



Annual Report 2018



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Founded by Professor Wangari Maathai, the Green Belt Movement is a grassroots non-governmental organization working in environmental conservation and community development in Kenya for over 40 years.

Our Mission is striving for better environmental management, community empowerment, and livelihood improvement using tree-planting as an entry point.

Our Vision is to create a value driven society of people who consciously work for the improvement of their livelihoods and a greener, cleaner Kenya.

Our Values are shared ideals that bind us together. They articulate who we are and what we believe.

- Love for environment conservation
- Self and community empowerment
- Volunteerism
- Accountability, transparency and honesty

"Finally I was able to see that if I had a contribution I wanted to make, I must do it, despite what others said. That I was OK the way I was. That it was all right to be strong."

Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Laureate, 2004



Tree planting & water harvesting

Using GBM's Watershed Based Approach, communities help to conserve biodiversity, restore ecosystems, and reduce the impact of climate change. GBM relies on its network of over 4900 community groups to deliver its watershed based approach.

Partnership with ECOSIA

The need to restore degraded areas of Kenya's water towers is critical to millions of people who depend on these water resources and is currently the least expensive way to mitigate and build community resilience against climate change. If these watersheds are allowed to degrade further, adaptation strategies will demand far more resources and could result in environmental catastrophes.

The Green Belt Movement (GBM) partnered with Ecosia German to support various community groups to restore degraded watersheds within 3 water towers (Mount Elgon, Cherangany Hills, and Mau Complex).

A total of 884,529 trees were planted this year within the forests and along riparian land.

The project contributed to overall Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) objectives on ecological integrity, livelihood support and support of ecosystem services by following best practices for biodiversity and ecosystem health.



GBM and partners 'change the story' with tree project



Teaming up with the private and corporate sector, GBM launched a nation-wide tree planting campaign dubbed #ChangeTheStory. The campaign called on all Kenyans to rally together and plant trees or donate towards the planting of 30 million trees in watersheds across the country. This initiative was founded upon different partner's comparative strengths and unique niches in creating a national tree planting campaign for an increased national tree cover. The campaign further aimed to rekindle people's love for watersheds and trees particularly and demonstrate the co-benefits trees can bring to our lives and communities through this initiative.

Through this initiative, the corporate world as major beneficiaries from the environmental capital and other endowments' will be mobilized to reduce ecological footprints, pay back for goods and services from the environment and embrace sustainable green production techniques.



On September 20, 2018, we received a continental award on conservation by NEPAD and African Union as champion in restoration and empowering of grassroots communities.

2 "Those of us who witness the degraded state of the environment and the suffering that comes with it cannot afford to be complacent. We continue to be restless. If we really carry the burden, we are driven to action. We cannot tire or give up. We owe it to the present and future generations of all species to rise up and walk." Prof. Wangari Maathai

Over 100 TNGs, thousands of casuals within forest buffers were compensated a total of 23,422,090 for seedlings supply and casual labor. Thus improving household socio-economic performance.



Climate Change & Corporate Partnerships

Current climate change policies and actions in Kenya, and world-over, do not provide effective support for community engagement in decision making, nor sustainable livelihoods and environmental conservation. It is because of this that GBM has a Climate Change Program that aims at strengthening the understanding and capacity of rural communities to take action against climate change as well as raise awareness nationally on the role of local communities and forests in tackling climate change.

Beating plastic pollution on World Environment Day

Marking the 2018 World Environment Day (WED), we partnered with Ecobank Kenya and the UN Environment with a tree planting exercise that saw over 3,000 indigenous trees planted as part of our commitment to the 2018 WED initiatives under the theme ‘beat plastic pollution.’

The event, hosted by Lavington Secondary School, highlighted the prevalent use of plastics not only in our schools but also households and places of work. Teachers, students and school administrators can use creativity when developing reduction projects. While recycling bins offer a common approach to plastic recycling, the student body and staff can expand the reduction practice by reusing and reducing the amount of plastics in the school system.

A team from the Green Belt Movement also joined the Nakuru County Government in marking this auspicious day by leading a clean up exercise at Kamere Beach in Naivasha. The team also had an opportunity to Nakuru Governor H.E Lee Kinyanjui at the GBM stand where he learnt about the products made from recycled plastic waste



Professor Wangari Maathai's 7th Memorial Celebration



We are delighted that the legacy of Professor Wangari Maathai continues to be vibrant and stronger than ever through our integrated landscape restoration programs at the Green Belt Movement. Her vision is also being strongly propelled through two legacy institutions - the Wangari Maathai Foundation and the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies.

The profound wisdom and endearing values from our Founder have continued to inspire Kenyans and the world to mainstream conservation, promote peace and good governance for sustainable development.

As we marked the 7th memorial anniversary on September 25, 2018, we called upon all to reflect on the many brave women and men of Africa, and around the world, who work tirelessly to foster peace and act as great stewards of our world's natural resources. Professor Maathai's life epitomized these values.

