



2023 Annual Report

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Message from the Chairperson

**Dr. Christopher
Kyeswa**

Chairman of the Board of
Directors



I am delighted to share with you the Annual Performance Report of Regenerate Africa for the year 2023. As we take a thoughtful look back at the accomplishments and hurdles encountered over the past year, it becomes evident that our organization is consistently forging ahead, achieving remarkable progress in the pursuit of our vision. Our commitment remains unwavering – envisioning an Africa where the decisions we make today pave the way for a regenerative economy that sustains and uplifts future generations.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed strategic development partners whose unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping Regenerate Africa's success throughout 2023. We sincerely appreciate the GIAI Initiative for Earth Balance, Population Institute, Rapid Advisory Services, Preston Warner Ventures, ExpandNet, 128 Collective, Panorama Global, AFIDEP, and others for their generous financial support, technical expertise, and program assistance. Your collaborative efforts have significantly propelled our initiatives, making a lasting impact on the communities we serve. Your dedication to our shared mission of fostering sustainable development in Africa is truly commendable, and we look forward to continued partnership and success in the years ahead. Many thanks for your indispensable role in our journey toward a thriving and resilient continent.

Our dedicated team and partners have worked tirelessly throughout the past year to advance our mission and goals. From launching innovative projects to fostering collaborations with local communities and stakeholders, we have remained committed to driving positive change across the region. Our impact is evident in the stories of transformation we have witnessed, the ecosystems we have restored, and the sustainable livelihoods we have supported.

As we look ahead to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission for accelerating Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy through adoption of regenerative human development approaches where people, businesses and our planet thrive in harmony. We will continue to innovate, collaborate, and advocate for policies that promote sustainable development and environmental stewardship. Together, we can create a legacy of prosperity and abundance for future generations. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of Regenerate Africa for your unwavering dedication and passion. Your hard work and commitment drive our success, and I am confident that together, we will achieve our vision of a regenerative Africa. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Message from the Executive Director

**Mr. Charles
Kabiswa**

Executive Director



As we reflect on the achievements and challenges faced by Regenerate Africa in 2023, I am filled with gratitude for our team's dedication and hard work. Throughout the year, we have made significant strides in advancing our vision of an Africa where human choices and economy thrives in harmony with nature, enabling full circularity and regenerative future for healthy people, natural environment and livelihoods.

At Regenerate Africa, our vision drives every decision and action we take. We believe in the power of application of regenerative practices to not only sustain but also enhance the natural resources and ecosystems that are the foundation of our continent's prosperity. By promoting sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and responsible resource management, we are paving the way for a future where Africa's economy thrives in harmony with its environment.

Our achievements in enhancing community knowledge, engaging with policymakers, and mobilizing resources for our programs demonstrates our commitment to positive change. Despite the obstacles we encountered, including limited resources and unforeseen shifts in priorities, we have persevered and continued to drive the desired impact in our focus areas. I am proud of our progress in cultivating strategic partnerships, raising visibility through media communications, and advocating for regenerative concepts in forestry and water resource management. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am confident that we are on the right path towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am optimistic about the opportunities that lie before us. By building on our successes, addressing our challenges, and leveraging the emerging opportunities, I have no doubt that we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve and the environments we protect.

Thank you to all our team members, partners, and stakeholders for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we can create a better future for all.

About Regenerate Africa

Background

Regenerate Africa is a Uganda-based non-government organization that works to accelerate Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy. We work hand-in-hand with communities along with partners across governments, industries, investors, donors, Universities, NGOs and finances to promote and practice multi-sectoral inclusive and regenerative food, agriculture and land-use practices, innovative climate and renewable energy solutions, forest and water resources, gender and health, regenerative business and supply chain solutions that create living incomes, cut emissions, promote public health and protect, manage and restore ecosystems across Africa.



Vision

We envision an Africa where human choices and the economy thrive in harmony with nature, enabling full circularity and a regenerative future for the healthy people, natural environment and livelihoods.

Mission

Our mission is to accelerate Africa's just transition to a regenerative economy through adoption of regenerative human development approaches where people, businesses and our planet thrive in harmony. We do this by building multi-sectoral strategic partnerships to promote, practice and advocate for integrated regenerative techniques, innovations and solutions across agriculture and food systems, climate and renewable energy solutions, public health and gender, forests and water resources, and business solutions that drive change towards a regenerative future.

