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I am delighted to report that the project team conducted awareness meetings in 40 villages bordering Nyika National Park. The main objective of the awareness was to advocate and lobby traditional healers, local communities and stakeholders such as park wardens to actively participate in protection and propagation of threatened of plant species which are used for traditional medicine, timber and food. This was achieved by conducting awareness meetings which were carried out in 40 villages bordering Nyika National Park.

During the awareness meetings, 10 active working groups were established in twenty villages bordering Nyika National Park. The main purpose of these active working groups is to manage and conserve the biodiversity of the Nyika National Park, and to enforce wildlife laws in order to control illegal and unsustainable harvesting of the biodiversity from Nyika National Park. This will entail long lasting solution to over-exploitation of the biodiversity in the area.

