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KAYA MAWA AND THE GREEN SAFARIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Next to operating Kaya Mawa, our Foundation supports a variety of projects. In everything we do, we aim to do it with the environment in mind. Sustainable building, eco-farming, education and creating jobs all with the smallest carbon footprint, minimal environmental impact, and maximum social benefits. During your visit to Kaya Mawa, we are proud to inform you on these projects and if you like to travel with a purpose, engage you even more!

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During your visit to Kaya Mawa lodge, you might have noticed that the lodge is run sustainably. Designed to operate 100% on solar power, we run electric Mountain Bikes and we will soon be introducing an eBoat for silent cruising on the lake!

Deforestation is a real and current concern. With the population on Likoma Island growing and in constant need of firewood and building resources, the **Likoma Reforestation project** seeks to reforest Likoma Island. The project aims to reduce the negative impacts of deforestation, such as erosion and soil run off, through community managed tree nurseries. In 2021 24.000 new trees will be planted, benefiting each of the 12 villages on Likoma. Once fully grown, this will transform arid land into fertile land, provide local villages with the firewood they need for cooking and heating, along with nutritious harvest from fruit and nut bearing trees.

The **Clean Up Likoma** program responds to the proliferation of single use plastics on the island and beyond. This is done through awareness raising about pollution, waste management infrastructure support, and village clean-up drives. Our Clean Team visits churches and schools in local villages to share information about the problem and find community-led solutions. One such initiative has been turning plastic bottles into 'ecobricks', which are used for building and income generation.



Education

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Education is at the heart of our programmes on Likoma Island. We support five nursery schools with employment of teachers and nutritious feeding programmes.

The Foundation assists in improving or adding infrastructure where possible. High achieving and students in need from the island, have continued to be sponsored throughout their secondary schooling, and in some cases onto university. Many of the stipends provided to students are co-sponsored by guests visiting Kaya Mawa. Together with donations from guests at the lodge, we have assisted over 100 students to attend secondary school during 2020, improving access to education, empowering youth, improving health, and promoting personal growth. Five students have continued to receive sponsorship for university studies, also generously funded by guests. On completion of studies, the students have agreed to return to Likoma Island to serve their community.

On any school day, the schools welcome guests of the lodge to see how much they are achieving for education in Likoma. Just let us know in advance, and one of the proud teachers will show you around.

Community Development

In 2020 we started supporting the **Empowering Young Mothers program** on Likoma Island. The program provides well needed training to young mothers, to become self aware on all kinds of topics and actually helps them to setup their own business with active coaching and financing. In 2021 we expect to assist 2 of them to startup a variety of small businesses.

The Kaya community-garden runs with the intention to provide fresh organic local produce as well as chicken and eggs for both the lodge (from farm to table) and the local communities. Next to create self-sustainable jobs and encourage alternative agriculture and chemical free farming.

Guests are invited to visit the garden, help out with planting and chat with the ladies who work intimately with the land.

Want to contribute?

Upon your arrival at Kaya Mawa, you have been handed out a durable water-bottle, as we want to avoid the use of single-use plastics. Should you decide to keep the bottle when you leave, you might appreciate that we charge 10 USD of which all proceeds are entirely dedicated to the abovementioned projects.

If you feel inclined to support our endeavours to empower the local communities and safeguard our surrounding nature even more, please donate to the Green Safaris Foundation Fund, as follows:

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If you want us to use the funds for something specific, be sure to mention this and we will direct your funds.

Warm regards,

The Kaya team and the Green Safaris Conservation Foundation Team