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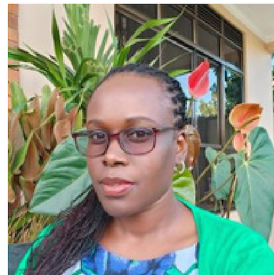
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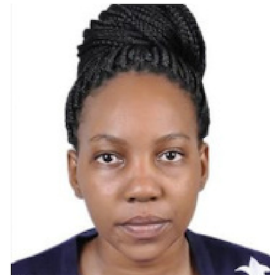
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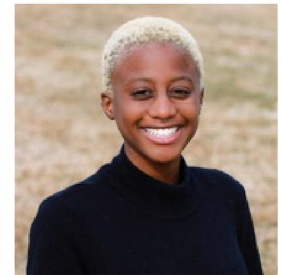
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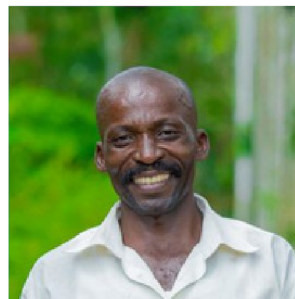
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Gender, Health and Environment

By prioritizing health, sexual and reproductive health / Family Planning and gender challenges exacerbated by climate change and integrating gender-sensitive and health-focused considerations into adaptation strategies, the thematic area aims to empower communities, promote gender equality, improve reproductive health/health outcomes, and drive community-led climate action, contributing to a more equitable and sustainable future across diverse landscapes. The annual performance for the Gender, Health and Environment theme is presented based on annual milestones for theme for the year 2023, clearly highlighting the achievements..

Modeling Population Health Environment and Development in Practice:



Figure 1: Capacity building trainings for PHE champions in Ssi-Bukunja Sub County, Buikwe district. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Regenerate Africa successfully selected and trained 35 households in Ssi-Bukunja Sub- County, Buikwe district; based on the Population Health Environment and Development (PHED) model criteria. Through a comprehensive Training of Trainers program, these households acquired practical knowledge and skills, creating a cascade effect as each household head could potentially reach out to five additional households for knowledge and skill transfer. This resulted in approximately 175 households in 7 villages (Musomoko, Bunango, Zzitwe, Nambeta, Maigwe, Kirukwe Gggaba and Nalumuli) potentially being equipped with the expertise to apply the PHED model. Notably, the experiences and insights gained were documented in various reports, including one by the Population Institute and a study report by Regenerate Africa on the integration and scale-up of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) into climate action. These publications, featured on platforms like Fair Planet and Regenerate Africa's websites and social media, reaching approximately 495,000 individuals.

Population, health and environment is a development approach that recognizes the interconnectedness between people's livelihoods, health and the environment upon which they depend. This is even more relevant as climate change and ecosystem changes increasingly threaten natural resources, food security, human health and sustainable development.

To be identified as a PHE model household, each household must adhere to the following criteria:

a) Demonstrate a willingness to embrace sustainable agricultural or fishing practices.

- b) Engage in any of the subsequent enterprises:
 - Cultivate agroforestry trees and fruit species.
 - Grow annual and perennial food as well as cash crops.
 - Raise livestock, such as goats, cattle, chickens, or pigs.
- c) Exhibit a positive attitude towards Family Planning and Sexual Reproductive Health.
- d) Practice basic environmental sanitation, including maintaining a toilet and having at least one of the following: a bathroom, drying rack, handwashing facility, kitchen, separate shelters for animals, etc.
- e) Show willingness to promote good health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) practices within the community.
- f) Demonstrate a commitment to sharing knowledge and innovative practices with other households in areas including climate change, food security, sustainable fisheries, family planning, health, as well as WaSH.
- g) Display readiness to host and interact with visitors who are eager to learn and exchange knowledge with others.

