Mazingira Day 2026: Event Report

Operation Ondoa Takataka · Gatundu Edition 2026 · Summary

DATE	10 October 2026	TURNOUT	110 attendees and volunteers
LOCATION	Gatundu Town, Gatundu South Sub-County, Kiambu County	THEME	Green Gatundu for Future Generations
ORGANIZERS	Thimo Ciitu Youth Group; Kenya Scouts Association – Sunbird Rovers Crew	PILLARS	CLEAN · GREEN · GIVE

1. OVERVIEW

Thimo Ciitu Youth Group, with the Kenya Scouts Association – Sunbird Rovers Crew, held a community-led environmental, health and charity campaign in Gatundu Town. It combined tree planting, a clean-up with waste recovery, digital mapping, a free medical camp and a Children's Home outreach, and drew **110 attendees and volunteers**. The Gatundu Sub-County DCC, OCPD, OCS and NGAO members attended.

Objectives: conservation, public cleanliness, waste separation and recycling, environmental data collection, community health, charitable outreach, stakeholder collaboration and long-term monitoring.

2. RESULTS AT A GLANCE

PILLAR	OUTPUT	RESULT
Green	Trees planted	**200+** (Pine, Cypress, Thika Palm) at Gatundu Police Station
Green	Tree mapping	Mapped on ChatMap; three-month survival review planned
Clean	General waste	**16+ bags** collected and properly disposed of
Clean	Recyclable plastics	**2 bags** handed to local waste sorters
Clean	Litter hotspots mapped	**3**: near Gatundu Law Courts, the Post Office and Gatundu Hospital
Health	Free medical desk	**8+ visits**, facilitated by Equity Afya Gatundu Branch
Give	Gatundu Children's Home	Cooking foodstuffs and personal hygiene items donated
Other	Institutional environmental mapping	Ongoing: Police Station, KMTC Gatundu and Mutunguru campuses

3. ACTIVITIES

- **Green:** trees planted at Gatundu Police Station and mapped on ChatMap. A review at three months will assess survival, replacement and maintenance needs (watering, protection), using the mapped locations.
- **Clean:** mixed waste (general waste, plastic and glass bottles) was collected and separated into general and recyclable streams. Illegal dumping was observed near drainage channels.
- **Health:** free medical desk run by Equity Afya Gatundu Branch, linking environmental conditions and public health.
- **Give:** donations delivered to Gatundu Children's Home from partners and well-wishers.

4. PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

PARTNER	CONTRIBUTION
Kenya Forest Service	Conservation and tree-planting collaboration
Gatundu Water & Sanitation Co. (GATWASCO)	In-kind support
Clarion School of Innovation & Technology	Refreshments and branded merchandise
Pure Plant Organics	Two bags of soil amender
Safety Watch Innovations Ltd	Partnership on environmental responsibility, safety and attendance tracking
Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC)	Stakeholder in ongoing environmental mapping
Equity Afya Gatundu Branch	Free medical camp
Local waste sorters	Received recyclable plastics for recycling

Funding: contributions from group members and well-wishers, plus the in-kind support above. In-kind values are still “to be confirmed” and no consolidated income and expenditure statement has been issued yet.

5. KEY FINDINGS

- **Waste:** improper disposal persists in Gatundu Town. Clean-ups give temporary relief unless paired with source-level measures: education, accessible collection, recycling and enforcement.
- **Drainage risk:** dumping near drainage channels can block stormwater flow. With El Niño rains anticipated, the mapped hotspots need prioritised follow-up.
- **Digital mapping:** ChatMap records give a baseline for monitoring both trees and hotspots.
- **Trees:** 70+ planted is an output; value depends on survival and care over time.
- **Model:** combining conservation, health, charity and government participation broadened turnout and partner involvement.

6. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

ACTION	DETAIL
Tree monitoring review	Three months after planting: record survival, condition and replacements; share a brief report with partners.
Hotspot follow-up	Keep a monitoring register (location, photos, waste types, drainage proximity, status); share findings with county departments.
Complete mapping	Finish institutional mapping at the Police Station and KMTC campuses; document concerns and corrective actions.
Better data	Weigh waste by category; record unique medical beneficiaries (with confidentiality); keep a donation register.
Financial reporting	Reconcile cash and in-kind contributions; issue a consolidated income and expenditure statement.

ACTION	DETAIL
Waste and awareness	Expand segregation and recycling partnerships; run community awareness on disposal and drainage protection.
Sustained programme	Define objectives, budget, indicators and partner roles to support funding applications.

7. SDG ALIGNMENT

SDG 3 (health), 11 (sustainable cities), 12 (responsible consumption), 13 (climate action), 15 (life on land) and 17 (partnerships). This reflects local-level contribution only, not achievement of national or global targets.

Supporting records (photos, attendance register, ChatMap tree record, waste, donation and partner registers, financial statement) are to accompany the full report.