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Mission statement:

*TIST Uganda is a community initiative dedicated to empowering
small groups of subsistence farmers to combat the devastating
effects of deforestation, poverty and drought.*

Objective statement:

*Combining sustainable development with carbon sequestration,
TIST supports the reforestation efforts of over 25,000 subsistence
farmers. Sales of carbon credits generate participant
income while TIST today also addresses agriculture, HIV/
AIDS, nutrition and fuel wood challenges.*

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TIST FARMERS REAP FROM WHAT WAS SOWN

TIST farmers from Kabale have received the carb on money which was paid last week. The 123 groups received a total of 57 million shillings from the trees planted.

Every year, farmers wait for the payments according to the Green House Gas (GHG) agreement they signed. Farmers have been receiving money; it's now over 13 year. Farmers were excited after receiving the money. Batuma's son had this to say "My father is the one who introduced me to TIST, the day he sent TIST staff to count my tree. He passed away after 3 years, now I am taking over his responsibility.

I have received carbon money about six times this is the seventh payment. I promised to keep my trees according to the agreement I signed with the TIST programme. If I am not alive then my children will take over, I will have to warn them to follow my dream and the agreement signed. This is a programme meant for all generations.

By Jennifer Turyatamba



TIST Volunteer trainers after training meeting in Kanungu

With land which has lost fertility, planting must be followed by good care.

Many groves are under bush. Remember tree planting is like planting other crops. If trees are not cared for they will not grow well.

My advice to SG is that you have to clear bushes on and around the groves.

SG members who say that quantifiers come to see IIST trees should change their attitude and develop the sense of ownership, and when harvest time comes they reap much.


Plant trees, out of trees get food, medicine, shade, clean environment and income.

Plant many trees, when harvest time comes, harvest a lot.


By David Murungi

A REUSED PLASTIC
WATER BOTTLE CAN
SAVE A LIVETREE

Protect the environment by saving a tree. One can avoid littering a water bottle by saving one live tree in a dry season. Many regions in Uganda are experiencing unexpected drought, so many trees are dying out because farmers are not able to water all the trees every now and then in the dry spell. Plastic Water bottles can be reused to save lives until the next rainy season.




KYENJONJO SEMINAR ON TIST EXPANSION PROGRAMME



Members from five clusters were able to attend the Seminar. These were **Kakabala, Bufunjo, Butunduzi, Kanyegaramire and Town Council**. The seminar was officially opened by the Local Council V Chairperson. He welcomed the TIST team that had brought the programme in the area and requested the participants to be attentive and learn from the privilege given to them and make sure this development is retained in the District.

The Seminar was also blessed to have the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) closing the seminar, he promised to support the participants when disseminating the information to protect their environment. He informed members that Kyenjojo was facing a problem of bush burning and Wetland encroachment which the District was trying to fight. He requested participants to effort and protect Kyenjojo environment.

The District was also represented by District Forestry Officer, who attended the seminar and promised support to this program and requested for expansion to other 5 Sub-counties of the districts plus the neighboring Districts.



By Barigye Pamela





TIST Farmers in Kyenjojo during their training workshop

PLANTING TREES IS LIFE SAVING

Trees are as much important to our life as food and water. Life becomes very difficult without trees or we can say that life would be finished because trees are most important aspect by giving us healthy and wealthy life.

Trees give us life directly and indirectly as they are source of oxygen production, CO₂ consumption and source of rain. They are most precious gift to the humanity on the earth from nature for which we must be grateful, give honor and preserve for the mankind wellness.


We should understand importance of trees in our lives and do our best to save trees in order to save life, save environment on the earth and make earth a green earth. Trees are valuable on the earth. They are the real source of our health as well as wealth because they give us oxygen, cool air, fruits, spices, vegetables, medicines, water, wood, furniture, shadow, fuel to burn, houses, fodder to animals and other useful things. They consume all the CO₂, refresh air from toxic gases and prevent us from the air pollution.

By Bachwa Hakim



Natural And Clean Environment Is Health To Our Life


A clean environment is very necessary to live a peaceful and healthy life.



But our environment is getting dirty day by day because of pollution from factories and industries. It is an issue which everyone must know about especially our children.

An environment is the natural surroundings which help life to grow this planet called earth.

Natural environment plays a great role in the existence of life on earth and it helps human beings, animals and other living things to grow and develop naturally. But due to some bad and selfish activities of the human beings, our environment is getting affected. It is important to know how to protect our environment and to keep it safe forever. When environment is kept safe and clean, we can continue to live life without gaseous and air pollution



By Mugisha