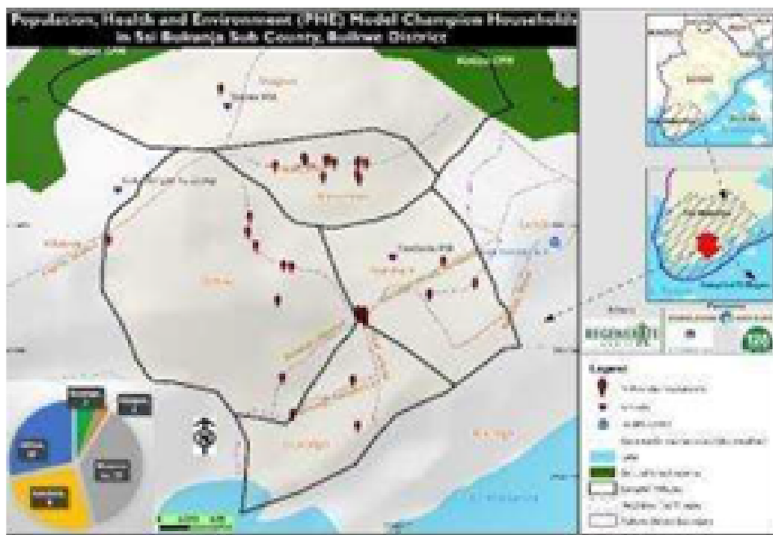


Figure 2: Capacity building trainings for PHE champions in Ssi-Bukunja Sub County, Buikwe district.
Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

A Geographic Information System (GIS) map was developed (**Figure 2**) to showcase the geo-point locations of the Population Health Environment (PHE) households, providing a tangible visualization of their impact. The household heads emerged as articulate advocates, effectively voicing the intersectionality between health, SRHR/FP, population dynamics, and the environment during community visits. The establishment of a cohort of trainers further contributed to the sustainability of PHE practices, with the potential for broader dissemination in their communities.

Aligning policy, Decision Makers, and Practitioners towards PHED Integration

Regenerate Africa successfully conducted 10 structured issue-based engagements bringing together 510 key policy and decision-makers in the health, family planning, population, environment, and climate action sectors.

Noteworthy engagements included a multi-stakeholder dialogue on, "Population Dynamics, Gender, Health, and Climate Connection," a workshop with National Climate Change negotiators (**Figure 3**) and active participation in events such as the health and climate symposium, Conservation Through Public Health 20 years celebrations, SRHR climate justice coalition meetings, and Gender and Climate Change Pre COP 28 meetings



Figure 3: Interactive meeting involving member of the National climate change Negotiators, during which the Uganda Position on Climate change was developed ahead of COP 28. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa

These engagements resulted in tangible outcomes, including the development of a National Position for Uganda ahead of COP 28 of the UNFCCC, a position paper on health and climate change, and contributions to the Civil Society Position Paper. Regenerate Africa's visibility increased in policy circles at national and global levels, fostering collaborations with policymakers, decision-makers, and stakeholders

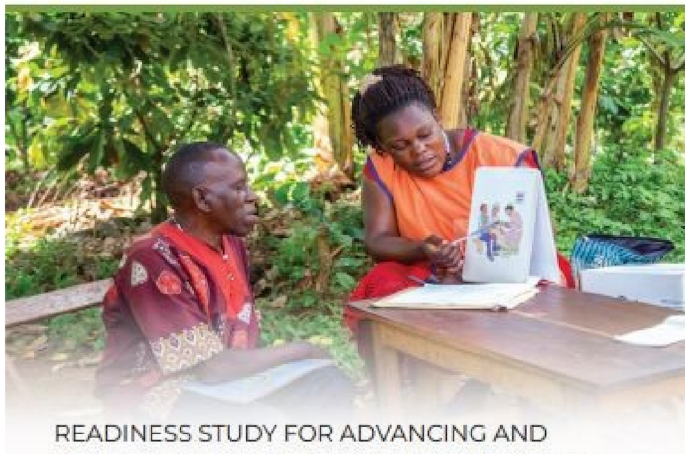
Regenerate Africa supported 5 government officials to attend COP 28 which took place from November 30th to December 12th 2023. Regenerate Africa conducted a side event entitled "Intersectionality in Climate Commitments" at the Uganda Pavilion (**Figure 4**) that addressed complex links between sexual reproductive health, gender, and climate change, emphasizing the need for inclusive, intersectoral programs.



