

# Our Story

## From Crisis to Scalable Community-Led Climate Impact

Alphome Community Farms was born in a moment of crisis — and built into a scalable, high-impact platform for food security, forest protection, and climate resilience.

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### The Challenge We Set Out to Solve

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, rural families across eastern Democratic Republic of Congo faced severe food shortages. Market closures, income loss, and limited access to seeds and tools pushed households into crisis.

At the same time, forests were rapidly being cleared for artisanal mining, charcoal production, and unsustainable farming — accelerating climate vulnerability, biodiversity loss, and rural poverty.

Alphome Community Farms was founded by **Safari Bahati Jean-Jacques** to address this systemic failure with an integrated solution: **feed communities while protecting forests and restoring landscapes**.

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### Our Theory of Change

If smallholder farmers have access to climate-smart agriculture, markets, and forest stewardship tools, they can increase food production and income **without clearing forests**.

Alphome's integrated model links:

- **Climate-smart farming** → food security and income growth
- **Community forest monitoring (AgriGuard360)** → reduced deforestation and evidence-based advocacy
- **Youth & women leadership** → durable, community-owned climate action
- **Green livelihoods** → long-term forest protection and resilience

This creates a self-reinforcing system where **people thrive and forests survive**.

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### What Makes Alphome Investable

- **Proven community traction:** Active farmer and Forest Watcher networks in Haut-Uele and South-Kivu
- **Data-driven model:** Satellite monitoring + community verification (Global Forest Watch)
- **Scalable platform:** AgriGuard360 integrates farming, forestry, and digital tools
- **Strong partnerships:** World Resources Institute, Global Forest Watch, Tony Elumelu Foundation, U.S. State Department (CEE)
- **Clear growth pathway:** Expansion from pilot communities to provincial and national scale

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## Impact to Date

- Thousands of farmers trained in climate-smart agriculture
- Forest Watcher networks established in Watsa and Faradje
- Hectares of forest monitored using satellite and community data
- Deforestation alerts verified and reported to authorities
- Increased food security and household income for participating communities

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## Where We Are Going

Our goal is to build a **pan-Congo climate resilience platform** that protects forests while transforming rural livelihoods.

Over the next five years, Alphome Community Farms will:

- Scale AgriGuard360 across high-risk forest landscapes

- Train tens of thousands of farmers and forest monitors
- Restore degraded landscapes through agroforestry
- Build sustainable agro-processing and market systems
- Create thousands of green jobs for youth and women

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## Why Partner With Alphome

Investing in Alphome Community Farms delivers measurable climate, biodiversity, and livelihoods impact with a clear pathway to scale.

**Your partnership accelerates a community-owned solution that feeds people, defends forests, and builds climate resilience in one of the world's most critical ecosystems.**

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