

Q3 2020

Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project  
**Impact Report**

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## Q3 2020 Summary

# With the support of REDD+ funding, the continued development of partnerships is further empowering communities in the Kasigau Corridor

Partnerships combining the strengths of the Wildlife Works team with those of other organisations in the region, have continued to advance the collective development of shared sustainable development goals for all involved.

- ✔ Distribution of re-usable sanitary pads and underwear for vulnerable girls, in partnership with SOKO Community Trust
- ✔ Increased expenditure in Q3 2020 compared to Q3 2019, through Hadithi Crafts Support
- ✔ Continued developments at Lusario Widow's Group, in partnership with Everland







## Distribution of re-usable sanitary pads and underwear for vulnerable girls in partnership with SOKO Community Trust

Wildlife Works' Community Relations team, in conjunction with the SOKO Community Trust, distributed 1,164 sets of re-usable sanitary pads and girls' underwear in four of the six locations of the project area (Mackinnon, Sagalla, Mwatate, and Mwachabo). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced students to remain at home, girls have been unable to benefit from this essential government program of supplying disposable sanitary towels to girls in schools.

Working through the Locational Carbon Committee structure, the project was able to identify the most vulnerable girls and prioritize them for the distribution. The impact of providing sanitary pads and underwear goes beyond maintaining hygiene and good health, playing an important role in preventing sexual abuse.



## Highlights







## Increased year-on-year expenditure in Q3 2020 through Hadithi Crafts Support

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This past quarter has demonstrated that continued support to partners and the promotion of a diverse income stream is the key to sustained resilience in a community. This has been powerfully evident during this time of the pandemic.

Despite the global economic disruption due to the pandemic, Hadithi Crafts have maintained a steady demand for baskets and other craftwork through their network of customers. The Hadithi Community Based Organization (CBO) has also secured a grant to provide weaving training for its member groups in order to diversify their offerings. The group is also developing a web-based direct-to-consumer retail aspect of their business, which will help increase income for the CBO as well as the Artisans.

Overall, in Q3 payments to artisans totaled over \$50,000, an 8.7% increase compared to the Q3 2019 figure of \$46,000.





## Continued developments at Lusario Widow's Group, in partnership with Everland

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In partnership with Everland, the Wildlife Works Greenhouse team has constructed an 8m x 30m greenhouse for the Lusario Widow's Group and has worked together with its members to plant crops this past quarter. The construction of the new greenhouse is building on and strengthening the existing relationship with the women's group, which has benefitted from financial, leadership, and dynamics trainings. The new greenhouse and corresponding trainings will help to increase food security for the group members and will continue to be a model for other groups in the area to learn from.





# Restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact the Kasigau Corridor Communities



## Challenges

Teams across all departments are doing their best to adhere to guidelines given by the Ministry of Health while carrying out as many of their daily duties as possible. Smaller victories are keeping the morale and momentum going for project staff and for the communities.

✔ Slowed activity levels in the greenhouse department

✔ Restrictions on Biodiversity and Social Monitoring team activities

✔ Flexibility and new partnership activities in the Community Department





## Slowed activity levels in the greenhouse department

Since the start of the pandemic, the Greenhouse Department has transitioned from a skeleton staff to maintain trees, to now operating on a distanced basis to carry out as many of their regular duties as possible.

Inevitably, some areas have fallen behind in their schedule as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. For instance, the collection of indigenous seedlings from communities took place later than anticipated, meaning many seedlings had dried up, thereby reducing income to community members. The indigenous tree-survival monitoring program also fell behind schedule, as did the follow up of other projects such as community greenhouses.