Figure 4: Participant during the side event on "Intersectionality in Climate Commitments" at the Uganda Pavilion, during COP 28 in Dubai. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

At the grassroots level, a fan fare known as "Butaase Bukutaase," meaning "Protect the Environment and It Shall Protect You," was organized in Nalumuli village, Buikwe district. This event brought together communities for an engaging session facilitated by Regenerate Africa and the District Local Government. The interactive event delved into the interconnected themes of family planning, sexual and reproductive health, climate resilience, and adaptation, while also emphasizing the importance of forest regeneration. During the event, community members collaborated to form drama groups, which crafted and presented songs and poems addressing intersectionality in the local language, Luganda. These creative expressions served as both educational and entertaining tools, aimed at enlightening and engaging fellow community members. The impactful songs and poems have been showcased in various community dialogues, extending all the way to the King's palace, to amplify messages on the importance of intersectionality and environmental conservation. This initiative showcases the power of culture and creativity in sparking conversations and fostering sustainable practices within the community.

Research shines a light on health, SRHR, gender and climate nexus:



READINESS STUDY FOR ADVANCING AND SCALING-UP SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS/FAMILY PLANNING FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IN UGANDA

This was conducted with financial support from Rapid Advisory, Expanding Health Quality and Access (ExpandNet), 128 Collective, Panorama Global and Population Institute.



Figure 5: One of the studies conducted on advancing and scaling up sexual and reproductive health rights for climate adaptation and resilience in Uganda. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Regenerate Africa successfully conducted two studies exploring the connections between sexual and reproductive health/family planning, gender, and climate action. These studies produced reports that informed evidence-based policy engagements at both local and national levels, aiming to influence responsive policy and practice actions to address emerging issues at the intersection of gender, family planning, environment, and climate change. Following these studies, Regenerate Africa produced a documentary titled “The Intersectional Lens of Gender, Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, and Climate Change in Uganda,” providing a visual representation of these interconnected issues.

Investing in Business, Nature and Sustainability

In 2023, our endeavors were concentrated on advancing environmental sustainability, cultivating strategic engagements, and advocating for the infusion of Environment Social Governance (ESG) principles into business investments and regulatory frameworks. We actively propagated and exemplified Environment Social Governance & Sustainability practices across diverse partnership assets, including the Regenerate Africa office, Kijjude Regenerative Farm, Nalumuli, and Great Outdoors.



Figure 6: A group photo featuring CEOs from ABi Finance, CEO Summit, Next Media Group, UN Women, and Regenerate Africa, taken during the CEO Forum. Photo credit: Next Media Group

Our proactive engagements extended to structured collaborations with regulators and private sector entities, advocating for the assimilation of ESG concepts, principles, and practices. Through targeted workshops and seminars, we educated stakeholders and fostered sustainable decision-making. Successful collaborations with regulators and private sector entities resulted in a growing awareness and integration of ESG principles in business operations. In October, we supported the CEO Summit and also participated in the CEO Forum under the theme “Navigating the Climate Crisis: A Call to Action.” **See Figure 6.**

Strategic partnerships with organizations like CAN-Tanzania; CEO Summit; D-Carbon Global; Green Project Management; and Nkumba University; coupled with Regenerate Africa becoming a certified GPM trainer in Africa, showcased our dedication to advancing sustainability. Membership with PELUM Association; African Circular Economy Network (ACEN); and ENR-CSO Network further demonstrated our commitment to broader environmental initiatives.



Figure 7: Mr. Leonard K Mutesasira delivering a commencement lecture at Nkumba University. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

On October 24, 2023, Mr. Leonard K Mutesasira, our esteemed Board of Directors Treasurer at Regenerate Africa, took center stage at Nkumba University (**Figure 7**), delivering an inspiring commencement lecture titled "Positioning Oneself for Excellence in the 21st Century." In a rapidly evolving world characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), Mr. Mutesasira offered valuable insights on survival and success. He emphasized the significance of the 5Ts: Time, Talent, Treasure, Teams, and Trust. He explained that these pillars are essential for thriving in today's dynamic landscape and serve as cornerstones for positioning oneself for excellence. Mr. Mutesasira's lecture resonated deeply with the audience, leaving a lasting impact and a clear path to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Our team also participated in the 12th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference (October 30th and 31st, 2023). Further, our technical contributions to Rapid Advisory Services ESG Roadmap, UNOC ESG strategy, and participation in the Buikwe District World Press Freedom Day celebrations underscored our multifaceted engagement. In the realm of private sector support, we reviewed and provided technical inputs into ESG strategies for entities such as Rapid Advisory; the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC); and the CEO Sustainability Centre. We also initiated the development of three courses— Sustainable Project Management (SPM), Regenerative Agriculture Practice and Technology and Environment, Social and Corporate Governance (EGS) and Sustainability.

