



## **Outcomes**

- i. Through the partnership, stakeholders and planning meetings, we have managed to create new partnerships for the conservation of Kingwal swamp. The local administration and village elders are already proactively getting involved in creating awareness on importance of sustainable utilization of Kingwal swamp resources. The local people have also started gathering more knowledge on indigenous ways of environmental and nature conservation. Bonding between the community in Tulon and Ngechek communities which were initially rivals for Kingwal swamp resources is becoming effective. Partnership as opposed to rivalry between the local government representatives and the community is taking root.
- ii. An environmental education unit for Kingwal swamp has been established in the name of Kingwal swamp Biodiversity conservation group. The group has already set up a leadership structure drawn from both represented locations of Tulon and Ngechek parts of the swamp. Members of the leadership committee include:
  - Alfred Lagat - Chairman;
  - Eusila Jeptoo – Secretary;
  - Hillary Simatei - Treasurer;
  - Lazarus Birgen – Coordinator.
- iii. Two environmental education units have been established through the Training of Trainers’ workshop. These media will be facilitated through the 20 trained community representatives and the local administration.
- iv. More than the initially intended number of community participants are already involved in contributing to the development of a community education manual. We had planned for 50 community participants but 64 were willing to be involved which is a good thing.

## **Future plans**

- i. From the gathered information on indigenous conservation, we intend to work further with community leaders and other experts to help in documenting the information so that it can be published and used for environmental education around Kingwal swamp. This will be ensured through holding more stakeholder planning meetings with various partners.

- ii. The two remaining community workshops will be used to help in assimilating the established environmental educators into their main task of educating the entire community on importance of Kingwal swamp conservation.
- iii. We also plan in the next 2 weeks to involve the community and the project planning staff in monitoring the project progress so far. This will be done after this preliminary reporting.

### **Conclusion**

From the project staff meetings that have been held, it has amicably been agreed that the project is on the right track despite having had a difficult start due to different time schedules between Statunga Ecotours project management staff and other supporting partners. This was however rectified by redesigning the project work plan jointly with the stakeholders and other partners.