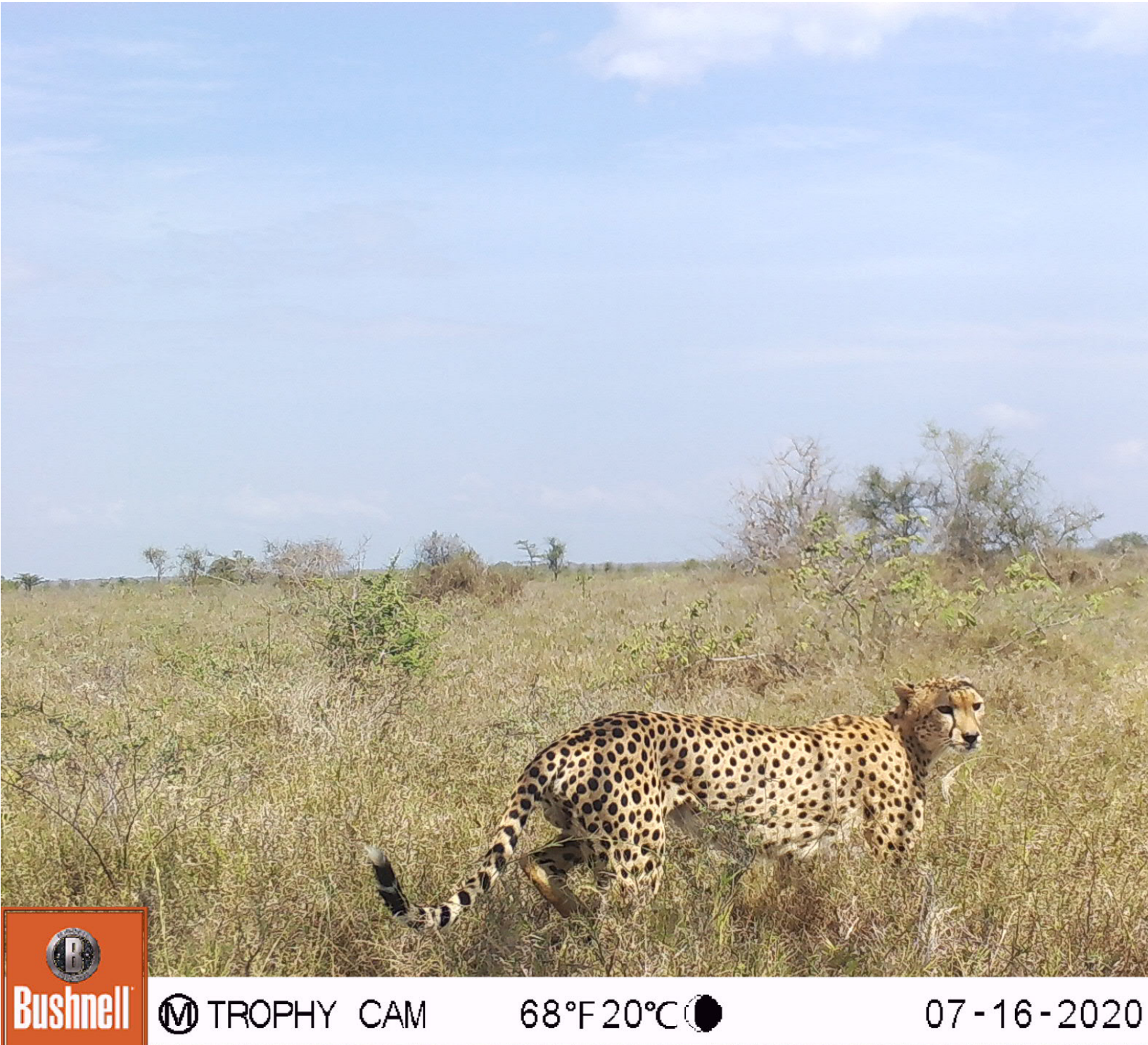
However, despite these challenges and obstacles, the team has showed great resilience and ingenuity and has prioritized their activities based on the most urgent needs of the community, and seedling collection is now underway. Community members are being paid for the seedlings that have survived, and despite the delay this income has been extremely valuable to the community.





## Restrictions on biodiversity and social monitoring team activities

Biodiversity and social monitoring are key in order to assess the impacts of the project. The pandemic has forced some of the aerial and ground transects to be put on hold until the restrictions are further eased. Nevertheless, other monitoring activities have been able to take place, including camera trap changes, which have showcased some of the wildlife captured on film within Phase I of the project area. September also saw the commencement of the household surveys throughout the community areas.





## Flexibility and new partnership activities in the Community Department

The Community Team has now been able to increase their activities compared to Q2, but in general, there are lower numbers of people able to attend community meetings due to government restrictions. Community members are also wary of attending meetings due to the fear of contracting the virus, which makes information difficult to disseminate. However, the team is working hard to assist the community as best as possible and carry on as “normal.” They have continued to distribute hand washing facilities and face masks to schools and village leaders, and have delivered trainings on how to use them. They have also carried out key sensitization meetings on bushfires to about 15 different communities that are living in hot spot areas for fire prevention.

In addition, in collaboration with the Zoological Society of London and the Tsavo Trust, members of the Community Relations team have conducted technical trainings providing additional support on community enterprise opportunities to improve the livelihoods of two marginalized communities (Kamungi and Mang’etele) on the border of Tsavo East and Tsavo West. This work, technically outside the project area, aims at aligning alternative livelihood strategies across the greater landscape. This is an example of “positive leakage,” through which REDD+ projects generate improved conservation and livelihoods impacts outside of their project areas.





