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In this newsletter, we are going to have three articles;

- I. TIST Carbon profit payment process
- II. Tree harvest in TIST affects my Group
- III. Understanding TIST Minimum Carbon Payments

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I. TIST Carbon profit payment process

Payments are calculated once a year and paid to eligible small groups. The process is as follows:

1. Form a small group.

Farmers must join TIST as a small group and plant trees. The group members retain ownership of land and trees, while TIST (via Clean Air Action Corporation) markets the carbon sequestered

2. Small group payment Eligibility requirements

For a small group to be eligible for payments. They must meet the following requirements:

- Sign a GHG (Green House Gas) contract and uploaded on the website
- Have their trees accurately counted, measured and their information collected once a year
- Ensure trees are at least one year of age
- Maintain active groves with good boundaries for the length of the contract
- Accurate baseline information collected
- Keep trees alive for a long duration

3. Quantification and verification

TIST quantifiers accurately count and measure the trees and the data is recorded. Independent third-party auditors then verify both visible benefits and the trees of the small group and validate the carbon sequestration ensuring transparency and credibility.

4. Carbon Credit Sales.

Once validated and verified premium carbon credits are sold in the global voluntary carbon market, the revenue is shared with the farmers. TIST farmers receives 70% profit from the sales of these verified carbon Credits

5. Receiving payment voucher process

Minimum and profit share payments are transparently facilitated through mobile money, voucher system and bank accounts.

6. Attend a cluster meeting to get trainings about TIST and get details for your specific small group.

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II. Tree harvest in TIST affects my Group

TIST has always been able to attract premium prices in the carbon market for maintaining trees for long duration and thus enabling the trees grow bigger every year, the trees are accurately measured, counted by cluster servants. Trees are also validated and verified by third party standard groups.

Carbon credits created are sold using TIST trademark, and thus all TIST participants share the same trademark.

Three harvesting harms my group by-;

- Loss of tonnes,
- Prices of our tonnes go down,
- We lose customers trust among other issues.

When we have tonnes lost from trees harvested, my group will get to compensate for trees harvested by my group or other TIST groups as we have to create the tonnes lost.

ACTIONS

- MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR TREES FOR LONG DURATION.
- PLANT MORE TREES, ESPECIALLY FRUITS AND INDIGENOUS.
- DONT ALLOW A GROUP THAT HAS DONE TREE HARVESTING TO BE PAID. “SUCH GROUPS EAT UP OUR PROFIT”

III. Understanding TIST Minimum Carbon Payments.

Following discussions with TIST Farmers during recent seminars held in Ruiru, Nanyuki and Soroti in Uganda in the month of November 2025, Farmers suggested a new idea of changing the word “Prepayment” to “Minimum Payments.”

As you will find in your Green House Gas Contract your Small Group signed with CAAC, pre-payments are now Minimum Payments. These payments are made to Small Groups that complies with the requirements of TIST eligibility and the GHG Contract.

Beginning the month of December 2025, CAAC (through TIST) will be paying minimum payments to Small Groups that have met payment eligibility criteria but they voucher had zero (0) payments. These zero payments were occasioned by new requirements by our Verra (carbon standards organizing) to TIST to update the formula (known as carbon allometric formular) we use of calculate the amount of tonnes in our trees. This change of formula caused many our exotic trees get huge reductions of carbon. Trees most affected were Gravellia, Pine and Cyprus.

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CAAC shall pay the Small Group their Minimum Payments as follows: Small Group have been quantified in the past eighteen (18) months; have complete, accurate Baseline information; have signed GhG Contracts. They will be paid a minimum of USD0.04 for each live tree. This payment is an advance payment of the future Profit Share that will be paid to your Small Group if eligible as described in the GhG Contract. Please read more about Carbon Profit Share from your GhG contract and if you need more clarification/understanding, feel free to take them to your Cluster Meetings

Important Note: Cutting Down Trees is highly discouraged. If a Small Group cuts down its trees, then the Small Group will not receive any payments.