Developing County Climate Change Action Plans and Policy Briefs for Nakuru and Nandi Counties

Noting with concern the importance of integrating climate change into the mainstream national agenda, the Ministry of Environment in Kenya launched the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) in March, 2013. This publication served as one of the key guiding documents in writing of the Nandi and Nakuru County Climate Change Action Plans (CCCAPs). Having obtained funding from the International Climate Initiative (IKI); GBM and the Institute for Environment and Water Management (IEWM), as consultants hired by GBM, held workshops with stakeholders in Nakuru and Nandi in February and June, 2018 to aid in drafting of these CCCAPs.

At GBM, the success of this Action Plan is not an achievement that can be solely credited to the organisation. Rather, it is a collaborative effort by all the aforementioned stakeholders and at the end of the day; it belongs to the people of both Nandi and Nakuru Counties and shall be implemented by the people under the guidance of their county governments as a legal enforcing entities.



4 “The generation that destroys the environment is not the generation that pays the price. That is the problem.”

Wangari Maathai





Gender Livelihood & Advocacy

GBM builds on over 40 years of experience working with the community at the grassroots level. Through the Community Empowerment and Environmental Education, community members are educated about the linkages between human activity and the environment, which empowers them to unite, take action, and stand up for their rights. We promote and enhance gender relations and involve women in decision-making processes.

Shoe Project in partnership with Green Cross



Green Cross and the Green Belt Movement share a holistic methodology in the work to promote peace, security and sustainability. The Shoe Project was a collaboration between the Green Belt Movement, Green Cross Japan and Green Cross Sweden which distributed some 1,000 shoes to children and youth in the Rift Valley in February 2018.

The project was made possible through the generous support of Mr Shoo Lwasaki, President of Green Cross Japan. The shoes were distributed in the schools of Kamara, Mau Summit and Mosop, as well as the Rongai Youth Sports Centre for Peace. These are all within the region of the Green Cross Sweden peace initiative and the Smart Water for Green Schools projects. As inspired by the vision and leadership of Professor Wangari Maathai, peace-building committees are established through the schools, and the Peace Trees planted there are now growing into forests.

Empowering community groups through bamboo entrepreneurship

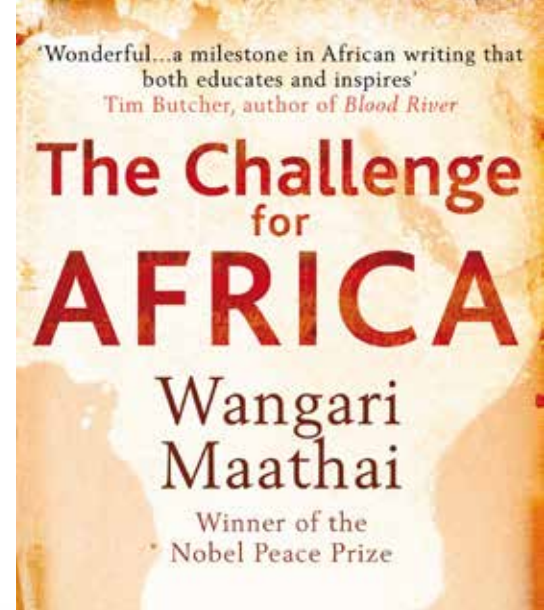
The Green Belt Movement in partnership with Waterstone (Norway) has been piloting a bamboo biomass and entrepreneurship project, established in 2013, which aims at the planting of indigenous bamboo for: conservation, climate mitigation benefits, fuel source and create economic opportunities through green businesses for and by local communities.



The Green Belt Movement-led project has been very well received by the community in Maragua, Murang'a County. Our experience shows that engagement at the grassroots level is crucial for the introduction of new ideas and sustainability of projects. When the communities understand the linkage between their actions, environment and their livelihood situations they are more likely to muster their energies and take action for change.

The project is focused on promoting the use of bamboo as a sustainable energy option and cash crop for local communities. It is quite evident that the use of bamboo fuel has saved the community group members from long, tiring walks into the forest in search of fire wood and fodder. The women also noted that they harvest the bamboo in their farms to make simple kitchen equipment like cooking spoons and rolling pins, some of which they sell.

Thus, there is an urgent need to recognize the role of indigenous bamboo in landscape restoration and livelihood improvement.



It was a great honor to have H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta recognize the work and legacy of Nobel Laureate Prof. Wangari Maathai by endorsing her book "The Challenge for Africa" at the Paris #PeaceForum held in November 2018.

The Heads of State attending the Paris #PeaceForum were requested to endorse a book of their choice and President Kenyatta choose "The Challenge for Africa", a book describing environmental, social & economic challenges in Africa.

