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OKUKORA KWAITU

TIST n'ekigombe ekyehaireyo kwimutsya omutindo gwabahingi aba'hansi kirikubongyeramu amaani gokurwanisa okucwekyerezebwa kw'ebibara, okwejuna obwono nekyenda kitari kyaburijo.

EBIGYENDERERWA BYAITU

Omutunyanyisa entunguka yentuura nokurundana orwoya orurungi orurukuruga omumiti. TIST nehweza abahingi abankurenga 25,000, ebyokwerinda Sirimu, endisa enungi yabomumaka nokucendeza yenku namakara.

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EDITORS MESSAGE.

TIST FARMERS

You all have been trained on the importance of opening small group Bank accounts with three signatories. As there is no more cash payment, do it to avoid inconveniencies.

SGs whose payment is less than UGX 50,000= will be paid by Mobile Money.

Hakim and Sarah are training you on the system to follow.

Ara

OBUTUMWA BWA EDITA. ABAHINGI BEMITI ABA TIST.

Mweena mukeyesibwa ahabukuru bwokwigura Account yekibiina omu Bank eteirweho emikono yabantu bashatu. Obuhatakiriho kushashurwa sente zoburiho, kora ekyo kwezibira okuremesibwa kutunga sente.

Abarikutunga sente ziri ahansi ya 50,000= nimuba nimushashurwa ahasiimu.

Hakim na Sarah bariyo nibabegyesa entwaza eimurakuratire.

Ara

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER. TIST CELEBRATED 10 YEARS OF EXISTANCE IN UGANDA ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2013.

TIST is the International Small Group and Tree Planting Program that supports small groups to plant trees to foster environment protection and other activities for local people to attain good livelihood at household level.

Dangers of Deforestation; Prolonged drought and eminent famine on developing countries.

TIST strives to mobilize and sensitize local communities on the dangers of poverty, lives of people and environment protection.

TIST membership is free of charge to all women, men and youth who above 18 years form groups of between 6-12 members. Members are taught how to plant trees how, conservation farming and good governance and living together.

TIST operates in Tanzania, India, Uganda and Kenya. In Uganda, TIST operates in Greater Bushenyi, Kabale, Kamungu, Ntungamo (Kajara), Rukungiri has just joined.

The inception of TIST in Uganda in 2003, was received with mixed feelings, others looked at it as a dream that will transform their lives in failure while others regarded it as something that is short lived.

TIST was initiated in Uganda by the late Geoffrey Tumwine, Ara Baanyanga, Rev Enoch Tumwebaze (Bushenyi) under assistance Emeritus Bishop William Magambo, Rev Earnest Nkwatsibwe (Kabale), Charles with TIST. Under challenges, TIST has managed to sail through 10 years of existence. TIST has now gone far in its vision. Selling carbon offsets from trees planted by members according to the report by quantifiers,

TIST started in Uganda 10 years ago and celebrations were held at Katungu Mothers Union Centre in Bushenyi town on 21st November 2013. Guests came from America, Tanzania, Kenya and hosts, Ugandans.

The function was celebrated under the theme "Selling Carbon" which Ben Henneke explained vividly.

The function started with a march past by tree farmers Bushenyi town, by West Ankole Boys and Girls Brigade brass band. Farmers carried tree seedlings especially the indigenous ones like stinkwood.

After the march past, Ben from America lectured farmers on the benefits of selling carbon. At the end farmers were happy about the new TIST development of selling carbon credits.

The next 10 years, TIST strives to extend TIST to other areas.

By Yasin Biraali and Rev Enoch Tumwebaze.

TIST HELPS US WORK TOGETHER FOR GREAT THINGS!

When we want to accomplish something important, we need to mobilize and motivate our families and communities to take action. We cannot stay idle or wait for someone else to make a change for us. We come together and identify what we need, and organize these needs according to the most pressing ones. Identifying our specific community needs and organizing ourselves to take specific actions to achieve our shared goals is essential to understanding and to make real change. We share dreams and vision so the community can work together to make them real.