Remember, for individual farmer to participate in TIST, they need to form a Small Group and plant trees. Small Group members retain ownership of land and trees, while TIST (via Clean Air Action Corporation) markets the carbon sequestered.

Small Groups are encouraged to attend Cluster Meetings to learn more about TIST and Carbon Business share their Best Practices and learn from each other. Cluster Meetings have been proved to help many farmers increase their farm productivity and results.

Receiving Minimum payment voucher process; Minimum payments are transparently facilitated through mobile money, voucher system and bank accounts.

Your Small Group needs to attend a cluster meeting to receive instructions on how you need to organize yourself for payments. For Minimum Payments, your Small Group will receive a voucher to sign and return the signed voucher at the next cluster meeting for authorization and payment.

Make sure when your Small Group receives a voucher; have it discussed in your Small Group meeting. You are advised to discuss on how you will share Visible Benefits, get every member signature, and select Mpesa Custodian and Two witnesses. You should provide these details to your Cluster Servant in the next Cluster meeting. Make sure your details especially phone numbers and ID number for Mpesa Custodian and Witnesses are **CORRECT**.

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TIST Values

As TIST Family we have our Values which most of TIST Small Groups know and practice. We always reflect on these Values and to ensure that we all are truly living by them. The success of TIST is based on the integrity and effort of individual members within TIST. What we can achieve depends on each of us following these Values;

Who are we?

- (i) We are Honest
- (ii) We are Accurate
- (iii) We are Transparent
- (iv) We are Servants to each other
- (v) We are Mutually Accountable to Each Other and
- (vi) We create Low Budget/ cost, yet we achieve Big Results

What do we do?

- 1) We plant different species of trees for long -term
- 2) We find ways to improve our health
- 3) We practice Conservation Farming
- 4) We do other projects and businesses (sustainable agriculture, nurseries, citrus growing, dairy goats and farming, chickens, bee keeping, fishponds and fish keeping, silkworm farming etc.)
- 5) We sell carbon credits

How we do things that other people can see

- 1) We are committed
- 2) We do our work in small groups
- 3) We seek and use the best way
- 4) We use our minds and hands.

What do we create?

- 1) We create team work - by doing things this way; we end up working as a team.
- 2) We create capacity - we create organization, strength, and a system that is strong.
- 3) We create enjoyment - we see results, we accomplish big things that we enjoy.
- 4) We create Big Results - In Conservation Farming and from other projects and business that we do.
- 5) We create Low Budget/Cost, yet we achieve big results.



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Picha 1: Kitalu cha miti Kikundi cha Ecopg Kibondo, 2025

Katika jarida hili, tutakuwa na makala tatu:

- (I) Mchakato wa malipo ya faida ya carbon TIST
- (II) Kuvuna miti ya tist kunaathiri kikundi changu
- (III) Kuelewa Malipo Kaboni ya Kima cha chini ya TIST

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I. Mchakato wa malipo ya faida ya carbon TIST

Malipo ya kaboni hukokotolewa mara moja kwa mwaka na kulipwa kwa vikundi vidogo vinavyostahiki. Mchakato wake ni kama ifuatavyo:

1. *Kuunda kikundi kidogo.*

Wakulima lazima wajunge na TIST kama kikundi kidogo na kupanda miti. Wanakikundi watabaki na umiliki wa ardhi na miti, wakati TIST (kupitia Shirika la Clean Air Action) litakuwa linauza kaboni ilioondolewa/iliyovunwa.

