerns for carbon credit quality

The solution Ahueni provides...

- Ahueni and CI have partnered with the—MMWCA and KWT to co-create the One Mara Carbon Project (OMCP) with the community. The OMCP is a conservation initiative that aims to protect the ecological resources and provide economic and social co-benefits for local communities in the Maasai Mara.

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

- Analyzing the potential structure of a carbon project's project proponent.
- Conducting research on several issues such as the potential terrestrial carbon projects in East Africa and a blue carbon emissions and sequestrations project on the coasts of Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique.
- Developing project stakeholders engagement strategy.

“My experience as a Fellow...

My experience with Ahueni has been very fast paced and humbling at the same time.

The learning curve has been quite steep; not just on carbon credits from a global perspective but also on the localized context of developing a carbon project from scratch.

I have gained an appreciation for the high level of collaboration between several key experts required to deliver a carbon project.”

- Elijah Gachohi



Elijah's achievements...

- Reviewed the various components of comparable REDD+ projects in sub-Saharan africa.
- Analysed the structures of other carbon projects (Makame – Carbon Tz, Chyulu hills – Wildlife Works and Northern rangeland Trust etc).
- Reviewed the various roles played by different stakeholders in the project proponent.
- Followed keenly and compiled a “Key relevant messages” report on COP 26.
- Conducted research piece on the global statistics on carbon emissions and sequestrations and triangulated the same with various sources.



... contributing to Ahueni

- USD 100K Approved for disbursement by the project funders Ahueni and CI
- Stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy completed.
- Ahueni board of Directors approved mapping and engagement with other carbon projects in the area.

Elijah's next challenge

Rolling out the stakeholders consultation process and embarking on completing the project design document