



ONGATA FOUNDATION

Custodians of Heritage. Stewards of the Future.

📍 Takawiri Island, Homa Bay County, Kenya

Funding Request

\$35,000 - 70,000



Most NGOs Have Projects. We Have Territory.

Ongata Foundation operates through a defined island territory with deep historical roots, integrated control systems, and multi-generational continuity.

100+

Years Heritage

1

Island

Traditional NGO vs. Contained Ecosystem Case

 **Traditional NGO**

LIMITED

- ✗ **Borrowed space:**
Limited environment control
- ✗ **Fragmented control:**
Competing stakeholder priorities
- ✗ **Short timelines:**
1-3 year horizons
- ✗ **Difficult attribution:**
Unclear Impact measurement

 **Ongata Foundation**

SUPERIOR

- ✓ **Owned territory:**
Complete Implementation control
- ✓ **Integrated system:**
Unified foundation governance
- ✓ **Multi-generational:**
Long-term historical continuity
- ✓ **Clear measurability:**
Direct Impact tracking

 **Clear Attribution**

 **Measurable Impact**

 **Replicable Model**

 **Sustainable Growth**



 Traditional NGOs
Project-based approach

-  **Borrowed space:** Temporary external interventions
-  **Fragmented control:** Competing priorities
-  **Short timelines:** Limited funding cycles
-  **Difficult attribution:** Hard to measure

 Ongata Foundation
Contained ecosystem

-  **Owned territory:** 100+ years on Takawiri
-  **Integrated control:** Unified 3-pillar system
-  **Multi-generational:** Long-term continuity
-  **Clear measurability:** Direct cause-effect tracking

100+
Years of Lineage

3
Integrated Systems

1
Contained Ecosystem

2,000+
Residents

Our Integrated Solution

Three interconnected pillars for sustainable development



A place-based, integrated model rooted in local ownership, combining three pillars for lasting impact on Takawiri Island.



01

Women-Led Agriculture

Scalable, regenerative farm generating income for women and improving household nutrition.

- ✓ Regenerative farming
- ✓ Income for 10-20 women
- ✓ Improved household nutrition

🌀 Agriculture → Health



02

Community Health & Food

Directly linking agriculture to health outcomes by supporting immunocompromised residents with nutritious food.

- ✓ Farm-to-health connection
- ✓ Immunocompromised support
- ✓ Stronger household resilience

🌀 Health → Resilience



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Digital & Knowledge Platform

Documenting impact to enable global partnerships and establish Takawiri as a replicable model.

- ✓ Impact documentation
- ✓ Global partnerships
- ✓ Replicable model

🌀 Knowledge → Scale

💡 **Integrated Approach:** Each pillar strengthens the others, creating a sustainable ecosystem for community development.

Pillar 1: Women-Led Agriculture

Ongata Farm - Scalable regenerative farming



Ongata Farm - Scalable regenerative agriculture

10-20

Women to Train

100%

Local Ownership

6 Months

Pilot Duration

Photo: Local women from Taliaaviri Island visiting Ongata Foundation Farm © Ongata Foundation

Women-Led Agriculture (Ongata Farm)

Establishing a scalable, regenerative farm aligned to Island ecology, creating reliable income and food security for local women while improving nutrition for vulnerable households.

- ✓ **Scalable Regenerative Farming:** Farm Infrastructure designed for long-term sustainability and ecological balance
- ✓ **Women's Training Program:** Train and onboard 10-20 local women in sustainable agriculture practices
- ✓ **Income Generation:** Enable reliable income through market-linked production and sales
- ✓ **Nutrition Improvement:** Provide nutrient-dense crops to improve household nutrition



Expected Impact: 10-20 women generating sustainable income within 6 months



Community Health & Food Systems

Linking **farm outputs** directly to **health outcomes** to support vulnerable households with consistent, nutritious food.

- ✓ **Farm-to-Health Link:** Direct agricultural connection
- ✓ **Targeted Support:** For Immunocompromised residents
- ✓ **Household Resilience:** Consistent nutritious food
- ✓ **Health Monitoring:** Tracking key indicators

✓ **Expected Impact:** Improved health outcomes for vulnerable households within 6 months



