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# GPF Uganda Advances a Scalable Model for Environmental Peacebuilding and National Transformation

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Across East Africa, high-level alliances are propelling a decisive environmental peacebuilding agenda.



Rotary Club of Muyenga Tankhill group photo

In Uganda, the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) is forging dynamic cooperation with public institutions, civic actors, and interfaith leaders to catalyze lasting national renewal.

Under the leadership of GPF Uganda President and Peace Service Ambassador Milton Kambula, the team is advancing critical milestones that position Environmental Peacebuilding as a transformative framework. Their expanding partnerships highlight rising traction for the environmental peacebuilding approach, integrating ecological responsibility, character-driven leadership, and unified communities as pillars for sustainable progress.

Central to this progress is collaboration with Rotary International and dialogue with the Ugandan High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, alongside engagement with senior faith leaders. These relationships represent strategic bridges between community actors, policymakers, and international partners committed to sustainable development rooted

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GPF's environmental peacebuilding model recognizes that environmental degradation,

unemployment, and social fragmentation are deeply interconnected. Addressing them requires more than technical solutions. It requires values-based leadership, youth empowerment, and cross-sector collaboration.

In Uganda, this vision is being realized through partnerships with innovative social enterprises such as Waste Plus, a large-scale recycling initiative transforming waste management into economic opportunity, and Good Forests, which advances reforestation and sustainable land use in a manner reminiscent of the integrated development approach championed by the GPF Kenya in partnership with Chandaria Foundation model in Kenya.

These partnerships validate how environmental sustainability can become a platform for job creation, ethical entrepreneurship, and community resilience. By embedding shared values into environmental initiatives, environmental peacebuilding moves beyond conservation alone to foster trust, cooperation, and inclusive growth.

## Equipping a New Generation through GPCorps

At the heart of this transformation is the Global Peace Leadership Corps (GPCorps), which equips young leaders with character-

-based training, service learning, and practical project experience. Through GPCorps values training in Uganda, youth are not only learning



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environmental skills but also developing integrity, responsibility, and a commitment to the common good.

This leadership formation ensures that environmental initiatives are sustained by principled leaders capable of navigating complex social and economic challenges. It reflects GPF's broader commitment to national transformation through ethical leadership development across Africa.

### **Building Networks for Sustainable Impact**

The expanding network of partnerships in Uganda signals measurable growth in impact and resource mobilization. By aligning local social enterprises, international partners, diplomatic representatives, and faith communities under a shared environmental peacebuilding framework, GPF is strengthening the ecosystem necessary for long-term success.

Environmental peacebuilding in East Africa is becoming a practical engine for stability and growth. In Uganda, the Global Peace Foundation and its partners are demonstrating that environmental restoration, enterprise development, and character-based leadership can advance economic resilience and social cohesion at the same time. This is not a pilot idea. It is a scalable model showing that disciplined leadership, cross-sector collaboration, and environmental action together can drive measurable national transformation.

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# Inside Global Peace Foundation Malaysia's Community Transformation through Development and Service

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Orang Asli farmers holding their organic harvest

Across communities worldwide, the work of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) in development and service is

grounded in the understanding that peace is sustained not only through dialogue and cooperation, but also through inclusive development that addresses the root causes of vulnerability and inequality. By strengthening livelihoods, improving food security, and expanding economic opportunity, community-based initiatives help reduce marginalization and build the resilience necessary for stable and harmonious societies. This approach is evident in the work of Global Peace Foundation Malaysia, where innovative agricultural and community development initiatives are helping transform the lives of Indigenous Orang Asli communities in rural Malaysia.

### Development Gaps amid National Progress

Malaysia has experienced rapid economic development since gaining independence in 1957. Industrial expansion and commercialized agricultural production have contributed significantly to national growth. However, the benefits of this development have not been evenly distributed. Many rural communities, particularly

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the Orang Asli, the Indigenous peoples of Peninsular Malaysia, continue to face significant economic and social challenges. Poverty levels among the Orang Asli remain significantly higher than the national average, and limited access to economic opportunities, degraded farmland, and inadequate infrastructure have contributed to persistent cycles of vulnerability.

