



Dalberg Implement

*The Year That Was*  
**AND THE YEAR  
TO COME**

→ Join us as we reflect on the growth and success we experienced in 2023, as well as the aspirations we hold for 2024 ←



# FROM OUR PARTNERS



**STEVE KISAKYE**  
**PARTNER & MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**From climate change** and negatively impacted health and food systems to disrupted livelihoods due to global conflicts, the world continues to face numerous challenges.

**Nonetheless, Africa and the entire global south continue to display resilience and renaissance**, increasingly taking the posture of a vanguard and not a victim. My most memorable moments in 2023 have centered on taking pause and reflecting on the tangible, continuous impact that the projects we've worked on continue to deliver over time. On one visit to the DRC, I had a chance to speak to several stakeholders about our work to improve the TVET system. It was heartwarming to hear how our implementation-focused work—particularly in mobilizing ecosystem actors to increase access to jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities—were timely and helpful in preparing youth for the unpredictable labor market.

**Coming off the heels of 2023**, we are proud to have been an integral part of ideating and supporting the delivery of the impactful initiatives shared in this newsletter. I am grateful to all our funders and partners for their gracious support in enabling this work and to the entire Dalberg Implement team (that I'm very proud to be part of) for their tireless efforts in tackling the world's pressing challenges each day.

**As 2024 progresses**, we're looking forward to furthering our individual and collective focus on achieving a more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable world. We're truly grateful for your support as we continue to bring strategy to life!

*-Steve*



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## WINNIE WAMBUGU PARTNER

**As someone wise once said**—"the best big idea is only going to be as good as its implementation".

**In a world where brilliant ideas are not in short supply**, it is imperative to have people who know how to bring those ideas to life. At Dalberg Implement, we have painstakingly built a team of seasoned professionals who understand and appreciate the rigor of long-term implementation, balancing that with continuous stakeholder engagement.

**Over the past year**, we are proud to have overseen the successful implementation of numerous projects across sectors and geographies, while delivering on time and on budget. Thank you for banking on us!

**As we look to 2024**, despite, or maybe because of the challenges the global economy is facing, our focus will be to deliver even more value to our partners and clients by increasing our capacity and leveraging the benefits of technology, specifically A.I. Our team is excited to partner with you to bring those big ideas and big bets to life as we strive to leave this world just a little better than we found it.

**Here's to an amazing 2024!**

*-Winnie*



# 2023: THE YEAR THAT WAS

## Projects and Sectors Snapshot: Creating Impact Through Systems Change



### ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

We provided organizational capacity-strengthening support to LEGO Foundation's partner, Zizi Afrique, specifically in knowledge management, MEL, and leadership support.



### CIRCULAR ECONOMY

We continue to run the secretariat for the Africa Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA) to spur Africa's transition to a fully-fledged circular economy through business scaling, policy development, and advocacy.



### AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

We worked with ILRI to help the Tanzania Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries profile and secure investment opportunities at the 2023 Africa Food Systems Forum, the Africa Climate Summit, and COP28.

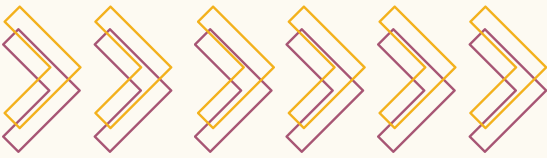


### EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT

We furthered our work with the Caterpillar Foundation to design and implement TVET support programs in the DRC and Côte D'Ivoire to address skills gaps amongst youth and foster industry connections.







"I truly appreciate the exceptional partnership we had with Dalberg Implement. The team have exceeded my expectations in so many ways. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work – your 'can do' attitude is quite admirable."

**Cynthia Mugo,  
Policy & Engagement Stakeholder Advisor for ILRI**



## **AFRICA FOOD SYSTEMS FORUM 2023**

Recover, Regenerate, Act:  
Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation





# 2024: UP & COMING WORK

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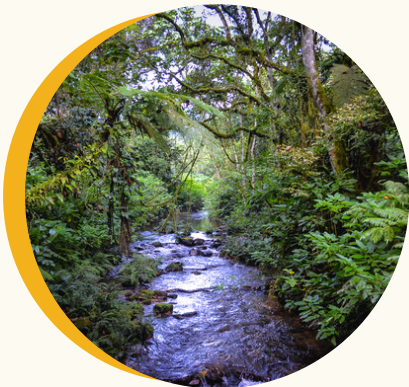
### INCLUSIVE FINANCE

Together with our colleagues in Advisory and Design, we are working with the World Bank and CGAP in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to increase rural women’s use of gender transformative technologies and financial services to enable increases in agricultural production, incomes, and resilient livelihoods.



### PUBLIC HEALTH

In collaboration with the Nairobi County Government and in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we have teamed up with our Advisory and Data colleagues to improve health services delivery and patient experience across the entire continuum of care.



### BIODIVERSITY EFFORTS

We have partnered with various organizations to form the Biodiversity Investments— Researcher & Accelerator (BIRA) initiative to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem measurements while cultivating a robust pipeline of nature-based solutions for increased conservation investments in Africa.



### EDUCATION INNOVATION

We are continuing our work with the Hempel Foundation to unlock public financing through the Elimu-Soko initiative to support private-sector innovations in Africa’s education sector and build capacity for lower primary school teachers in Rwanda and Zanzibar.





### PEOPLE GROWTH:

Last year, we added three new  
Implementers to our team



**Christina Songalimi**, our new  
Finance Associate with  
extensive experience in  
banking and finance admin



**Faith Mwachinga-Muthuri**, our  
new Program Manager heading  
new inclusive finance and  
health services delivery projects



**Malik Nkoba**, our new Senior  
Program Officer supporting our  
agricultural program work with  
AGRA and the Tanzania gov't

### PARTNERSHIP GROWTH:

We expanded our partner networks across various sectors through increased involvement in shared platforms, workshops, and conferences with partners such as ILRI, AGRA, the LEGO Foundation, Netflix, KawiSafi Ventures, the Caterpillar Foundation, UNICEF, the World Bank, AfDB, Africa CDC, APHF, Hempel Foundation, BMGF, UNEP, Gates Ag One, and many others.



## REGIONAL SECTOR EXPERTISE:

We've pursued a number of projects in a variety of sectors across the African continent, ultimately growing our multisector portfolio and expanding our impact areas





# 2024: THE YEAR TO COME

Hear from some of our Implementers about their aspirations for the new year



**Faith Mwachinga-Muthuri, Program Manager:**

"In 2024, I'm looking forward to supporting our clients, partners and development stakeholders to realize greater impact in health and women's economic empowerment by strengthening local capacity and more effectively applying transformative systems change approaches."

**Tracy Busanga, Program Officer**

"I'm looking forward to witnessing the progress of TVET that will shape tomorrow's workforce. I'm excited to be part of the journey, giving young people the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in a fast-moving world."



**Skeeter Godwins, Program Officer**

"I'm looking forward to diversifying our portfolio of work and broadening our expertise in owning and shaping climate action on the continent, as well as deepening our client relationships."



THIS NEXT YEAR IS FULL OF PROMISE  
AND WE'RE EXCITED TO GROW OUR  
RELATIONSHIPS AND EXPERTISE TO  
BUILD ON THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT  
WE'VE CULTIVATED SO FAR!





**"The greatest strategy is doomed if  
it is implemented badly."**

**-Bernhard Riemann**

# **Dalberg** Implement

**Bringing strategy to life**

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