

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## DREAM ALIVE FOUNDATION RWANDA (DAFRWA)

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### 1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

The programme is envisaged to serve Western part of Rwanda (Bugesera District ) in the sector of Gashora for two main reasons. Firstly, it is home of 479 624 population. Therefore, the two most important reasons are;

1. To empower communities and the youth to create a safer, healthier, cleaner, and greener environment.
2. To alleviate poverty through building, strengthening, and empowering the communities to produce adequate amounts of food without destroying the environment

### 1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

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Human and community survival is inextricably linked to the natural environment in many ways. But, human activities in Rwanda and most especially the Western part of the country is probably responsible for the degenerating level of the natural habitat and the general environment.

This has encouraged drastic felling of trees and loss of green cover and subsequently resulted into uncontrolled erosion and desertification. Additionally, from the end of the Genocide against the Tutsi in the region is partially responsible for the high level of poverty and hunger experienced by these communities.

This in effect has resulted into extreme cutting down of trees for both firewood and commercial purpose as seen in the increased trading of Charcoal and timber. Thus, exacerbating the level greenhouse gases in the atmosphere as the green cover is reduced. Further, the displacement of these communities during the war also accounts for the low level of education often demonstrated in poor agricultural practices such as bush burning, deforestation and excessive use of fertilizers.

These communities show demonstrable lack of awareness and information on the agricultural scientific inventions as well as the dangers elicited by the use of agricultural chemicals on both the agricultural products and the environment. This is responsible for adverse health effects such as disruption of the hormone, nervous and immune systems. We acknowledge that some of these activities are undertaken due to extreme poverty that leaves these communities with no alternative options. As such we take a deliberate and a more action-oriented approach with the youth and the communities to remedy these challenges.

Our approach seeks to inform, sensitize and empower the youth and the general population on the practical and context-specific sustainable mechanisms of food production and environmental management. Therefore, through our partnership, we hope to improve this situation by raising communities' and youths' awareness and understanding of their responsibility towards themselves, the ecosystem and the future generations.

#### JUSTIFICATION

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We believe that active youth and community engagement and empowerment will not only stimulate productivity and environmental protection but will most importantly preserve the natural environment for generations to come.

We also believe that the empowerment initiatives will deepen the understanding of both the youth and the general population on how to sustainably use the available natural resources such as water and soil without straining it or depleting it.

We believe that active involvement of the population in activities such as tree planting and waste disposal will enhance community ownership and make it self-sustaining.

#### EXPECTED OUTPUT;

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We hope to organize quarterly (4) workshops for community members and leaders on sustainable farming and climate change adaptation.

We hope to plant 25,000 tree species in different sectors of Gashora District and schools. This will include both fruit trees and other tree species to improve the green cover as well as mitigate the level carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas) in the atmosphere.

We will train and encourage farmers to uphold agroforestry as a way restoring the lost forest cover. This will ensure sustained provision of wood products without damaging the natural habitat.

We generally believe that this approach will create a safe, clean and healthier environment and atmosphere. Improved food productivity due to a well-maintained soil fertility. We hope to increase food production by at least 10% and encourage farmers to diversify crop variety. Increased nutrition and food production will pave way for sale of surplus and therefore increasing the household income levels hence reduced poverty. This will create a generation of enlightened citizens and future leaders hence sustainable development will be realized.

### **1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?**

F - Sustainable development

### **1.4 Which country is the project based in?**

Rwanda (RW)

### **1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?**

Yes

### **1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended**

Sensitisation and involvement of both the youth and community members in tree planting and general environmental protection will provide room for checks and balances. But most importantly, the youth as the custodian of the future will make informed choices which will protect the environment

### **1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?**

Continuous engagement with the farmers will enable smooth transition to sustainable practices. These regular visits will provide guidance, advice and motivation to the farmers. These will also boost the community members in coming up with varied sustainable livelihood initiatives. This follow-up exercise will open new ground for demonstration farm visits by different community farmers' groups and substantially enhance the sharing of best practices.

## **2.1 Expenditure**

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
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Follow-up of farmers	£500	There is need to give technical support to farmers
Sensitization and awareness creation	£750	For Communities especially farmers and environmental protection school clubs
Training of farmers and School clubs patrons	£1,450	training session support (Communication, transport etc)
Seed bed preparation & Tree planting	£1,250	Seedling distribution to farmers and school clubs
Monitoring & Evaluation	£500	stationary and printing
TOTALS	£4,450	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
DREAM ALIVE FOUNDATION RWANDA	£330	£250	Organization members contribution have raised 250 GBP
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£330	£250	

## 2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£4,120

## 2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

No

## 2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£14,250

## 2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

### 2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2021/10/DREAM-ALIVE-FOUNDATION-AUDIT-REPORT-2019-2020-XZ.pdf>

## 2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

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## 3.1 Your name

GAKUMBA MUSANGE JOHN

## 3.2 Your contact telephone number

(+250) 788610380

## 3.3 Your position within the organisation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**3.4 Your email address**

[dreamalive17@gmail.com](mailto:dreamalive17@gmail.com)

**3.5 Organisation name**

DREAM ALIVE FOUNDATION RWANDA (DAFRWA)

**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

NGO

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

1. To enhance and expand social protection of vulnerable groups in Rwanda in order to promote increased social and economic opportunity for all.

2. To promote sustainable agriculture systems for guaranteed adequate food production and agribusiness.

3. To promote and expand access to education and vocational skills for vulnerable children and youths as a basis for improved economic opportunity and self-sustainability”.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

N/A

**3.9 UK telephone number**

N/A

**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

N/A

**3.11 Year established**

2017

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

N/A

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

[@DREAMALIVE@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/DREAMALIVE)

**4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?**

Internet

Other

**4.1b Other**

<https://www.bond.org.uk/hubs/funding-opportunities#october>