

Environmental restoration and Peacebuilding

ECHO workshop 2017

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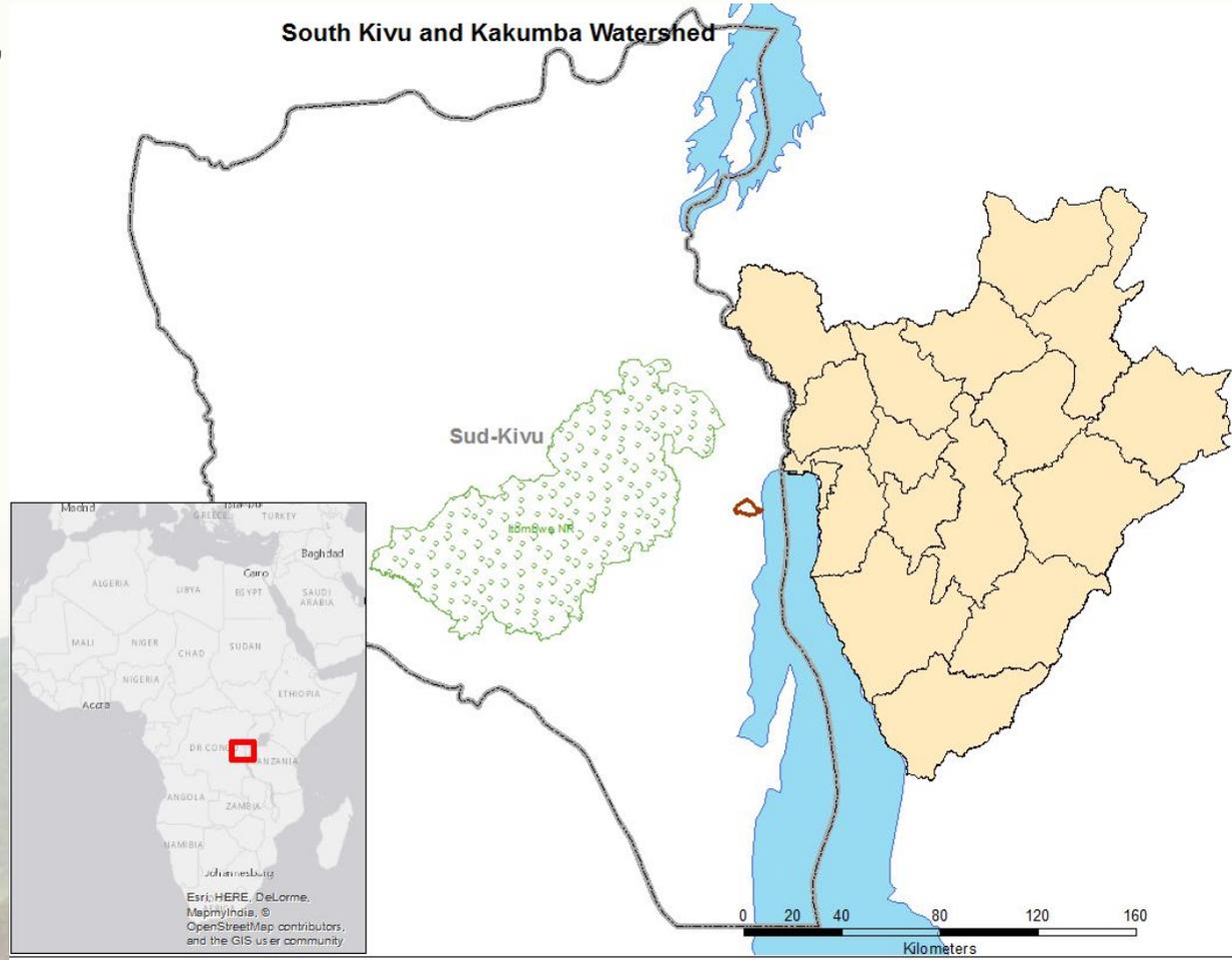
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Outline

- ❑ Introduction
- ❑ Theology of work and it's relation to the environment/agriculture
- ❑ TOW influence on work and gender in the watershed
- ❑ Work integrates people in society and reconciles communities

