

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

BUILDING, GROWING, CREATING



Ecovise youth with our project banner, Matibi

Three issues in, and the story of Ecovise is still being written the way it started: one seedling, one Saturday football match, one conversation at a time. This quarter, we want to take you a little deeper into what your support is actually making possible on the ground.

None of the progress in these pages would exist without people willing to invest in a seed before it's a tree. That's what a donor is. Thank you for being that person for us — this issue is for you.

FROM THE GROUND UP: THE NURSERY KEEPS GROWING

The tree nursery is still the heart of everything we do, and this quarter our focus has been on keeping it healthy rather than just making it bigger. That means steady, unglamorous maintenance — watering schedules, weeding, checking on seedlings started in upcycled plastic bottles, and making sure the mix of species, including the wild fruit trees identified last rainy season, keep thriving through the drier months.

There's no ribbon-cutting for consistent watering. But it's exactly this kind of quiet, sustained care that turns a promising start into a lasting resource for this community — and it's exactly what your support makes possible.

PARTNERSHIPS: WIDENING THE CIRCLE

A single organization, however committed, can only reach so far alone. Strengthening partnerships and collaborations has been a deliberate priority this quarter — reaching out to local leaders and community groups who share our goals, so Ecovise's work is woven into the community rather than standing apart from it.

Our football sessions remain one of the best tools we have for this. What began as informal matches with a handful of kids has become a reliable gathering point, where conversations about teamwork, responsibility, and the environment happen naturally — no lecture required.



A football session bringing the community together

LEARNING TOGETHER: COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING



Community action planning training, facilitated by Ziwange (Lead Pillars)

This quarter we also took time to learn, not just build. Ziwange from Lead Pillars facilitated a training on community action planning — sharpening how we set priorities, involve the community in decisions, and turn broad goals into concrete next steps. It's already shaping how we're approaching the three projects on the next page.

WHAT'S NEXT: THREE PROJECTS WE'RE BUILDING

Ecowise is still young — and that's exactly why what comes next matters so much. We're currently sending out proposals for three new projects, each one a direct extension of what we already believe: that environmental restoration and community dignity grow best together.

1. Water & permaculture at Murawi Primary School

Reliable water access and a functioning permaculture garden at Murawi Primary School — giving pupils hands-on environmental education while providing a dependable water supply for the school and the surrounding community. One project, two lasting needs met.



Scoping the site with the school and community

2. A youth-run recycling center at Murawi Ward Center



Youth already building hands-on production skills with natural fibers

A youth-run plastic and metal-can collection, processing and upcycling center at Murawi Ward Center — clearing waste out of Ward 3's environment, creating dignified and immediate income for unemployed youth, and building a locally owned pathway toward plastic-brick production.

3. Land and water skills for the youth of Matibi

Practical permaculture, land management and water management training for the youth of Matibi, so they can restore their own environment and build livelihoods from that restoration — with sport used at key moments to bring the whole community together around the work.

A WORD OF THANKS

Special thanks to kanthari, for the network and tools that shape how we build, and to Friends for Matibi (FFM), for early support and the space to work from. Thank you both.



GROW WITH US

Every donation — large or small — goes straight into the nursery, our partnerships, and getting the three projects above off the ground. If you've been meaning to give, this is a good time to do it.

Give today at www.ecowisezw.org

Change begins with small, intentional actions — a seedling in a bottle, a Saturday match, a donation that says someone believes this is worth building. Thank you for being part of ours.

www.ecowisezw.org | info@ecowisezw.org | +263 784 579 233