

## **Project Update: September 2023**

I'm pleased to inform you that our project is going on well, and I would like to share with you some of the activities done (as shown below):

- 1) We have raised tree seedlings of different native tree species in our tree nursery, and we are going use them for enrichment planting on the selected degraded sites. Such species include *Prunus africana*, *Anona muricata*, *Khaya anthotheca*, *Melia volkensii* and *Terminalia superba*.
- 2) We have done a follow-up on the planted trees on different sites and the results show that most of our trees are continuing to grow in the field.

However, during the implementation of our project activities, we have experienced a few challenges such as:

- 1) Our natural water source dried-up in early June 2023 and we had to purchase water for tending our nursery seedlings.
- 2) Grazing livestock has damaged a few trees on our enrichment planting sites.

Here are our suggestions for the way forward:

- 1) We are going to do enrichment planting from late September to October 2023 on the remaining degraded sites.
- 2) We shall also do replacement of trees that have been damaged by livestock and come up with protection measures.

Generally, the project is going well, and we shall accomplish our tasks in November 2023. Attached are some of the photos taken from the field.



**Photo 1:** *Anona muricata* (soursop) seedlings



**Photo 2:** *Melia volkensii* seedlings



**Photo 3:** *Prunus africana* seedlings