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The tree N' omupapira rw' amakuru urukubandikwa abo TIST Uganda, etitagi ryu The International Small Group and Tree Planting Program.

Obwonyakwa kwawo
TIST n' ekigombe ekyehereye kwimunyanya amutinda gw' abahungu abahungu bitukubogyeramu umunni g'okurwimisa akucw'ekyererihwa kw' ebihira, okwejuna obworo n' ekyanda kitari kyaburira.

Obigendererwa byinzi:

Omukunywamisa entunguka esenturura n' ukwejuna omwiza ocw'urungi ocw'urungi amumiti, TIST nehwira abahungu barikuranga 25,000 kubera amiti avukwera entasvu. TIST nehwira n' amakwegyasa oby' abahungu, eby' okwerinda sirimu, eadisa ntingi yah' amamuka n' ukucenda ukuzesa y' enku n' amakuru.

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OBUTUMWA BWA EDITA

Abahungu bemiti ababwa TIST namweena abakwatanise naitwe omukurinda cbyobuhangwa bwensi, abeizire omunkiiiko ezabaire Kirigime Kabale na Katungu Mothers Union Bushenyi nitubeebaza munonga ahabwebiteekateeko birungibimwatuheire. Mugumizemu mutyo tushemeze omwoya oguri omukabunga. Turi abarikugyenda omumaisho. Tutari abarikugaruza enyima ebiiteega.

Ara Baanyanga



BENEFITS OF TIST SMALL GROUP MEMBERS COMING FROM NEARBY FAMILIES

- There is easy coordination among TIST members who come from nearby families.
- Nearby families and groups have the same ideology for development.
- There is quick development and togetherness among people who come from nearby families.
- There is mutual trust, understanding and honesty among the people from nearby families.
- There is peace and love as each member feels at home and has direct participation.
- There is reduction on transport costs of travelling.

By .Hakim Bachwa

TIST SMALL GROUP.

What is TIST small group?

TIST small group is a group of 6-12 members, where by all members of the small group come from nearby homes feel loved and accepted.

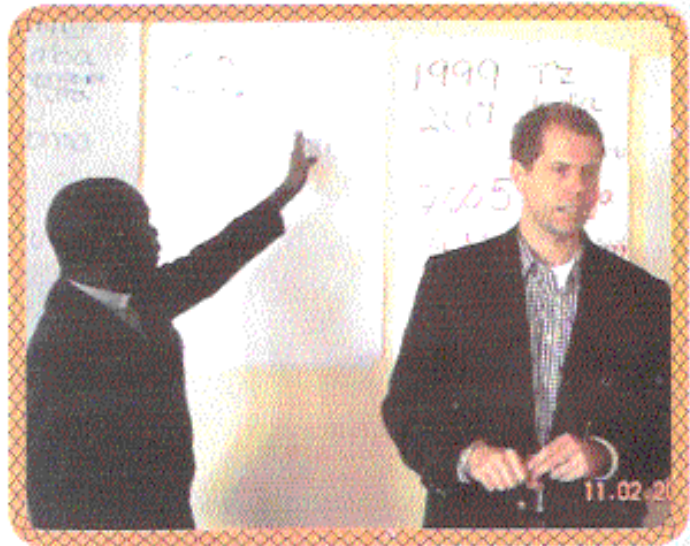
How do TIST small group work?

TIST small group works as follows.

- There is Rotational leadership.
- There is Servant leadership
- There is Building up (Kwombekana)
- There is a Co-leader
- There is a covenant.
- There is Accountability



TIST SG members practicing conservation framing in Kyangyenyi



Andrew explains to people the work of TIST in the meeting at Katungu Mothers Union Bushenyi

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Fagara is very scarce these days because of population increase. So forests, the natural ones were cultivated and turned into diary farm lands. These trees have no chances to germinate and grow themselves as before. They are out of sight unless people plant them in their farms alongside the roads, paths for the uses we talked about above and protect them for their maturity.

My grandmother used to tell us, it was a tree for medicine she added on saying it was for all curatives diseases but now the traditional medicine men are greedy and do not let it grow. You find them alongside natural forests disturbing fagara because of its outer layer. Why don't they let fagara grow? They are greedy because of money they do sell it to others rather than healing their lives. This is a curse because money has disturbed nature. Protect herbal trees they give us life, old people know the uses of this tree fagara as a friend. The dead roots could enrich soil and tap the run off water, the leaves could rot and turn into litter. TIST has done a good job to encourage farmers to plant fagara in their woodlots, farms and compounds. The herbal medicine may come up again.

Rev. Enoch. Tumwaze

GOOD FARMING SYSTEMS BRING HIGH YIELD TO ME

Trained on conservation farming has brought to me more profit and I have been using the small piece of land where I am practicing the systems. I have used a small piece of land to plant vegetables for market and home consumption and selling the surplus. This system of conservation farming I am using was introduced to me by Rev. Enoch. Digging up pit holes then the top soil which is crop ideal is put in first then add on manure and other top soil mixed with little manure. This time I accepted him that when you put 9 maize seeds

in the hole you get a basin full of maize harvested seeds from one pit hole.

Now I am calling upon my community we dig up the pit holes in plenty following the guidelines of Rev. Enoch so that the harvest to increase as we eat and sell. This will keep the land to be productive for vegetables one harvest and the profits are more.