2. *Vigezo Stahiki vya malipo ya kikundi kidogo* Ili kikundi kidogo kistahiki malipo, Kikundi kinapaswa kukidhi vigezo vifuatavyo:

- Kusaini mkataba wa GHG (Green House Gas) na kuwekwa kwenye tovuti ya TIST
- Miti yao ihesabiwe, ipimwe kwa usahihi na taarifa zao zikusanywe walau mara moja kwa mwaka
- Hakikisha miti ina umri wa angalau mwaka mmoja
- Kudumisha mashamba kwa kuweka mipaka mizuri
- Taarifa sahihi za awali zilizokusanywa
- Tunza miti hai kwa muda mrefu

3. *Ukadiriaji na uhakiki*

Wapimaji (quantifiers kutoka TIST watahesabu na kupima miti kwa usahihi na taarifa zitarekodiwa. Ili kujihakikishia uwazi na uaminifu, wakaguzi huru kutoka nje ya mradi watathibitisha manufaa ya miti ya kikundi kidogo yanayoonekana na kuhalalisha uondoaji/uvunwaji wa kaboni.

4. *Mauzo ya Carbon.*

Mara tu thamani ya kaboni inapoidhinishwa na kuthibitishwa huuzwa katika soko la kimataifa la hiari la kaboni, mapato hugawanywa kwa wakulima. Wakulima wa TIST wanapokea faida ya 70% kutokana na mauzo ya vyeti hivi vya kaboni zilizothibitishwa

5. *Mchakato wa kupokea vocha ya malipo*

Malipo ya kima cha chini na malipo ya gawio la faida hulipwa kwa uwazi kwa njia ya simu, mfumo wa vocha na akaunti za benki.

6. *Hudhuria mkutano wa Klasta* ili kupata mafunzo kuhusu TIST na kupata maelezo kwa ajili ya kikundi chako mahususi.

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II. Kuvuna miti ya tist kunaathiri kikundi changu

TIST siku zote imeweza kuvutia wateja na kupata bei za juu katika soko la kaboni kwa ajili ya kutunza miti kwa muda mrefu na hivyo kuwezesha miti kukua zaidi kila mwaka, miti hupimwa kwa usahihi, ikihesabiwa na watumishi wa klasta. Miti pia inahakikiwa na kuthibitishwa na makundi mengine ya viwango nje ya miradi.

Thamani ya kaboni zilizoundwa zinauzwa kwa kutumia chapa ya biashara ya TIST, na kwa hivyo washiriki wote wa TIST wanatumia chapa sawa ya biashara.

Uvunaji wa miti huathiri Kikundi changu kwa-;

- kupungua kwa tani,
- bei za tani zetu hupungua,
- pamoja na mambo mengine tunapoteza uaminifu kwa wateja.

Tunapokuwa na tani zilizopotea kutokana na miti iliyovunwa, kikundi changu kitapaswa kufidia miti iliyovunwa na kikundi changu au vikundi vingine vya TIST kwa kuwa tunapaswa kutengeneza tani zilizopotea.

MAMBO YA KUFANYA

- HAKIKISHA UNATUNZA MITI YAKO KWA MUDA MREFU.
- PANDA MITI YA MATUNDA ZAIDI NA YA KIENYEJI.

III. Kuelewa Malipo Kaboni ya Kima cha chini ya TIST

Kufuatia majadiliano na Wakulima wa TIST wakati wa semina za hivi karibuni zilizofanyika Ruiru, Nanyuki na Soroti nchini Kenya na Uganda mwezi wa Novemba 2025, Wakulima walipendekeza wazo jipya la kubadilisha neno “Malipo ya Awali” na kuwa “Malipo ya Kima cha Chini.”

Kama ulivyoona kwenye Mkatuba wako wa GHG Kikundi chako Kidogo kilisaini na UMET kuhusu malipo ya awali, lakini sasa yatafahamika kama Malipo ya Kima cha Chini. Malipo haya yanafanywa kwa Vikundi Vidogo ambavyo vinakidhi vigezo vya kustahiki vya TIST na Mkatuba wa GHG.