6 "I know this is the dream you have for Africa. An Africa free of poverty. An empowered Africa. Those of us who understand, who feel strongly, must not tire. We must persist. The burden is on those who know. We are the ones who must take action." Wangari Maathai,

What began as a grassroots tree planting program to address the challenges of deforestation, soil erosion and lack of water is now a vehicle for empowering women and communities.





Mainstream Advocacy

We continue advocating for greater political accountability and the expansion of democratic space in Kenya. GBM has called for, time and time again, an end to land grabbing, deforestation and corruption as well as for the protection of public spaces in the country.

GBM leads Ministry of Environment's forest resources management Task Force



GBM applauded the appointment of our Chair, Marion Kamau, by the Ministry of Environment, to head the Task Force to inquire into forest resources management and logging activities in Kenya.

The Forest Sector is key to Kenya's social and economic wellbeing as most of the country's economic sectors rely on environmental based resources for their sustenance. In recent years however, these forests have been depleted at an alarming rate of about 5,000 hectares per annum.

It was against this background that the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry, constituted a Taskforce to inquire into forest resources management and illegal logging in the country, through Kenya Gazette Notice No. 28 dated 26th February 2018.

Implementation of the report has led to serious reforms in the sustainable management of forest resources. Through recommendations from the Taskforce, a logging ban was implemented in all public and community forests.

Green Belt Movement awarded at the first Africa Environment Partnership Platform



The first Africa Environment Partnership Platform opened on Thursday September 20, 2018 in Kenya's capital Nairobi. The environment summit was the brainchild of African Union's development agency, NEPAD, which is aiming to drive Africa's environmental sustainability agenda and strengthen the continental architectures for sustainable environment management.

At the event, the GBM was recognized and awarded for exceptional environmental organization dedicated to empowering communities, particularly women, and environmental conservation for improved livelihoods.

Following the coming into effect of the

Paris Agreement in November 2016, NEPAD is spearheading the initiative as Africa's unique opportunity to strategically address the continent's environment and sustainable development goals in line with the African Agenda 2063.

The overall objectives of the Africa Environment Partnership Platform are to place a premium on partnership to establish synergies and a more vibrant global partnership to drive Africa's environmental sustainability agenda and strengthen the continental architectures for sustainable environment management.

The platform is expected to enhance synergies and to standardize discussions with other stakeholders such as Civil Society, private sector as well as important multilateral and bi-lateral partners that are working on environmental issues in Africa. The work and priorities of the platform will be guided by the Environment Action Plan as well as periodic decisions by the AU System.

Financial statements for 2018

Statement on Comprehensive Income
for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 Kshs	2017 Kshs
INCOME		
Grants Received	61,819,298	61,286,457
Other Income	2,868,096	5,829,156
TOTAL INCOME	<u>65,687,394</u>	<u>67,115,613</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Direct Program Costs	43,915,702	71,217,250
Administration Costs	4,319,116	13,416,609
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>77,313,479</u>	<u>85,241,407</u>
Deficit of the year	<u><u>-11,626,085</u></u>	<u><u>-18,125,794</u></u>

Green Belt Movement Statement of Financial Position
Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 Kshs	2017 Kshs
NON- CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and Equipment	<u>677,444,168</u>	<u>679,868,963</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts Receivable	138,994	2,737,396
Cash and Bank	33,896,655	45,752,263
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>34,035,649</u>	<u>48,489,659</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payables	43,187,354	46,072,089
Net Current (Liabilities) Assets	<u>(9,151,705)</u>	<u>2,417,570</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>668,292,463</u></u>	<u><u>682,286,533</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Revaluation Reserve	662,837,746	680,963,540
Restricted Funds	12,393,659	14,497,829
Unrestricted Funds	27,916,935	28,333,046
General Funds	(34,855,877)	(41,507,882)
Net Funds	<u><u>668,292,463</u></u>	<u><u>682,286,533</u></u>

Green Belt Movement Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31 December 2018

	2018 Kshs	2017 Kshs
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Deficit for the year	-11,626,085	-18,125,794
Operating Balance Before Working Capital Changes	<u>-11,626,085</u>	<u>-18,125,794</u>
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	2,424,795	2,720,899
Inter Fund Adjustments	-2,340,184	-4,883,443
Opening balance adjustments	-27,802	4,740,123
Change in working capital		
Decrease/(Increase)in Accounts Receivable	2,598,402	-2,510,827
(Decrease)/Increase in Accounts Payable	-2,884,734	11,419,279
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	<u>-11,855,608</u>	<u>-6,639,764</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	0	-433,570
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	<u>0</u>	<u>-433,570</u>
Net Decrease in Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u><u>-11,855,608</u></u>	<u><u>-7,073,334</u></u>
Movement in Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and Cash Equivalents 01 January	45,752,263	52,825,597
Net Decrease in Cash & Cash Equivalents	-11,855,608	-7,073,334
Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u><u>33,896,655</u></u>	<u><u>45,752,263</u></u>