. Notably, joint efforts with D-Carbon global and CEO Summit resulted in the submission of a comprehensive funding proposal, reflecting our commitment to furthering environmental, social, corporate governance, and sustainability strengthening in Uganda, East Africa, with a proposed budget of USD 1,507,630.

In conclusion, the achievements and endeavors of the ESG & Sustainability Department in 2023 exemplify our steadfast commitment to driving positive change and advancing the strategic goals of Regenerate Africa. We have managed to promote and demonstrated Environment Social Governance & Sustainability practices across diverse partnership assets, fostering sustainable practices and income generation potential. Our proactive engagements with regulators, private sector entities, and strategic partners have led to a growing awareness and integration of Environment Social Governance principles in business operations. The dedication of our team is underscored by the development of comprehensive asset management plans, successful collaborations, and the pursuit of strategic initiatives such as the certification as a GPM trainer in Africa.



Dr. Susan Nakanwagi (extreme right) with the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa (third from the right).

Forest Restoration

In 2023, Regenerate Africa demonstrated best practices/innovations for regenerative natural resource management (e.g. natural and assisted natural regeneration, enrichment planting) at Great Outdoors Kalanamu and the Regenerative Grazing Farm and Assisted Natural Regeneration at Nalumuli. To this end, we had one worker trained practically and on assisted Natural Regeneration and control of Invasive species (Paper Mulberry) at Nalumuli. We also had some tree seedlings liberated from competitor climbers and excess tree seedlings and coppices; and one big Paper mulberry tree, an invasive tree species; used as demonstration on weedy tree control; which died slowly but decisively as a result of the control measure.

Regenerate Africa labeled woody plants (trees and shrubs) at Great outdoor Kalanamu and Kijjudde Demonstration farm. For each plant, the scientific and common names and origin were given, its key attributes and uses and any other relevant known information (**Figure 9**). This has increased the numbers and interest of visitors to these two sites as the information has proved very informative and interesting to the visitors; both young and old. Labels for Eco-gardens, also located in the Kalanamu area were also prepared (**Figure 10**); awaiting funds to print them and attach them to their corresponding plants



Figure 9: A young Musizi tree liberated from climbers and fellow young Musizi competitors; without which none of them would grow to full size. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Regenerate Africa trained more workers to continue assisted regeneration activities (e.g. Climber cutting to liberate young trees, pruning of stump sprouts/ coppices, to ensure a few are left to grow into mature trees, spot weeding of young trees chocking with weeds). Smallholder farmers in the immediate landscape of the regenerative farms (in Buikwe) were trained to adapt the best practices/innovations.



Figure 10: Regenerate Africa staff fixing the tree labels at Great outdoor – Kalanamu. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Regenerate Africa participated in various strategic engagements as contribution towards programmed design and implementation. Thus, some of the engagements include:

- i) Workshop on Wetlands and Peatlands Rehabilitation and Conservation in March 2023;
- ii) Participatory Ecological Land Use Management, 5th National Agro-ecology Actors' Symposium and a meeting to review the "Low Carbon, Climate Resilient Strategy 2050 for Uganda"
- iii) Meeting on the, "Review of policies on mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Agricultural Sector in Uganda," organized by Environmental Alert.

Regenerative Food and Land Management

Regenerate Africa remains dedicated to its mission of fostering sustainability and environmental regeneration, as evidenced by its continued efforts in the field. The organization is actively expanding its Regenerative Grazing (Regraze) and Regenerative Agriculture farms at its sites, with a strong focus on Nalumuli and Kijjudde Farm. These initiatives serve as a testament to Regenerate Africa's unwavering commitment to implementing practical, on-the-ground solutions for a more sustainable future. By fostering regenerative practices in agriculture and grazing, the organization is making a positive impact on the environment and local communities. These efforts showcase Regenerate Africa's dedication to creating a brighter and more environmentally responsible future for all.

Knowledge and skills 5 staff of the Kijude Regenerative Farm in respect to regenerative agriculture concepts and practices (i.e., improved manure management and application) (Figure 9) enhanced. Furthermore, awareness and knowledge of 30 Population, Health and Environment (PHE) model households' representatives from Zzitwe parish, Ssibukunja sub county was enhanced for growing trees through agroforestry through boundary trees growing and integration with coffee and bananas.