In response to these challenges, GPF Malaysia has partnered with local communities in Pahang state to develop community-led initiatives that build sustainable livelihoods while restoring the natural environment. Two flagship programs, the Moringa Free-Range Chicken Farming Initiative and the Orang Asli Syntropic Farming Initiative, demonstrate how development rooted in local ownership, ecological sustainability, and market access can create meaningful change.

### **Building Sustainable Livelihoods through the Moringa Free-Range Chicken Initiative**

The Moringa Free-Range Chicken Farming Initiative began in 2020 in the community of Muadzam Shah as a pilot effort designed to improve income and nutrition among Orang Asli households. While Malaysia’s poultry industry is one of the most advanced sectors of the national livestock economy, production is largely dominated by large commercial farms. As a result, rural and Indigenous communities often receive little direct benefit from the industry’s growth. The initiative sought to bridge this gap by enabling small-scale farmers to participate in the poultry value chain through a sustainable and community-driven model.



The program initially focused on building poultry coops and introducing breeding chicks to participating farmers. Over time, it evolved into a comprehensive supply chain system that includes feed production, processing, packaging, storage, and distribution. A distinctive feature of the initiative is the use of moringa leaves as supplementary chicken feed. Rich in essential nutrients such as vitamins A and C, calcium, and protein, moringa provides a natural and nutritious food source for the chickens while reducing reliance on commercial feed.

As the initiative matured, farmers were trained in essential skills such as poultry health management, disease prevention, and the use of mobile and

... disease prevention, and the use of mobile and internet-based monitoring tools to improve farm management. The program also established a Halal-certified slaughterhouse and centralized packing system, ensuring that the chickens could be processed, vacuum-packed, frozen, and distributed efficiently to markets.

### **Expanding Opportunity and Community Impact**

The results have been significant. What began with an initial group of 30 Indigenous farmers has grown steadily, reaching 60 farmers by 2025. This reflects both growing confidence among the communities and increasing demand for healthy, antibiotic-free poultry. The initiative has created the “Moringa Chicken” brand, emphasizing the chickens’ natural, free-range production and their origins within Orang Asli communities.

Beyond market success, the initiative has had a profound social impact. Farmers participating in the program have experienced an estimated increase of RM600 in monthly income, improving financial stability for many rural households. With an average household size of five individuals, the initiative now benefits approximately 300 community members. Youth participation has opened pathways for skill development and entrepreneurship, while women’s involvement has strengthened inclusive economic opportunities, with nearly half of participating farmers being female.

### **Restoring Land and Livelihoods through Syntropic Farming**

While the poultry initiative addresses income generation and nutrition, the Orang Asli Syntropic Farming Initiative focuses on restoring degraded land while improving food security. Implemented by GPF Malaysia since 2022 in villages around Bandar Muadzam Shah, the initiative introduces syntropic agroforestry, a regenerative farming method that mimics natural forest ecosystems to rebuild soil health and biodiversity.



Orang Asli farmers learning about syntropic farming at A Little Wild, Kota Tinggi

Many Orang Asli communities possess land but struggle to grow crops due to soil degradation caused by unsustainable farming practices and environmental change. The syntropic farming initiative addresses this challenge by teaching farmers ecological techniques that regenerate the soil while increasing crop productivity. Through continuous training and hands-on support, farmers

learn methods such as stratified planting, mulching, pruning, and carbon sequestration.

These practices allow a variety of crops to grow together in a layered system that enhances soil fertility while reducing the need for artificial fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation.

### **Regenerative Agriculture Transforming Communities**

Since its launch, the initiative has engaged communities across 21 villages and trained 126 farmers.

Together, they have

restored 36 acres of land through regenerative planting techniques. Remarkably, within seven months of implementation, previously infertile soil began supporting dense vegetation. Within a year, farmers began harvesting improved crop yields that support both household consumption and local markets.

The initiative extends beyond crop production. Training in food processing has enabled farmers to add value to their harvests by producing items such as dried fruits, particularly bananas and pineapples. These products can be sold in local markets, creating additional income streams for families. At the same time, networks of syntropic farmers have emerged, encouraging peer learning and the sharing of knowledge about sustainable farming practices.

