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RANGELAND HEALTH ADVOCATES

Restoration of Rangeland Carbon Sinks for Increased Community Climate Resilience and Agricultural Outcomes:

Building a Network of Monitoring and Co-learning Rangeland Restoration Sites

The project focuses directly on addressing key knowledge and capacity gaps to enhance rangeland health monitoring with one key work area focused on building a gender-inclusive community of practice in rangeland health monitoring. These individual profiles of rangeland health advocates reflect on the experiences of women and youth who have been engaged in training, skills development and data collection in their local rangelands.

Name: Milka Kidiri

Age: 20 years



Place of Training:
Laingarinyoni Conservancy, Amboseli

About the Land Degradation Surveillance Framework (LDSF)

The LDSF is a comprehensive method for assessing soil and land health, from the field to the use of new and advanced data analytics. The LDSF provides a consistent set of indicators and field protocols to assess the health of an ecosystem, including vegetation cover and structure, tree, shrub and grass species diversity, current and historic land use, infiltration capacity, soil characteristics and land degradation status.



Which LDSF activities were you engaged in, during the training?

“ **Testing infiltration during the rangeland health module.**

What new skills have you learnt through this training? What did you learn in the LDSF?

“ **I learnt that soils have different Infiltration levels, and the reason we test infiltration is to know how soil absorbs water when it rains.**

What did you enjoy most?

“ **I enjoyed learning to identify different grass species.**

How has this training changed/impacted your agency or ideas for future skills building and work in your community?

“ **It has created job opportunities for young people and also trained them on the importance knowing the health of their soil, and young people have been able to identify careers related to land health.**



What message do you have for your community leaders on rangeland restoration?

“ **They should put measures in place to protect wildlife and people, and protect the forest from unsustainable harvesting. It is important to educate people about the dangers of unsustainable harvesting of wood.**

How has the LDSF work changed your perception of your local landscape/environment?

“ **I now know the importance of healthy soil and planting trees, and I understand why it is important to analyse soil.**

How will your engagement in the LDSF impact your community?

“ **I will teach people in our community how to check the health of their soil, and the right fertiliser to use**

Do you see a career in land health as a result of the engagement in the LDSF? Which and Why?

“ **I'd like to do something to do with water conservation, because I now understand what helps the soil to absorb more water.**



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