TIST has helped us a lot. We have formed Small Groups where we are trained, sensitized and we learn to build ourselves and each other. We have learned tree planting, Conservation Farming, Energy saving cook stove formation and much more.

The action we are taking together is helping us make our lives better. Trees we have planted decrease pollution and risk from natural hazards like heavy rains that can cause landslides and

flooding with bare land. Tree planting in our lands has helped to reduce the dangers in our communities. The tree incentive that we receive from the carbon offsets we will sell from the trees we planted adds to our incomes to support our families.

I appreciate TIST activities and the implementers who are expanding TIST in our village. We have been encouraged to work together, share knowledge and have exchange visits to our neighbors to learn more from them. The volunteer trainers who mobilize us have really done a great job in our communities and need to thank.

Together, we can promote ourselves and improve our lives through TIST and its activities.

From Kyankoyo, Mugogo Burere.

TIST TRAININGS ARE ENCOURAGING.

Meetings, seminars and workshops refresh the mind. Trainings at these gatherings then give courage to us as farmers.

The places where people meet are surrounded with trees, which are essential to our well being.

Flowers also give the area a pleasant look.

We are encouraged to have cluster meetings every three months in our small groups here in Rutoto. In TIST, the best practice is for groups to come together as a cluster to meet for training and sharing each month. The most important thing for us is to plant and look after the indigenous trees and environment.

I am a cook-stove trainer. I usually tell people to build improved stoves so they can use less firewood because collection of firewood has led to the destruction of tree species, especially of indigenous trees.

Let's always come for workshops, seminars and meetings for trainings. When we share what we know, our skills, and our experience, we will gain knowledge and courage on how to conduct ourselves in our society, how to prevent or live with HIV/AIDS, how to do Conservation

Farming, how to improve our food security and many more important issues in our lives.

By Arinaitwe Frank.

DO YOU KNOW THIS?

God created the earth, all the creatures and plants in their natural environment.

Man has disturbed nature by destroying forests, killing plants and animals, abusing the land, and not taking good care of the work He created.

Today is the right time to work hard to protect our lands and be good caretakers of God's creation.

Today is the right time to work so we will have enough to eat and drink. Otherwise, we will be starving.

Why do I say this?

I ask TIST members to plant trees to enable those coming in future to reap good harvest and to share the benefits of God's creation. Shall we reap benefits without caring for our groves and developing a sense of ownership?

As a Quantifier, I find many people don't care for their groves and do not know that the trees belong to them.

To have good results, planting must be followed by good care. However, 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 SGs is to clear bushes on and around the groves.

Understand that you are the caretakers and stewards of your land and trees and God's creation. When harvest time comes, you will reap much.

Plant trees, and from these trees, you'll get food, medicine, shade, a clean environment and income.

Plant many trees! When harvest time comes, harvest a lot!

By David Murungi, Quantifier Bushenyl.

THE BEST GROVE

TIST S.G members, it's your duty to have make your groves the best they can be. To have the best grove: -

1. **Use proper spacing:** Trees need enough room to grow well, since they need enough light and water to thrive. Plant trees at least 6ft (2m) from one tree to another for trees that don't spread a large canopy, like eucalyptus and more space for trees like mango and acacias that have spreading canopies. This is the minimum spacing, but more space may help some trees grow better.
2. The trees should also be planted *in lines* (rows) to enable Quantifiers and TIST staff to carry out their duties effectively.
3. **Weeding:** Farmers should clear and weed their tree groves to allow them grow well without the competition by other unwanted trees and bushes.
4. **Thinning:** Farmers should remove stunted trees to allow others grow well, or harvest trees when some become too closely spaced.
5. **Fire line:** Farmers should create a fire line around their tree groves and remove dead, dry wood especially during the dry season to prevent fire spreading in their groves.
6. Farmers should also *fence their groves* where necessary to prevent animals from entering the groves and destroying trees.

Thanks to farmers who have already done the above. Please follow their example and make your grove the best it can be!

From Tushabemukama Apollo