Kuanzia mwezi Disemba 2025, UMET (kupitia TIST) itakuwa inalipa malipo ya kima cha chini kabisa kwa Vikundi Vidogo ambavyo vimekidhi vigezo vya kustahiki malipo lakini vocha kuonyesha malipo ya sifuri (0). Malipo haya ya sifuri yanatokana na masharti mapya ya kampuni yetu ya Verra (inayopanga viwango vya kaboni) kwa TIST ili kusasisha kikokotoo kipyga (inayojulikana kama kikokotoo cha allometric cha kaboni) tunachotumia sasa kukokotoa kiasi cha tani katika miti yetu. Mabadiliko haya ya kikokotoo yalisababisha miti yetu mingi ya kigeni kupata upungufu mkubwa wa kaboni. Miti iliyoathiriwa zaidi ilikuwa Gravellia, Pine na Cyprus.

Ili kuongeza wigo na ubora wa huduma za Klasta, TIST hivi karibuni imeunda timu tofauti inayojumuisha wanachama kutoka nchi zote za Afrika Mashariki zinazohusika na TIST, ambazo ni Kenya, Tanzania na Uganda.

Timu hii, inayojulikana kama "Waboreshaji wa Huduma za Klasta", inawajibika kwa:

- Kuboresha mafunzo katika, (manufaa yanayoonekana, watumishi wa vikundi... n.k.)
- Ufanisi na usahihi wa upimaji
- Kutoa za viwango vya ubora zilizohuishwa
- Kuhakikisha kujumuishwa kwa makundi yote yanayostahiki na mashamba yao
- Kusaidia malipo ya vikundi vidogo

Katika kuhakikisha kwamba tuna taarifa sahihi na za ubora, timu imejitoa katika kuhakikisha maarifa yanaathiriwa vya kutosha kwa watumishi wa Kikundi kupitia mafunzo mengi na uboreshaji wa programu zetu zilizotayarishwa vyema na kusasishwa.

Maboresho haya yote yanababisha kuwa na bei bora kwa viwango vyetu, maisha bora na mapato zaidi kutokana na faida zinazoonekana na (matunda, karanga, Kilimo Hai, vitalu ... nk.)

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MAADILI YA TIST

Kama Familia ya TIST tuna Maadili yetu ambayo wengi wa Wanavikundi Vidogo vya TIST wanayajua na kuyatekeleza. Daima tunatafakari juu ya Maadili haya na kuhakikisha kwamba sote tunaishi kulingana nayo. Mafanikio ya TIST yanatokana na uadilifu na juhudhi za wanachama binafsi ndani ya TIST. Tunachoweza kufikia inategemea kila mmoja wetu kufuata Maadili haya;

Sisi ni Nani?

- 1) Sisi ni waaminifu.
- 2) Sisi tunatoa taarifa sahihi.
- 3) Sisi ni wawazi
- 4) Sisi tunatumikiana.
- 5) Sisi ni wawajibikaji
- 6) Bajeti Ndogo, Matokeo Makubwa

Jinsi tunavyofanya mambo ambayo watu wengine wanaweza kuona

- 1) Sisi tunajitolea.
- 2) Tunafanya kazi zetu katika vikundi vidogovidogo
- 3) Tunatafuta na kutumia njia bora
- 4) Tunatumia akili na mikono yetu.

Tunachofanya

- 1) Tunapanda aina mbalimbali za miti itakayodumu kwa muda mrefu.
- 2) Tunafanya mambo kuboresha afya zetu.
- 3) Tunafanya Kilimo Hai.
- 4) Tunafanya miradi na biashara zingine.
- 5) Tunafanya biashara ya hewa ya kaboni.

Tunafanya.

- 1) Tunaunda kazi ya timu—kwa kufanya mambo kwa njia hii; tunaishia kufanya kazi kama timu.
- 2) Tunajenga Uwezo-tunaunda shirika, nguvu, na mfumo ambao ni imara.
- 3) Tunafanya mambo yanayotufurahisha-tunaona matokeo, tunatimiza mambo makubwa ambayo tunafurahia
- 4) Tunafanya mambo yanayoleta matokeo makubwa-matokeo makubwa ya upandaji miti. matokeo makubwa katika Kilimo Hai na matokeo makubwa kutokana na miradi na biashara zingine tunazofanya.
- 5) Tunatumia gharama ndogo za Utawala, lakini tunapata matokeo makubwa.