

## **Project Update: May 2018**

### **Background**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reports of the project were generated and it covered accomplishment Activity 1 (A1), 2 (2A) and 3 (3A). All the stipulated activities (1-3) were conducted in line with the project application proposal. Furthermore, the second activity 2 (2A) and third activity 3 (3A) were mainly about promoting the application of *D. caffra* as deterrence mechanism to reduce domestic animal predation.

Two nurseries with more than 24,000 seedlings were established in two different villages namely Irkaswa and Lerang'wa and the seedlings are doing well as shown in pictures A, B, C, D, and E.

### **Project Output**

The nursery is prospering well with >95% of sowed seeds germinating. Also the seedlings are performing well, adding to the fact that currently the rainfall is abundant in the project area. Similarly, the long pending problem of unregistered Community Based Organisation (CBO) Environmental Association was resolved by facilitating the registration of two environmental groups in Irkaswa. The constitution for the aforementioned CBO was formulated and further channeled to higher authority in Longido District Council where they were approved. This CBO will ensure sustainable conservation of environment in Irkaswa because the local government authority now officially recognises the villager's environmental organisation.

### **Way forward**

- To select households that will benefit direct from the *D. caffra* fence planting in Irkaswa and Lerang'wa.

### **Conclusion**

The project activities 1, 2 and 3 are almost implemented as intended in the project proposal. Currently, the project now is focusing much towards finalising the nursery rearing in two villages namely Irkaswa and Lerang'wa and finally the seedlings will be distributed to the needy households.



Picture 1. *D. caffra* during germination > 95% success. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 2. *D. caffra* during germination. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 3. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 4: *D. caffra*. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 5. *D. caffra*. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 6: *D. caffra*. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 7: *D. caffra*. ©Wilson Maanga



Picture 8. *D Caffra*. ©Wilson Maanga



**Plate 9:** *D. caffra* nurseries at different stages during germination up to 4<sup>th</sup> week.  
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