The transformation extends to environmental benefits as well. The regenerative approach improves soil quality, reduces pest damage, and enhances biodiversity. As farmers continue to adopt syntropic methods, degraded land is gradually restored into productive ecosystems that support both people and nature. This contributes not only to improved livelihoods but also to broader efforts to restore forests and biodiversity lost through unsustainable agricultural expansion.

### **Scaling Sustainable Community Development**

Looking ahead, both initiatives continue to scale and evolve. The Moringa Free-Range Chicken Farming Initiative aims to expand production capacity by increasing batch sizes per farmer, improving logistics through bulk transportation, and exploring dedicated cold-chain vehicles to reduce distribution costs. Plans are also underway to expand market access by partnering with high-end restaurants and resorts while reaching urban consumers who increasingly seek ethically produced, healthy food.

Meanwhile, the syntropic farming initiative seeks to expand regenerative agriculture across more



Orang Asli Amai proudly showing their harvested organic produce, which includes a variety of vegetables

Orang Asli communities. By scaling these sustainable practices, GPF Malaysia hopes to strengthen food security while restoring degraded ecosystems and building resilient rural economies.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate how community-led development can generate lasting impact when supported by the right training, resources, and market connections. By linking ecological restoration with economic opportunity, the work of the Global Peace Foundation empowers Orang Asli communities in rural Malaysia not only to overcome poverty but also to become stewards of their environment and architects of their own future, reflecting a broader vision that peace and prosperity grow strongest when communities are equipped with the knowledge, tools, and opportunity to thrive.

Interested in how similar initiatives are transforming communities elsewhere? Explore more development and service work from Global Peace Foundation around the world [here](#).

Discover more of [Global Peace Foundation Malaysia's initiatives](#) and see how sustainable development is transforming Orang Asli communities:

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# GPF Nepal Empowers Women and Students to Lead the Way in Building a Greener Kathmandu

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In January 2026, Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Nepal convened women, students, educators, and community partners across Kathmandu to cultivate sustainable living practices while strengthening families and community responsibility. This work builds on the foundation of the Green Homes: Green Kathmandu initiative, first launched in January 2023 in collaboration with Kathmandu Metropolitan City Wards 5 and 15 to confront the capital’s mounting environmental challenges of poor waste management, water and air pollution, and limited access to sustainable agriculture.

Since its inception, the Green Homes project has aimed to empower households to become eco-friendly, self-sustaining units through practical, community-based trainings, from rooftop gardening and rainwater harvesting to upcycling plastic waste, eco-friendly soap and sanitary pad production, and solid waste management. Over the years, these efforts have not only reduced environmental risk and expanded sustainable household practices but also supported health, income generation, and resilience among participating families.



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and WASH (Project Sparsha), the January 2026 program reached 102 participants and demonstrated how practical skills, rooted in shared values and community engagement, can drive lasting environmental and social transformation. Women from Kathmandu Metropolitan City Ward 15 gathered for a three-day training focused on transforming waste into opportunity. Items typically discarded, particularly milk plastics, were repurposed into hats, frocks, fish decorations, bags, and bath sponges. What began as a lesson in recycling quickly evolved into a lesson in creativity, dignity, and income potential. By the end of the training, 65 percent of surveyed participants were able to independently produce all the upcycled products taught.

Soniya Maharjan, one of the participants, captured the spirit of the experience: “Through this training on making upcycling products, I learned that the milk plastics we throw away every day can be reused to create useful items for daily life. I am also excited that this skill can help us earn some income by selling these upcycled products.”

The program continued in Ward 5 with a three-day rooftop farming and hydroponics training. Participants learned how to prepare soil mixtures, cultivate seedlings, manage crop diseases, and produce improved Bokashi and biofertilizers. A field visit to a hydroponics site offered hands-on exposure to innovative, space-efficient farming methods suitable for urban households. For many, it was the first time seeing hydroponics in practice.

Suchita Shrestha reflected on the transformation in her understanding: “Through this



Participants at the rooftop farming training

training, I gained valuable knowledge and practical skills in rooftop farming, including preparing soil mixtures, cultivating seeds, making improved Bokashi, using biofertilizers, and understanding hydroponics. I now understand how these techniques can help grow healthy plants efficiently, even in limited spaces. I am hopeful that I will be able to apply these skills at my home, which will allow me to grow my own vegetables and contribute to a greener environment.”

