



HOYWIK, Kenya

Greening Rachuonyo, Homa Bay County

Background

Humanity for Orphans, Youth and Widows Initiatives Kenya (HOYWIK) supports vulnerable families and communities to build a healthier, more sustainable future. Its Rural Community Green Initiatives Conservation Project works in Rachuonyo, a remote rural area near Oyugis in Homa Bay County, where deforestation, soil degradation and water scarcity put pressure on land and livelihoods. Running from August to December 2025 across a catchment of around 50 square kilometres, the project received a Global Landcare small grant of AUD \$1,000 (KES 79,817).

Solutions

The project brought together four strands of work: planting native and fruit trees, community education on waste management and water conservation, practical training for smallholder farmers, and rainwater harvesting. Monitoring and community feedback sessions helped the team track progress and keep everyone involved.

Planting for the Future

500 native tree seedlings, including acacia, grevillea and croton, were planted across the project area. A further 200 mango and avocado seedlings were added to boost food security.



Learning Together

Community sessions focused on waste management and water conservation, while workshops gave smallholder farmers new skills in sustainable agriculture. Around 200 school pupils took part.



Every Drop Counts

Rainwater harvesting systems were installed and pamphlets on water-saving techniques were shared, helping households make the most of a precious resource.



Moving Forward

The project directly reached around 200 school pupils, 50 smallholder farmers, 100 households, 30 local youth and 15 community groups. By combining trees, training and water conservation, HOYWIK has planted the seeds of a greener, more resilient community, where people of all ages share in caring for the land and the benefits it brings.



200 Pupils



500 Trees



200 Seedlings