Figure 11: Demonstrating improved manure composting practices at Kijjudde Regenerative Farm. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Policy and Advocacy:

Year after year, Regenerate Africa has actively engaged in climate change discussions at national, regional, and international levels. Our participation spans a wide range of events, including national multi-stakeholder meetings, the Africa Climate Summit, Pre-Conference of Parties meetings, Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) meetings in Bonn, Germany, COP conferences, and the Women Deliver conference. Through these engagements, we continuously contribute to critical conversations and advocate for meaningful integration of health and gender into climate action.

Participation in the SBI58 Bonn Climate Conference



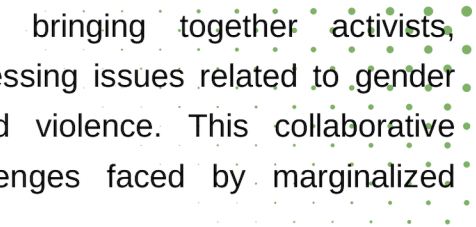
Figure 12: The Executive Director (Second from the left) in a photo moment with colleagues from different countries during the SBI58 Bonn Climate Conference. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa

Participation in the 58th session of the SBI Bonn Climate Conference yielded several noteworthy outcomes. Firstly, there was a significant focus on the integration of health and climate action. The conference saw increased momentum and discussions around the linkages between climate change and health, with the Global Stocktake (GST) roundtables prominently featuring articulations of these links by various Parties. This highlights the growing recognition of the interconnectedness of these critical issues. Secondly, health considerations were prominently featured in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The World Health Organization (WHO) emphasized during the GST Closing Plenary that a holistic approach to health and climate action is crucial. Currently, 91% of NDCs incorporate health considerations, with six countries explicitly mentioning health impacts or co-benefits in their statements. This underscores the importance of integrating health into climate policies. While sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) were not explicitly mentioned in the negotiations, advocacy in this area was still advanced through a small coalition group, including the SRHR and Climate Justice (CJ) Coalition, which engaged with the Women and Gender Constituency. A dedicated side event co-hosted by the coalition emphasized the necessity of integrating SRHR into climate action, pushing forward this critical agenda.

Participation in the Women Deliver 2023 Conference



Figure 13: The Executive Director participating in one of the panel discussions on the interconnectedness between gender, SRHR, and climate change.



The event facilitated extensive multisectoral collaboration, bringing together activists, policymakers, organizations, and various sectors to address pressing issues related to gender equality, climate injustice, intersectionality, and gender-based violence. This collaborative approach aimed to find sustainable solutions to the challenges faced by marginalized communities.

The conference also provided a platform for global recognition of the intersection between the climate crisis, humanitarian conflict, racism, and the global pandemic. It emphasized the need for a unified voice and multi-sectoral integration to achieve gender equality and make progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This recognition reinforced the importance of comprehensive strategies to tackle these interconnected global challenges.

Media engagements played a crucial role in amplifying Regenerate Africa's messages. The Executive Director participated in interviews and a podcast, contributing to global discussions on critical issues and increasing the visibility of the organization's work. These engagements helped to disseminate key messages and advocate for urgent action.

The conference underscored the urgency of collaboration across sectors to address complex challenges effectively. There was a strong call for urgent collaboration to make meaningful progress towards the SDGs and achieve gender equality. This sense of urgency highlighted the need for immediate and coordinated efforts to address the pressing issues of our time.

The Africa Climate Week



Figure 14: Charles Kabiswa, Executive Director, Regenerate Africa (third from the left) participating in a panel discussion at a side event during the Africa Climate Summit.

Africa Climate Week 2023, held from September 4-8 in Nairobi, Kenya and hosted by the Government of Kenya, marked a historic milestone as a global convergence of leaders from governments, businesses, international organizations, and civil society. The overarching theme, "Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World," served as a catalyst for discussions on sustainable solutions to pressing climate challenges. The summit attracted around 30,000 delegates, including 18 Heads of African States, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and European Union President Ursula von der Leyen. The culmination of the event was the Nairobi Declaration, an impactful eleven-point call to action that presented a unified stance on climate action by African States ahead of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28).

