

## **Project Progress updates**

From December 2024 to early January 2025 we managed to conduct a reconnaissance survey and actual data collection which was carried out in the 7 regions where the project is being implemented. During the reconnaissance survey of the 7 regions all of them were found to have suitable conditions for implementing the project with well-developed several urban green gardens, waste stabilization ponds and constructed wetlands in wastewater treatment plants.

### **Identification of different types of urban gardens**

During December and January on reconnaissance survey, we managed to identify the different types of urban gardens in different project sites which were of interest in the project. The identified urban garden types include;

- Public Park Gardens / Recreational Gardens
- Roundabout gardens/Roadside gardens

These two types of gardens were of interest based on the study objective and data collection on different parameters.

### **Pre-testing questionnaire**

Questionnaire testing was also conducted for 15 respondents in each region and the analysis was done and the reliability results indicated that the instrument is suitable for assessing the willingness of individuals to pay for urban garden development.

### **Actual data collection**

#### **Bird survey**

From February 2025 to the end of March 2025 we managed to conduct a bird survey for the urban gardens in three regions of project implementation that is Arusha, Mwanza and Tabora. The assessment found there is a significant abundance of bird species living in the identified urban gardens and some of the bird species visit these sites and they act as stepping stones for their life.

### **Questionnaire survey**

In May and June 2025, we conducted interviews in different urban gardens to assess management, potential development challenges and willingness to pay for urban green gardens in Tanzania.

### **Stakeholders workshop preparations**

We have also started mobilization of stakeholder's workshops and prepared some important materials including project banners for display during stakeholders' workshops (attached).

### **Delay of project activities**

There has been a delay for the months of late March and June because of heavy rains in most project sites impeding site visits for data collection. This delay has affected the implementation of the project in the respective month. The compensation for time lost will be by ensuring the remaining activities are conducted in the remaining project time and if not, successful we will inform Rufford for additional months to efficiently finalize the project.

### **Future plans**

In July, we will continue with finalizing the bird survey and questionnaire survey in the remaining regions of the project. From August to September, we will start implementing stakeholder workshops in urban cities.

The attached photos indicate different project activities conducted in different study areas.