Annet Mbabazi (Kufid Group)

I USE COMPOST FERTILIZERS FROM THE COLLECTED PEELING OF MY OWN

I collect my peelings dried grass and chicken droppings plus weeds to have compost fertilizer. I usually dig up four pits following one another for rotting and preparing my fertilizer which is used in my conservation farming. I first sort it and make sure there is no polythene papers.

Compost pits for fertilizer preparations in measurement I use 3 feet wide by 4 feet long by 2feet deep. I make arrangement as follows: The first thing I put in my pit are dried twigs or shrubs on which then I put dried grass on top of these twigs then chicken droppings then peelings then Ashes then grass and I cover thinly with top soil then the stick that is an indicator to check moisture content.

Every 2 days I add water in dry season to make sure that the rotting is done steadily. When the pit is full at bream and covered with soil I turn to the pit in 9 days from that pit to another all 4 pits by the time of 3 months I begin to use my personal fertilizer. This is the one we use in CF. We have many pits that need fertilizer but in short period of time I have hope to fill them this will save us from poverty.

Annet Tumwaze Tumusiime

NURSERY BED

What is a nursery bed?

It is an area where young plants /seedlings are grown, raised with a special care and protection before they are Transplanted out into the field.
What is a nursery calendar?

As the name says, it's a calendar showing the activities done on your tree nursery throughout the year that is from January to December.

Basic Nursery Facilities.

An ideal Nursery must have:

Access to roads and paths

- It should be well fenced
 - It should have a shelter for tools and materials.
 - It should have transplant beds and pot beds.
 - It should have a regular water source.
 - It should have good source of soil mixture for manure
 - It should be set in a good topography.
- Agaba George.

TIST UGANDA WORKS ON DESIGN

Making the objectives and working together with a purpose.

TIST UGANDA is moving on steadily.

We work on TIST VALUES. Which are the set up objectives? These are Honesty Accountability accuracy, voluntary and low budget of which are the ladder stands. TIST Uganda started with the best practices which lead the team. The Action plan is divided into action steps accordingly. This makes the work easy and the deeds to be good.

The Action plan and the Action steps make the good guidelines to have the specific needs in time. Do you want to plant fruit trees or you want to fight out hunger? Therefore you must

have an action plan and action steps. If your action plan is well done, your project is a living one.

Develop a system of writing down what you want to do. Give it time. Have your work chances with what is to be done. Make people of your society aware. follow the farmer's calendar. Your plan is specific and you are shooting in right goals.

People need to know the position where they are. They have to be involved in activities. The materials and natural things around them must be used to have the good work. Mobilization and sensitization this time bring the committees together and think about themselves and come up with good ideas. New ideas which are developmental are brought together as a revised plan.

The project is now taking the firm roots to stand and stay for many years. The materials which are far away will come later. Let us maintain what the nature has today and multiply it. We clean up the pollutions.

Rev.Enoch Tumwebaze.

ENCOURAGE FARMERS TO PLANT MEDICINAL TREES

Trees are the cover of earth and at the same time they are helpful to people within their localities accordingly. When we talk of medicinal trees, people always do ask. "What are those trees!" Today let us talk of fagara which was plenty in

African natural forests. Fagara was a scaring tree, and it could be honored by people of all ages. It was a good herbal medicine, fagara when well maintained it has many uses .We can get good and durable timber for furniture, it has a good scene it gives good shade.

English version of TIST News

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

TIST SMALL GROUP MEMBERS

Thanks go to TIST small group farmers' well wishers and all the people who attended Kirigime Kabale and Katonga Mothers Union Bushenyi meetings for their constructive comments and ideas given.

*Continue with the spirit of cleaning the air.
Forward ever backward never.*

Ara Baanyanga

THE IMPROVEMENT OF GROVES BY THE MEMBERS OF TIST

The members /farmers of the International Small Group and Tree planting Program (TIST) have registered a great improvement of the appearance of their groves/gardens.

This has come about as result of training given by TIST trainers Mr. Ara Baanyanga and Rev. Enoch Tumwebaze through all areas where TIST program exists among the improvement done on these groves is the planning method where by the branches of trees which are three years are removed so as to give a tree room to become big so as to consume a lot of carbon in the atmosphere. This method also helps the tree to become larger so as to benefit farmers as the maximum profit is got when the trees become large enough for timber in future.

The improvement of the groves has also been seen in the practice of intercropping where by in one garden more than one crop is grown. Farmers have planted crops in the gardens where young tree are planted.

This has helped to control trees from being eaten by grazed animals and also has solved the problem of lack of enough land for farming especially in Kabale area where land is not enough.

The improvement of groves has also been seen where by the farmers have planted more trees in the already existing areas of TIST. On this, the new planted groves look nicer than the first ones as they are planted following the advice of the trainers.

The current planted trees have been planted on distance of seven feet from tree to another for pinus patula and at least 6 feet for Eucalyptus groves.

On the groves which were planted before the knowledge of trainers however thinning has been done. This is most in Eucalyptus trees where by trees were overcrowded in one area, farmers are now trained to move around the groves cutting the overcrowded trees giving room for the trees to get enough space for light.

Apart from the tree groves also the trainers are registering success in conservation farming programs. People have learned how to plant varieties of crops with in a small area. Reports have been received by TIST office that conservation farming is slowly but steady improving among TIST farmers.

In conclusion therefore, I want to extend a vote of thanks to our dear trainers Mr. Ara Baanyanga and

Rev. Enoch Tumwebaze for the work of TIST farmers. My thanks also go to the dear farmers in all areas of TIST operation for the work done for the benefit of everybody.

May the good Lord bless our TIST Program.

By .Caleb Kayabuki