

Recent Quarterly Highlights from the Plant With Purpose local DRC team

Challenge encountered and what we do to overcome it:

Animal divagation was a challenge that we have faced during this quarter. Domestic animals have been damaging planted trees and crops for our participants. A meeting was urgently organized between stock breeders, local leaders, Kakumba pilote project team, and local government officials where they agreed on the terms of management of these animals. They came to an agreement on how to control spaces where animals should be carried to avoid crop destruction. They also recognized a new law: any animal found in the village without local chief authorization will pay a fine.

Significant organizational improvement that we worked on:

We worked on monitoring and evaluation, the data collection process, and the ways we can utilize this data after analysis and monitoring has taken place. We have organized a training with our staff and facilitators regarding the accuracy and use of our data. We have developed proofing systems to spot check any data before it is used or sent to our partners. Participants, facilitators, and program managers must sign and certify that the data collected is accurate and true and can be used or shared. We also discussed the integration of FFS production comparisons and the best way to this collect data.