While women strengthened sustainable practices at home, students stepped forward as environmental champions through the Green School Initiative at Green Community Center.

school initiative at Sree Saraswati Secondary School in Changunarayan. Students participated in training sessions on rooftop farming and soil fertility, learning to prepare effective microorganisms and Bokashi compost. They later showcased their learning in a school exhibition featuring bin composting, vermicomposting, sanitary pad management, and upcycled products they had created themselves. Parents, teachers, and guests commended not only the technical knowledge displayed but also the students' clarity and confidence in presentation.

Hari Sundar Chuka, a guest at the exhibition, observed: "I appreciated their confidence and the practical knowledge they displayed in solid waste management and rooftop farming. Their ability to explain and demonstrate these concepts shows their understanding and active learning."



Students participating in the WASH oral hygiene presentation

The integration of environmental sustainability with personal health was further reinforced

d through WASH (Project Sparsha) at Advance Academy in Bode. Grade 6 students participated in an interactive session on oral hygiene, where they learned about tooth structure, common dental diseases, proper brushing techniques, and healthy eating habits. Aarushi Shrestha, a student participant, shared: "This was my second session of participating in the session of GPF Nepal. I really felt good. I learned about oral hygiene and caring about my teeth. I will always follow the learning from today and care for my oral hygiene management."

Ongoing monitoring and coordination with local wards will support participants as they implement these practices at home and in their communities. By equipping families and students with practical skills and shared responsibility, the initiatives lay a clear pathway toward measurable, community-led environmental improvement across Kathmandu.

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# GPF Kenya Advances Environmental Peacebuilding through High-Level Corporate Roundtable

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Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Kenya welcomed Global Peace Foundation International Vice

President for Strategic Partnerships, Mr. David Caprara, to its country office for high-level consultations aimed at strengthening ongoing environmental and youth-led initiatives. The visit brought together corporate representatives, education stakeholders, and development partners to accelerate the Million Tree Growing Campaign, which seeks to grow 45 million trees in alignment with the national ambition to reach 15 billion trees by 2032 and reinforce Kenya’s role as a leader in environmental peacebuilding through youth engagement.

Organized in collaboration with Chandaria Foundation and UNICAF, the Corporate Roundtable created a platform for representatives from Kenya Commercial Bank, KenGen, academic institutions, and Presidential Youth Fellows to identify practical partnerships that advance environmental sustainability and youth leadership. Participants explored ways to scale collective action around tree growing, community stewardship, and long-term development impact.

Opening the forum, GPF Africa Regional Representative and Kenya Country Director Mr.

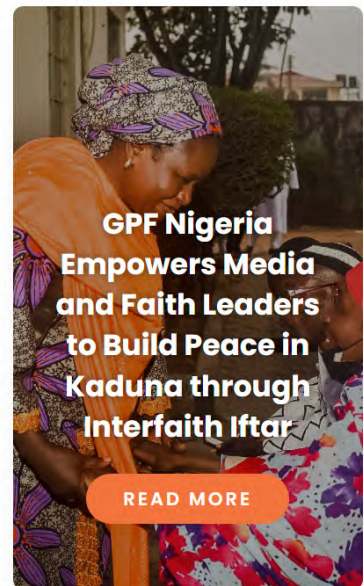


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Daniel Juma, alongside UNICAF Country Director Winnie Rachel, emphasized the value of cross-sector collaboration in addressing environmental challenges. Mr. Juma noted that the initiative is designed to unify partners around shared goals rather than isolated efforts. He stressed that lasting impact must be rooted in character formation, youth empowerment, and joint responsibility. “We are building a movement that goes beyond planting trees to nurturing leadership, discipline, and national unity,” he said. “This consortium allows us to pool strengths, scale impact, and ensure that trees planted today grow into lasting assets for communities.”

