



## HOW WE ARE

SMECAO FUND was initially founded in 1994 as Civil Society Organization operating under umbrella of Lutheran Church Pare-Elect Dioces Same, instigated and governed by the late Simon Mmakasa. Moreover, the acronym stands for Same and Mwangi Environmental Conservation and Advisory Organization.

Later on in 1999, SMECAO FUND was legally registered as Non-Governmental Organization under the Non Governmental Organization Act of 2002 with registration No.1846 and was certified to operate in Kilimanjaro Region in accordance with its governing Constitution and for the past 15 years, it has been operating in Same and Mwangi Districts mainly on Environmental Conservation and Protection.

Thus ever since its establishment in 1994, SMECAO has implemented project for six phases under Bread for the World Funding on previous phases one to five, BFW have supported firm platform for institutional growth and outreach services. Covering promoting afforestation and reforestation, advocating on the use of renewable energy, Fuel Efficient Stoves for institution and household, providing environmental education and HIV/AIDS, use of rice husk in brick burning and promoting the use of shiva brick

## VISION STATEMENT :

having a sustainable habitable environment in the two target districts of Same and Mwangi.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Improve techniques related to environment, health and gender systems for sustainable development through implementation of related activities which consequently improve living standards of rural households.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Primary and general aim of the fund is the conservation of Vegetation, natural resources and general environment of same and Mwangi and consequently the whole of Kilimanjaro Region and the United Republic of Tanzania as a whole depending on the fund's economic and communal ability

## SMECAO CORE AREAS OF PRIORITY ARE:

- ◆ Community empowerment which targets towards improving livelihood capacities of low income rural households to withstand socio-economic and climatic change stress.
- ◆ Advocating for Policy and Laws that target towards Environmental Conservation and protection while prioritizing community needs.
- ◆ Providing Consultancy services to local communities and other NGO's in various field of interest.
- ◆ Carry out researches aimed at inventing technologies that are environmental friendly
- ◆ Promote the use of technology that would serve to curb practices that are environmental hazards for instance the use of Renewable Energy (solar)and Fuel Efficient Stoves (Mkombozi Stove) in the place of wood

Current SMECAO areas of intervention are

- ◆ Climate Change and Food Security
- ◆ HIV/AIDS and Health
- ◆ Human Rights and Gender
- ◆ Income Generating Activities and
- ◆ Environmental Protection activities.



Tree Nursery of Kwakoa P/S Environmental Club



Demarcation of Kihama chini water catchment area in Vudee Village.





To reach her goal and objectives SMECAO apply different methodologies such as:

- ◆ Working with producer groups
- ◆ Working with Trainer of Trainees (TOT)
- ◆ Working with Village and School Environmental Club
- ◆ Working with Village and Ward Land Tribunals
- ◆ Working with Co-facilitators such as technicians from district office and other NGO's
- ◆ Working with village HIV/AIDS committees
- ◆ Networking with other Organizations, districts of Same and Mwangi and Institutions
- ◆ Working with both Primary and Secondary Schools in targeted areas



Practical demonstration on installation of Kibuyu chirizi in Ngulu Primary School

#### NETWORKING AND PARTNERS

In making difference to achieve her overall objective SMECAO has been working and networking with various partners such:

- ◆ Bread for the world ( Brot Fuer Die Welt)-Germany
- ◆ World Wildlife Funding - Tanzania
- ◆ Same and Mwangi District Councils
- ◆ Solivol – Artefact GgmbH Glücksburg Germany
- ◆ Legal and Human Right Centre - Tanzania
- ◆ Tanzania Mazingira Network (MANET) - Tanzania
- ◆ Participatory Ecological Land use Management (PELUM)- Tanzania
- ◆ SANGO NET– Tanzania

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## SAME AND MWANGI ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY ORGANISATION



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