

A two-day training was conducted at Mkalama and Kiruani Villages, engaging 115 members of the VICOBA groups to strengthen their entrepreneurial capacity. The training focused on building participants' knowledge and skills in identifying, developing, and initiating viable business ideas, while emphasizing the critical role of entrepreneurship in improving household livelihoods. Participants were also provided with learning materials featuring real-life examples of successful entrepreneurs to enhance practical understanding. This intervention ensures that equipping VICOBA members with entrepreneurship knowledge, skills, and inspiration will improve their confidence and ability to start or expand businesses, leading to increased income generation and financial stability, and ultimately contributing to improved socio-economic well-being and resilience among households in the community.



A total of 600 seedlings—both fruit-bearing and shade trees—were distributed to Mkalama and Kilimamswaki Primary Schools, the secondary school, the local dispensary, and selected community members. This initiative seeks to enhance environmental conservation, increase tree cover for shade, and improve access to nutritious fruits for better health outcomes. By providing communities and institutions with tree seedlings alongside awareness of their environmental and nutritional value, beneficiaries will actively plant and nurture the trees, resulting in improved environmental conditions, better nutrition, and increased community resilience, which will ultimately contribute to long-term ecological sustainability and improved livelihoods. Plans are also in progress to supply an additional 500 seedlings in 2026 during the next rainy season to expand the intervention's reach and impact.



A two-day training was conducted for 15 FTK Committee members and sub-village leaders to strengthen leadership and project management skills. Sessions emphasized accountability, teamwork, and timely follow-ups to keep projects on track. Participants learned practical approaches to monitoring progress, fostering stakeholder cooperation, and maintaining clear communication. Conflict resolution skills were also addressed to manage disagreements effectively. Additionally, the training promoted transparency through community updates and emphasized proper record-keeping using organized project files, aiming to build collaborative leaders committed to sustainable community development.



A farmers' training was held in Miwaleni and Kiruani villages, bringing together 120 participants to learn practical agricultural skills from local ward extension officers. The sessions were interactive and focused on simple, effective ways farmers can improve their farming practices and increase productivity using locally available resources. Farmers were encouraged to try out these methods in their own fields and share experiences with others. As they begin to apply what they learned, it is expected that harvests will improve, families will have more food and income, and overall livelihoods in the community will gradually become more stable and secure.



The Green Corridor project is progressing well at Mtakuja Secondary School, where students joined in planting 210 seedlings in an engaging, hands-on activity. Conducted in collaboration with the Greenmanjaro Team, the exercise combined practical planting with lessons on environmental conservation and the role of youth in protecting their surroundings. Five tree species were planted: *Trichilia emetica*, Mahogany, Acacia, *Senna siamea*, and *Azalia quanzensis*, offering students insight into the value and uses of different trees. This initiative is expected to foster stewardship and contribute to a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future for Lower Moshi.



A two-day leadership training session, followed by a one-day meeting to select FTK Committee leaders (Chairperson and Secretary), was held in Mijongweni village, bringing together 50 community members. The activity aimed to strengthen local leadership capacity and promote inclusive, transparent governance within the community. Through interactive sessions enhanced by the District development officer from Hai District council, participants explored practical leadership skills, teamwork, and accountability, while the selection process encouraged active participation and ownership. With improved leadership knowledge and clearly chosen representatives, the community is better equipped to manage projects effectively, enhance cooperation, and make informed decisions, ultimately supporting sustainable development and building stronger community trust.



Initiators:



[www.ftkilimanjaro.org](http://www.ftkilimanjaro.org)



A good neighborhood meeting was conducted by the Corporate Affairs Department, bringing together community representatives, FTK, and key stakeholders to discuss issues affecting both the community and TPC. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration and align efforts in delivering effective CSR initiatives. As an implementing partner, FTK plays a key role in supporting TPC's CSR activities by working closely with communities to identify needs, coordinate interventions, and ensure inclusive participation. Discussions covered ongoing TPC activities, sugar market trends from 2024 to date, and the viability of future CSR plans, alongside safety and security concerns, land and water access, and control of animal movement within the estate. Through this engagement, FTK helps translate CSR commitments into practical actions, strengthening community relations, improving communication, and contributing to sustainable and responsive development outcomes.



The FTK Board—led by the Chairman, who also serves as CEO of TPC Sugar Company—visited Mawala Village to assess the progress of the Mawala Rice Mill Project, bringing together local leaders and project stakeholders. The visit aimed to review implementation progress and ensure the project is on track to support community livelihoods. The team was pleased to observe that the main milling machine has been fully installed, marking a significant step forward. The Chairman commended the work done and provided constructive guidance on the remaining improvements. With continued support and completion of the final works, the project is expected to be officially handed over to the Village Government and District Office, enhancing income generation, strengthening local capacity, and contributing to sustainable community development.



The FTK Management Committee visited Kiruani Village to assess the progress of ongoing community projects, engaging local leaders and beneficiaries. During the visit, the team toured the Kiruani fishpond and the dispensary under construction, with the aim of monitoring progress and identifying areas for improvement. Both projects showed encouraging development, although some challenges were noted at the fishpond, particularly related to feed availability and aeration, which are being addressed with support from a fisheries expert from Dar es Salaam. At the dispensary, gaps in construction identified during earlier community-led work have been addressed, and the contractor has already taken corrective measures. With these improvements, the projects are expected to enhance service delivery, strengthen livelihoods, and contribute to better health and economic outcomes for the community.



On 5th and 6th March, FTK, in collaboration with CCBRT, conducted group therapy sessions for mothers of children with disabilities, bringing 40 participants together. The activity aimed to reduce anxiety, depression, and isolation while improving overall life satisfaction through shared experiences. Sessions included art therapy, psychoeducation on disabilities, and stress management, helping mothers better understand and cope with their situations. District-level professionals were also invited to provide expert guidance and support. Through this engagement, mothers are expected to build stronger peer connections, improve emotional well-being, and become more confident in caring for their children.



Mama Bus continues to support women and children under five years across villages in the Lower Moshi area, where access to nearby healthcare services remains a challenge for many communities. The initiative aims to bridge this gap by bringing essential maternal and child health services closer to those in need. In March alone, the program reached 54 pregnant women and 523 children under five. Key services provided included 40 ultrasound screenings, 5 HIV tests, 46 family planning services, 7 high blood pressure tests, 10 Hepatitis B screenings, 133 vaccinations, and 1 referral for further medical care. Through these efforts, more mothers and children are accessing timely healthcare, contributing to improved health outcomes and stronger, healthier communities.

