



SMALLHOLDER PLANTED FORESTS AND TREES FOR CLIMATE, RESTORED LANDSCAPES, AND HUMAN LIVELIHOODS IN KENYA

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Brief Profile

- M.Sc. in Forestry – Tropical biology and Silviculture
- National Chairperson – Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya (FFSPAK)
- Vice-President – International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA)
- Member – Forestry Society of Kenya (FSK)
- 18 years Forestry practitioner



FFSPAK Background

An umbrella organization based in Nairobi and working with grassroots farmer groups in Kenya to promote and champion the interests of farm forestry smallholder producers.

- Established on 15th May 2012 with support from WeEffect/IFFA/Swedish Farmers Federation
- Registered in may 2013.
- Founded by 6 regional associations.



FFSPAK Background

- Currently has **15 Affiliate associations** across the country with **45,000** members and recruitment is ongoing
- **Vision Statement:** - *“An outstanding farm forestry umbrella organization providing quality services to smallholder producer organizations in Kenya”*
- **Mission Statement:** - *“To strengthen the capacity of member organizations to enable farm forestry producers improve their livelihoods”.*



Organizational Objectives

- To **facilitate exchange of experiences and information** and encourage networking among farm forest producers associations.
- To provide for a **voice for Kenyan forest policies, laws and regulations** from a farm forestry perspective.
- **Capacity building for member associations** and awareness creation on farm forestry
- To **promote farm forestry** in order to **increase the number of trees at household level** and the conservation and sustainable utilization of forests in Kenya.
- To **promote commercialization of farm forestry** in order to increase income levels and improve rural livelihoods.
- To **promote and defend the rights and common Interests of farm forest owners**
- The Society has **non-political** objects



Key Achievements

- ✓ Expanded from 6 affiliate associations with 4,500 members in 2013 to 15 affiliate associations and over 45,000 members in 2023.
- ✓ Established six marketing cooperatives with others under mobilization
- ✓ Trained over 30,000 individual smallholder producers
- ✓ Strengthened secretariat from 2 staff members to 8 currently with key programme areas- Forestry, Marketing and Value chain development and Institutional Capacity Development
- ✓ Enhanced partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders/supporters ie. GoK, FAO, Agricord and We Effect



Documentary Series

- FF-SPAK (2020) *FFF Phase II Documentary Series: Part 1: Introduction*. Documentary film. FF-SPAK, Nairobi Kenya. Available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MF5HDFT5rlQ6BqaLe52rw8JTHvr_Y3MD/view
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Challenges

- Overstretched internal technical capacity/constrained support from government agencies
- Limited gender participation with existing Land tenure system playing a big role
- Unregulated and largely informal market for forest products
- Limited knowledge on value of products and marketing systems among producers
- Poor quality germplasm leading to low productivity
- Unfavorable policy environment to tree growers/investors



Way Forward

- Plans to **expand in membership and organizational capacity** to offer enhanced services to members
- **Enhance partnerships with Government and other partners** for better service delivery
- **Enhance enterprise development** through promotion of business entities like cooperatives and targeting women and youth



Main Partners



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