We participated in a side event hosted by the USAID-funded Building Capacity for Integrated Family Planning/Reproductive Health and Population, Environment, and Development Action (BUILD). The event shed light on the critical interlinkages between climate change and population dynamics, highlighting the essential role of empowering women and youth in climate adaptation and resilience-building in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). The dialogue focused on vulnerabilities faced by communities due to climate change, gender dynamics in adaptive capacity, and advocated for climate adaptation measures that integrate strengthening health services, including access to voluntary family planning and reproductive health.

Regenerate Africa's engagement in the 28th Conference of Parties (COP)

In preparation for COP 28, Regenerate Africa played a key role by organizing the third Gender and Climate Change Technical Group meeting with Climate Action Network Uganda, the Ministry of Water and Environment and Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, focusing on bridging the gender gap in climate action. The organization also participated in the Pre-COP 28 Civil Society Organization meeting, advocating for the integration of health and gender considerations into climate discussions. During COP 28 in Dubai, Regenerate Africa, attended over 30 meetings and hosted a significant side event at the Uganda Pavilion on December 3rd, 2023. This event highlighted the importance of integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) into climate actions, with contributions from various experts and organizations emphasizing the need for increased funding and collaboration to support marginalized communities.



Figure 15: Demonstrating improved manure composting practices at Kijjude Regenerative Farm. Photo credit: Regenerate Africa.

Post-COP 28, Regenerate Africa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Environment, held a National Dissemination of COP 28 Outcomes during the 7th National Water and Environment Week. This event, attended by over 100 participants, focused on disseminating COP 28 results and discussing key thematic areas such as Mitigation, Climate Finance, Technology Development and Transfer, Gender, Capacity Building, and Adaptation.

Uganda's first Pavilion at COP 28 was also celebrated for hosting numerous side events and showcasing the country's tourism potential. Overall, Regenerate Africa's active engagement in these events highlights its commitment to advocating for the integration of gender, health, and climate change in policy and practice, aiming to promote a more equitable and sustainable future.

Communications

Regenerate Africa's Media Communications team tasked itself with the sole goal of improved Image and Visibility from January to December 2023. This would be seen in the number of articles published, number of events attended and documented, and number of social media impressions from posts to various platforms.

We are happy to report that the image and visibility of Regenerate Africa indeed improved during the reported period. The Regenerate Africa website was consistently maintained and updated with news and information, there was an increase in social media posts made/published (i.e., on Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In) with a reach of 52,000 Facebook impressions alone, we increased recognition by leading or attending over 20 events this year, and lastly, had 6 articles published in popular magazines/print media, reaching a wide audience of people. Regenerate also developed information, education and communication materials that came in the form of tear drop banners, amongst others. There was also the dissemination of our documentary focusing on the interlinkages between climate and health; this documentary got great visibility as it was screened during a side event at COP28 of UNFCCC, in Dubai, United Arab Emirate, 30th November until 12th December 2024.

Financial Performance in 2023

Annual financial performance

Grant Income

During 2023, Regenerate Africa (RA) received grant income from its Strategic partners amounting to UGX **859,004,109**. This was attributed to the value-adding Strategic Projects implemented during the year 2022 that provided visibility of RA's potential (**Figure 10**).