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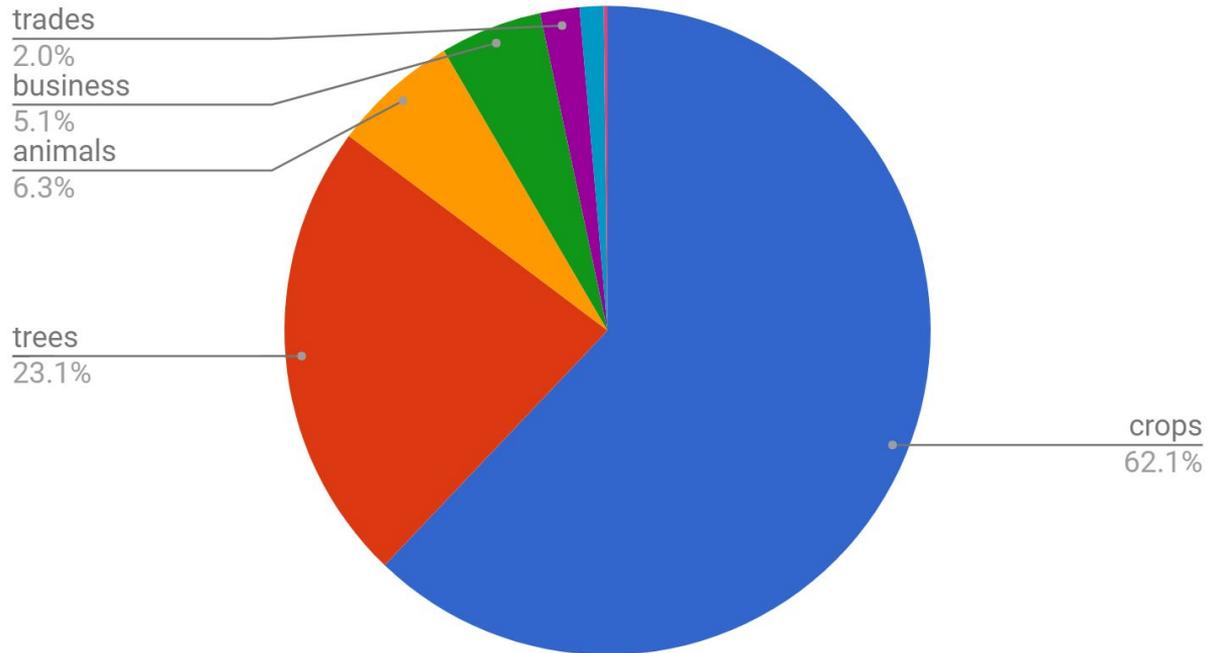
- Uvira Territory, South Kivu, Democratic Rep. of Congo
- Between Mitumba mountain range and Lake Tanganyika--close to Itombwe Forest reserve (recognized as a biodiversity hotspot)



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- Majority of population depends on crops, trees, and livestock as a source of income

Income sources: Kambekulu 2017, all reported sources--NOT per hh



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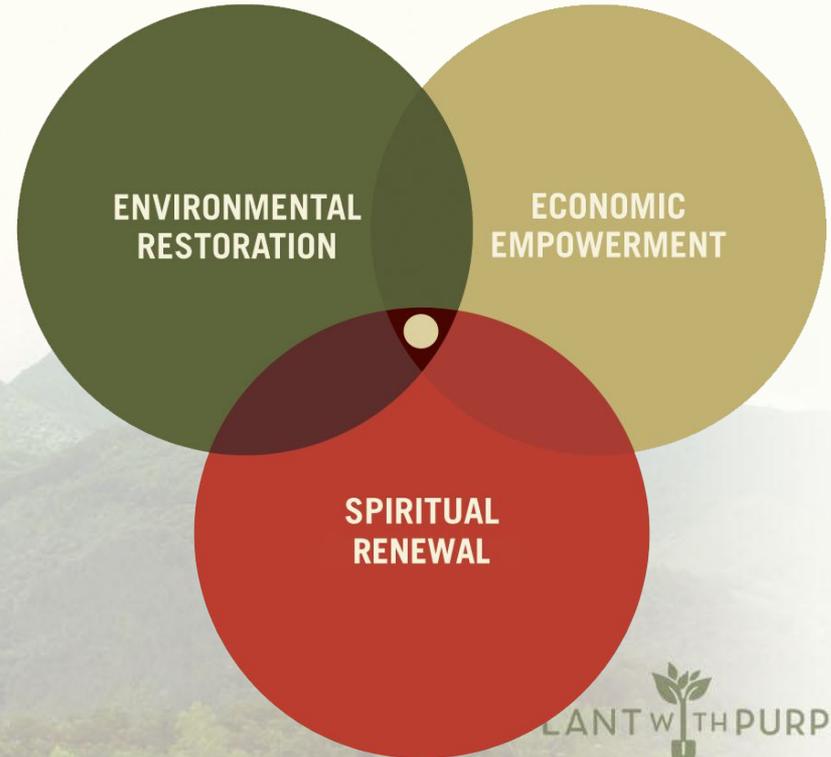
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Economic empowerment: savings groups

