The future
To date, the Water Fund has worked with over 15,000 farmers by collaborating with local partners, including the Green Belt Movement and the Kenya National Farmers Federation; some have received support in implementing soil and water conservation structures on their farms in the Thika-Chania sub-watershed; more than 1,000 are adopting water-harvesting structures in the Maragua sub-watershed; and 7,000 coffee farmers have been recruited to adopt soil and watershed conservation practices in the Sagana-Gura sub-watershed, equipping them with the skills to apply for certification by the Rainforest Alliance.

By conservative estimates, the watershed interventions selected through TNC’s research could deliver a two-to-one ROI on average over a 30-year timeframe and the target, by 2025, is to work with a total of 300,000 farmers.

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What are Water Funds?
A Water Fund is a framework that enables cities, communities and companies to invest in the management of the landscapes where their water is sourced; so that upstream forests and wetlands are protected to continue naturally cleaning and filtering water. Upstream communities can benefit from enhanced livelihoods and improvements to health and wellbeing whilst downstream communities experience improved water quality and, in many cases, fewer disruptions and shortages.

What is the Water Funds Toolbox?
The Water Funds Toolbox is a step-by-step online guide for developing a Water Fund. It features videos, testimonials, templates, tools, case studies and much more. The heart of the toolbox is the Water Fund Project Cycle, which outlines the five phases that take a Water Fund from feasibility through to maturity.

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