# Impact Over Time



## Forest Impacts



- ✓ Protects over **200,00 hectares** of dryland forest
- ✓ **13,936,339 tonnes** of GHG emissions avoided to date



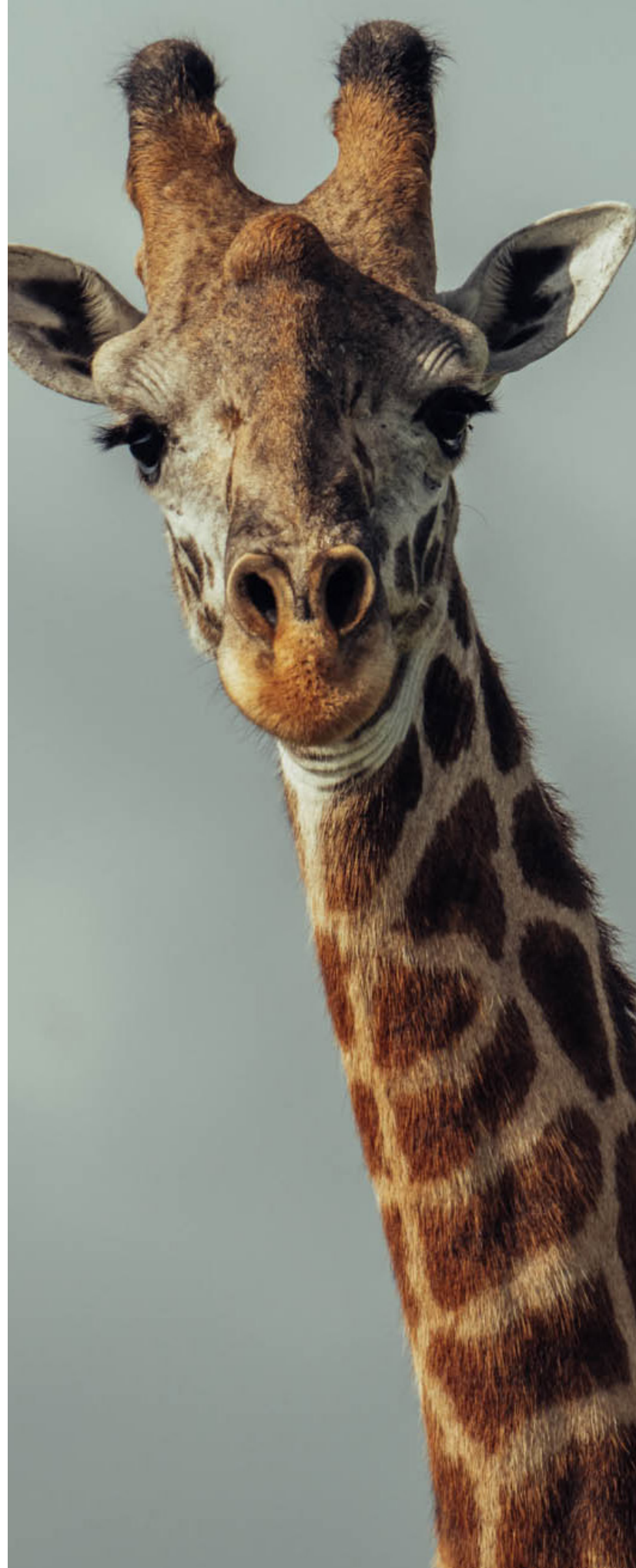


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# Wildlife Impacts



- ✓ **12,000** wild elephants live in the Tsavo Conservation Area / Tsavo-Mkomazi ecosystem (2000+ of those elephants call the project area home)
- ✓ Home to more than **20** species of bats, over **50** species of large mammals, over **300** species of birds and important populations of IUCN Red List species, including African Elephants, African Wild Dog, Cheetah, Grevy's Zebra and Lion
- ✓ Almost **10,000** vehicle and walking patrols undertaken since 2012 by the Wildlife Works rangers in six Base Stations
- ✓ Aerial patrol teams have completed over **1,000** flight days since 2015, covering nearly **231,000** km over the entire Project Area and surrounding areas





## Impact Over Time

# Community Impacts



- ✓ **50,000** community members with access to drinking water from improved harvesting and pipelines
- ✓ Over **300** locally hired employees, 2nd largest employer in the county, a third of which are women
- ✓ **28** classrooms have been built and over **13,000** students have been awarded scholarships from the project, totaling over **\$700,000**
- ✓ Project works with over **2,000** women across **50** women's groups and associated community ventures (e.g., basket weaving, beadwork and agro-businesses)





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