100%

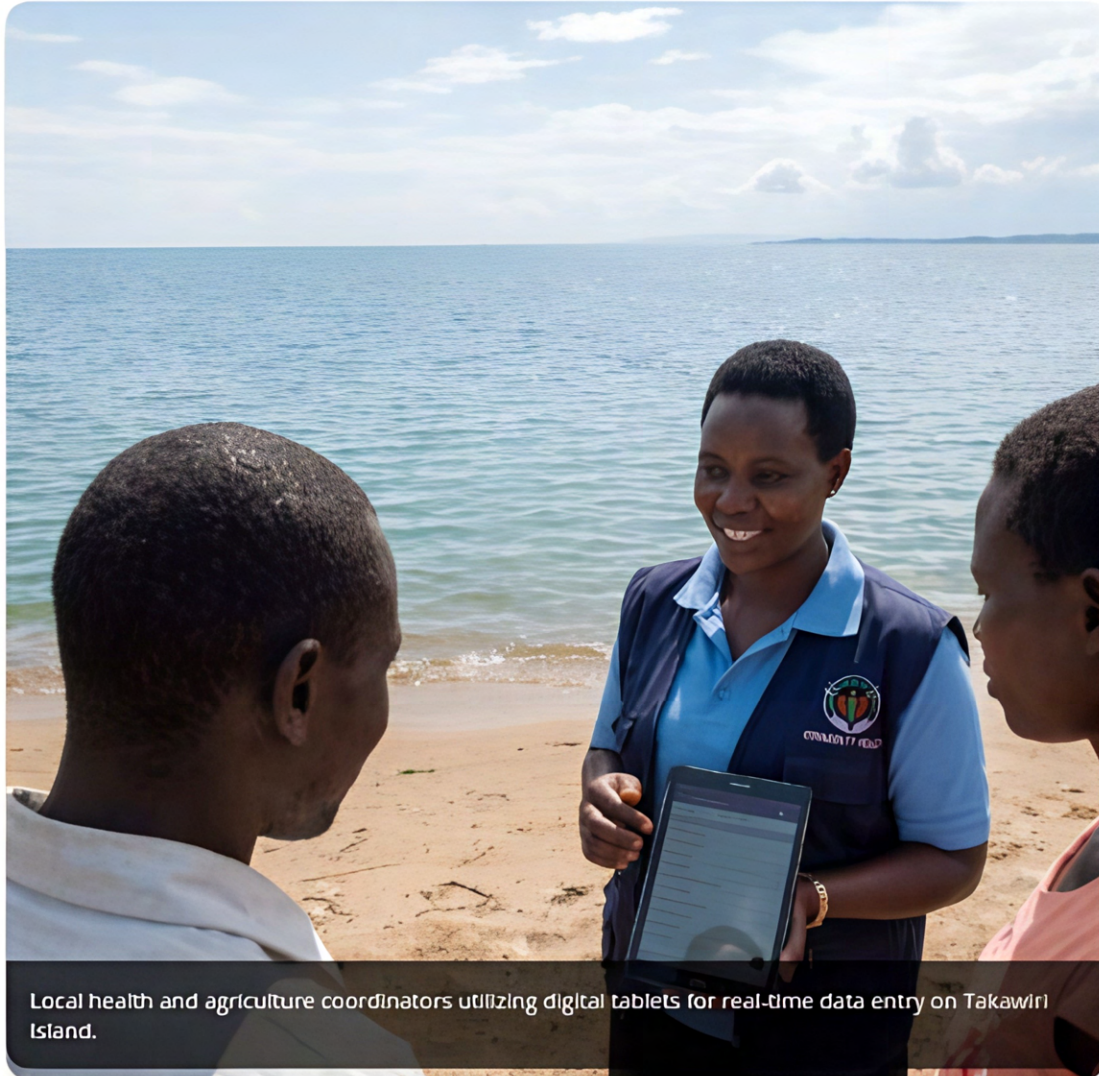
Local Impact

6 Months

Pilot Duration

200+

Households



Local health and agriculture coordinators utilizing digital tablets for real-time data entry on Takawiri Island.

Data-Driven Impact & Transparency

Our digital infrastructure ensures every outcome is tracked, validated, and accessible—turning grassroots local actions into globally verifiable and replicable data.

- ✓ **Cloud-Based Data Validation:** community health metrics and ecosystem changes for complete accuracy.
- ✓ **Real-Time Monitoring:** partnering sources of household nutrition indicators and farming output enabling real-time data visualization and reporting.
- ✓ **Transparent Reporting:** documented impact dashboard to provide our global partners and donors with QDA-validated, up-to-date progress reports and force-measurable.
- ✓ **Digital Literacy Integration:** Empowering Takawiri residents by providing them access to digital tools and literacy training to go on to local partnerships.



100+

Years of Heritage

2,000+

Island Residents

100%

Local Ownership

Photo: Family heritage from 1940s © Ongata Foundation Archive

Why Ongata Foundation

"Mr. Ongata was Takawiri's first settler, arriving over 100 years ago. Today, he rests buried on the Island on the Ongata family's land - the same land that was home to Takawiri's first settlers when Mr. Ongata lived."

- ✓ **Multi-generational Heritage:** 100+ years of deep community roots
- ✓ **Geographic Ecosystem:** Defined Island territory for place-based solutions
- ✓ **Integrated System:** Unified model of heritage, agriculture, & development
- ✓ **Replicable Model:** Scalable blueprint for East African rural development
- 💡 **Unique Value:** Place-based development with 100% local ownership



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TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Pilot Phase: 0-6 Months
Implementation & Documentation

 Fund Allocation Breakdown

 Farm Infrastructure Setup	\$17,000
 Training 10-20 Women	\$11,000
 Pilot Production Cycles	\$6,500
 Documentation & Reporting	\$5,500

 Key Deliverables

-  Establish initial farm infrastructure
-  Train and onboard 10-20 local women
-  Launch pilot food production cycles
-  Document outcomes (data, video, reporting)



6-Month Implementation Timeline



Measurable Success Metrics

10-20

Women trained & earning income

50+

Households with improved nutrition

100%

Data collection & reporting



6-Month Pilot Results

Measurable Impact & growth pathway

Scale Strategy

Partnership-driven expansion



6-Month Pilot Outcomes

Income Generation: 10-20 local women

Food Security: Access to nutrition for families

Operational Farm: Sustainable practices platform

Measurable Impact: Track & validate data

Scalable Model: Ready for expansion

10-20

Women Trained

50+

Households

100%

Data Coverage



Partnership Network



Homa Bay County Government

Government Partner

Takawiri = Pilot. County = Scale.

Scale Pathway

Pilot -- Validation -- Partnership -- Scale -- Long-term



Ready to Make a Difference?

Pilot Funding Request: \$35,000 - \$70,000



Schedule a Call

Set up time to discuss our approach and impact



Review Proposal

Request our detailed project proposal



Site Visit

Experience Takawiri firsthand with our team



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"Takawiri Island is not a theoretical project. It is a real place, with real people, ready for structured transformation."



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Preserving the Biodiversity of Takawiri Island



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