



KASH quarterly newsletter Q1 2026 edition Strengthening communities · Restoring ecosystems · Building a sustainable future

Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

Warm greetings from APDK Kenya! As we enter 2026, we are pleased to share the remarkable progress we have made with our integrated environmental and community development project: Joint Rehabilitation for Shore Kenya Mombasa. Your continued support truly makes a difference for the lakeside communities throughout Kenya.

Mangrove restoration: growing hope, tree by tree.

In the first quarter of 2026, we still have **2.000 mangrovebomen** added in of **Mtwapa Creek – Majaoni** area. We have also successfully started our own **mangrove farm**. We grow seedlings to ensure a constant supply for future planting seasons. These efforts help restore essential ecosystems that protect coastlines and provide a source of income for local communities.

We are particularly pleased that 50 local farmers are now willing to guide us in planting and harvesting mangrove honey. This fantastic initiative will create sustainable income opportunities for the community while simultaneously protecting the mangrove ecosystem, a major step forward for both APDK Kenya and the local population.

Innovation in solar stoves: clean cooking for a greener future

We are testing **3 prototypes of solar reflection stoves** which are currently being subjected to rigorous field testing. The feedback so far is encouraging and we are already planning the construction of **2 extra prototypes** to improve efficiency and user-friendliness.

Our goal is to introduce affordable, smoke-free cooking solutions that reduce dependence on firewood and charcoal, improve health, and protect our mangrove forests.

Plastic waste management and upcycling: turning waste into something valuable

The third pillar of our project is making good progress. We have found a reliable supplier and entered into a partnership with him, who will provide us with...**already recycled plastic**. Thanks to this collaboration, we can immediately start assembling sustainable products. Such as **desks and chairs** for **Primary schools in the region and in Kisumu**.

At the same time, we are preparing to purchase machines for cleaning and grinding collected plastic, so that we can scale up local recycling and upcycling activities.

We have also finalized an extensive plan for that. That will guide the implementation of our enterprise that converts plastic into furniture, thereby ensuring long-term sustainability and creating jobs.

Outlook

The coming year(s) we will focus on:

- Expansion of capacity for planting and growing mangroves
- Testing of the solar reflection stoves has been completed, and we are proceeding to production.
- The first set of furniture made of recycled plastic is being delivered to the first primary school.
- We will officially launch our plastics processing unit as soon as the machines arrive.

Every planted tree, every tested prototype, and every reused piece of plastic brings us closer to healthier communities and a cleaner environment.

Thank you!

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our team, the support of our partners, and the generosity of donors like you. Together, we create a lasting difference.

If you would like to contribute, volunteer, collaborate with us, or visit our locations, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

With gratitude, APDK, Kenya, March 2026