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Economic empowerment: savings group member during share out

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Environmental restoration--teaching the Environmental Curriculum

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Environmental restoration: Tree planting

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Spiritual Renewal--Theology of Work



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Theology of Work

- ❑ **What is it?**
- ❑ *A Theology of Work* is exploration and investigation of the theological implications of the nature, meaning, and value of human work (2 Thessalonians 3: 6-15)
- ❑ It is Biblical understanding of the work of God

Theology of Work

Relation to environment/agriculture

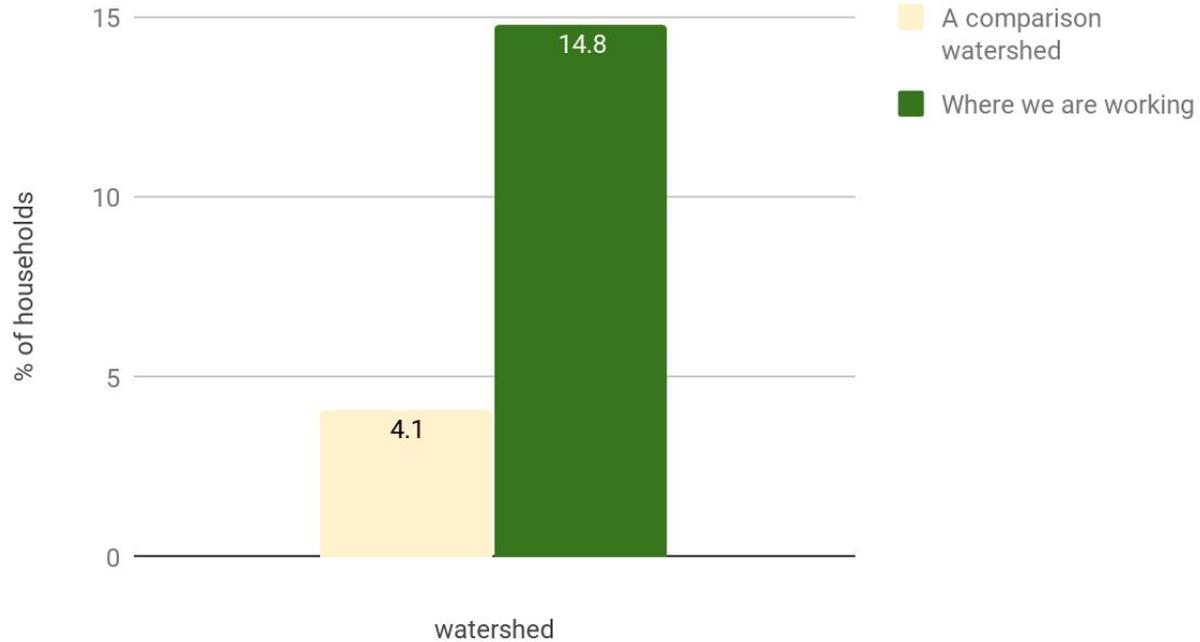
- ❑ The work is a recommendation that we were given by the Almighty at the beginning when God first created earth and planted all kind of trees (Gen 2:15)
- ❑ The churches have initiated small projects to protect the Kakumba environment, like tree planting, church garden
- ❑ Each church has set the Bible study session, they exchange on how to promote sustainable agriculture
- ❑ People increased their production not only for eating but also for selling and help each other with food
- ❑ Each church has elected an agriculture advisor, who is responsible for informing and make research for any challenge that community is encountering, like crops diseases, climate change, and what to do to improve

Theology of Work

- ❑ **Influence on work and gender**
- ❑ Farmers have increased the number of hours spent in their farms, they value farming activities
- ❑ In our traditional customs the women were the responsible for all works in the households/farms but after theology of work, they are now helped by their husband
- ❑ Works unites men and women, it gives the privilege to both men and women to help each other
- ❑ Traditionally the woman could not speak in front of other men in their households but now theology of work brings joy in the family and reduces stress

Work and Gender

women in leadership roles



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- ❑ **Why conflict in the region?**
- ❑ Presence of many tribes in small entity or area and each of them wants to be leaders of others
- ❑ Non collaboration of local leaders
- ❑ Natural resource management and impunity of leaders
- ❑ Inequality and jealousy

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