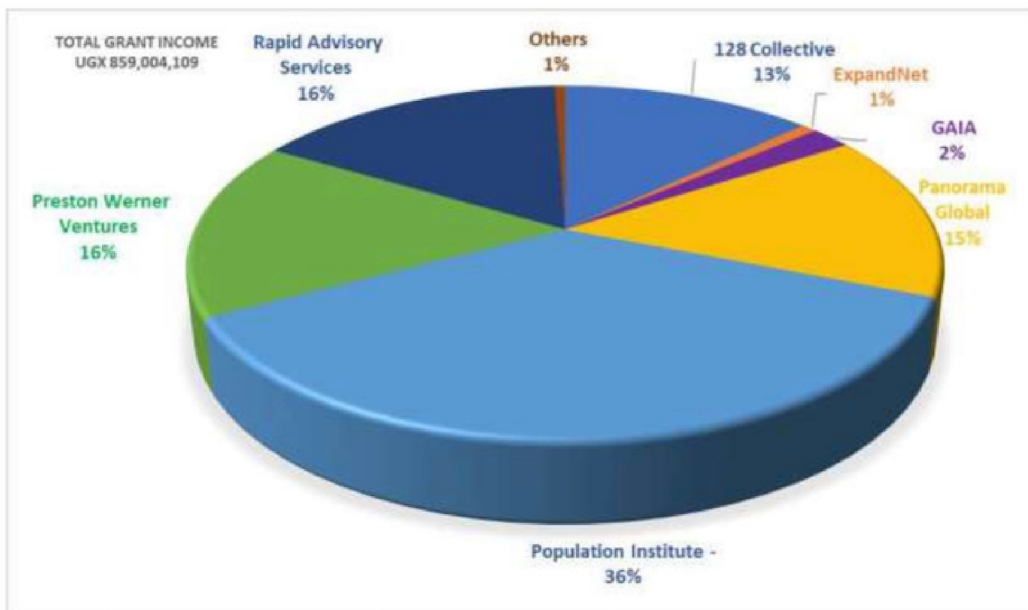
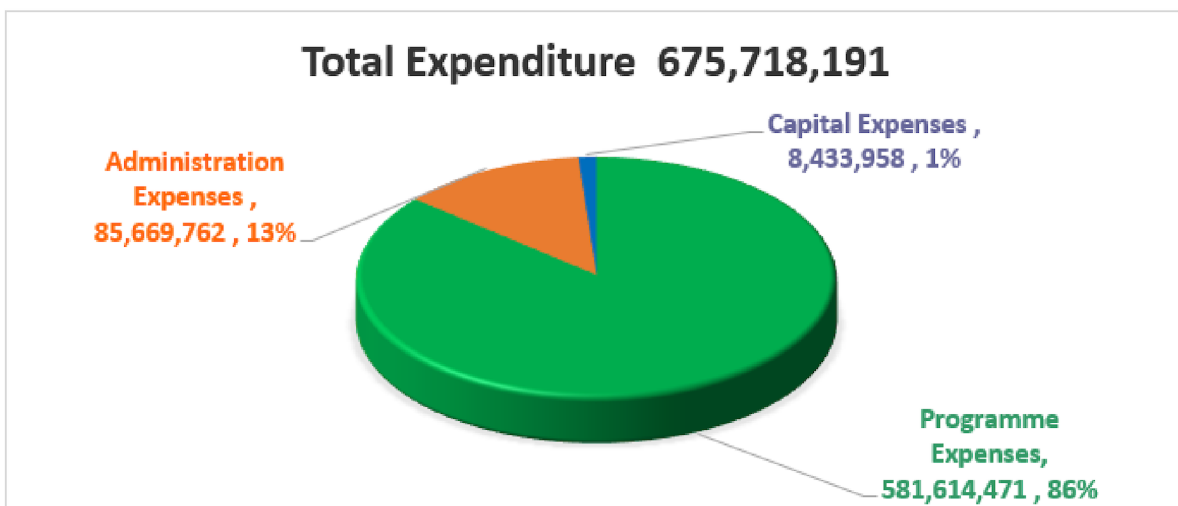


Figure 10: Regenerate Africa Grant Growth Income Growth for the period 2023.

Expenditure

Timely Project Activities implementation at Regenerate Africa is a key priority. During the year 2023, total expenditure that comprised Programmes, Administration, and Capital Expenses amounted to UGX 675,718,191. By the end of the year 2023, committed project funds stood at 183,285,918 representing 24% of the available project funds during the year. (**see Figure 11**).



Heights for Focus for 2024 and Beyond

- Promoting cross-sectoral policy and practice approaches that integrate population, health, environment, climate change, resilience, food security and livelihoods
- Developing and implementing joint research and training programs to inform policy and practice. Informing and influencing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process and Climate Action
- Women and Youth-led social and green entrepreneurship initiatives
- Promoting cross-sectoral policy and practice approaches that integrate gender health/SRH, environment/forestry, climate change, resilience, food security and livelihoods
- Scale-up Regenerative Agriculture and Value Chain Development in Practice
- Promoting Carbon offsets and trading through the natural and plantation forests, regenerative agriculture and agroforestry
- Promoting forest-based adaptation, aquatic resources management, agroforestry and indigenous trees on farm through natural regeneration, forest-based enterprises agroecology and sustainable natural resources management
- Wetlands/Peatland management and Natural Resources Governance and rights for communities around forests, freshwater lakes and other Key Biodiversity Areas through co-management arrangements including management of nature-based enterprises by the community for livelihood improvement