

This sample demonstrates narrative and journalistic editing focused on clarity, structure, and readability. The original copy was a raw field report containing strong factual content but limited flow, repetition, and weak narrative structure. The edited version reshapes the material into a clear, engaging human-interest story suitable for publication, while preserving factual accuracy, voice, and cultural context.

Before (Excerpt)

Village Where Residents Rely on One Tree to Access Mobile Phone Network

For the Boni minority community at Basuba village, Mfukuku tree is very important to them as it serves as their telephone network booster.

Basuba village, located about 60 kilometres away from the Lamu Island has poor telephone network but the community has the reason to rejoice as they recently found an alternative source of telephone network booster.

Ali Hamza a local farmer came to discover that from the Mfukuku tree found within his shamba has powers to improve the network of mobile phones.

Hamza came to discover the miraculous tree about six months ago when he went to his shamba for normal duties and hanged his Nokia telephone set on the tree before he concentrated on his farm duties.

As he was busy doing his shamba work, he heard his phone calling, something which surprised him as the area had no network.

After (Edited Excerpt)

Village Where Residents Rely on One Tree to Access Mobile Phone Network

Basuba village, whose inhabitants are from the Boni minority community, have for a long time had to contend with mobile phone network issues.

The village, located some 60 kilometres from Lamu Island, has had poor phone reception until recently, when a local farmer stumbled on an unlikely breakthrough.

About six months ago, Ali Hamza went to his farm to do his usual chores. He had his mobile phone with him and decided to hang the handset on a Mfukuku tree within his farm so he could concentrate on his duties.

"I was busy tilling my land when I heard my phone ring. I was shocked because it is well known that our area has no network," he said.