In his keynote remarks, Mr. Caprara praised Kenya’s progress and urged stakeholders to deepen and expand the environmental consortium formed through GPF partnerships. He described it as a model capable of transcending individual projects and contributing to a global framework for environmental stewardship and peacebuilding. Reflecting on GPF’s work following the 2007–2008 post-election period, he highlighted youth-led restoration efforts along the Nairobi River where communities collaborated across divisions to rehabilitate ecosystems and restore trust. With support from global partners, including Martin Luther King III, tree planting and restoration activities evolved into sustainable community-driven ecosystems.

To date, under the leadership of Chandaria Foundation and Global Peace Foundation, twenty tree nurseries have been established across 16 counties, increasing annual seedling production to two million, with each nursery producing 100,000 seedlings per year. These achievements build on Kenya’s strong environmental heritage, inspired by leaders such as Nobel Laureate Professor Wangari Maathai, whose advocacy continues to inspire institutions and young people to link environmental protection with peace and development.



Million Tree Growing Campaign Corporate Roundtable

A significant moment during the roundtable featured presentations from Alliance High School and Lenana School, showcasing how educational institutions are integrating tree nursery programs into their learning systems to contribute to national climate objectives. Caprara reiterated that environmental action is inseparable from leadership formation. He also highlighted the growing reach of the Global Peace Foundation

Presidential Fellowship and Global Peace Leadership Corps, which are mobilizing young leaders across the country to serve as environmental champions and community peacebuilders. Through these platforms, tree growing is evolving into a broader movement focused on responsibility, entrepreneurship, and national unity.



Million Tree Growing Campaign Corporate Roundtable

He further announced efforts to connect Kenya's environmental consortium to Global Peace Foundation's

broader international portfolio, linking similar initiatives across Asia, Latin America, and Africa. By engaging partners in global climate forums, including international summits such as COP17 in Mongolia, the Million Tree Growing Campaign is positioned as a flagship demonstration of how environmental restoration can advance peace and development. Caprara also honored industrialist and philanthropist Manu Chandaria for his lifelong commitment to service, noting that environmental initiatives create shared purpose. "Environmental action brings people together," he said. "It builds peace, strengthens communities, and creates a shared legacy."

The forum concluded with renewed commitment to sustain the consortium as a long-term initiative beyond 2030, aligned with global development priorities and Kenya's national vision. Through the Million Tree Growing Campaign, youth leadership programs, and strong institutional partnerships, GPF Kenya continues to advance collaborative solutions that restore ecosystems, empower young leaders, and promote lasting peace. Guided by its dedication to development service through environmental action, the Global Peace Foundation remains committed to initiatives that strengthen communities and create sustainable impact for future generations.

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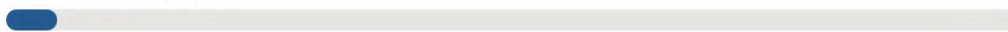
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- Global Recognition and Visibility
- Carbon Sequestration and Carbon Storage Calculation
- Photo sharing every year for Each Tree Planted

## Why Mongolia?

Mongolia is at the frontlines of environmental degradation—but also holds the key to regional climate and environmental leadership.

- The country loses 60,000 hectares of forest annually.
- Over 70% of land is affected by desertification.
- Dust storms originating here impact Korea, Japan, and beyond.

Yet, Mongolia is also becoming a bridge nation—welcoming youth from Russia, Japan, and even representatives of the North Korean community to plant seeds of peace.

## Youth: Planting the Future

Meet some of the amazing youth behind the campaign:



Enkhjin Bayartsogt, a My Club Volunteer from Ulaanbaatar, partnered with North Korean Participants and is mobilising students to plant hundreds of trees.



Jihey Kim, a South Korean student, visited Mongolia during the Mongolia Forum and planted trees alongside participants from 10 other nations.



Kier Aventurado, a GPCorps member from the Philippines, witnessed the green diplomacy and environmental action during his recent engagement in tree planting.

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*They aren't just planting trees—they're building a network of environmental peacebuilders.*

## Join the Movement

Your tree is a message. A gesture. A promise of peace.

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- Get your community involved

*"In planting this tree, I believe I am healing a land, uniting nations, and securing the future."*



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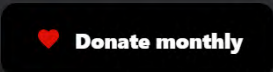
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