Obutumwa Bwa Editor

Ahari abahingi bemiti aba TIST. Turiyo nitwitirira ekyanda, mukore ebi:

- Ohingye akaguto kokutanga omuriro gwekyanda oye hunguririze ekiibira kyawe.
- Otebekanise omwanya gwokwia kubyaramu emiti bwanyima yekeyanda, obase kubyara omunjura ziriku banza.

Ara Baanyanga
EDITORS MESSAGE

To TIST SG farmers. It is a short time before we enter hot season therefore do the following.

Dig fire line around your grove to keep away wildfire.

Avoid all un wanted dry grass near your tree grove.

Prepare Planting sites for next rain season, to enable you take chance of the first rains.

THE FINE WEATHER

The fine whether is indicating dry season.
There is no clouds the skies are fine.
There is no darkness the blue skies can be seen with necked eyes. The weather is fine from morning to evening.
The heat when the dawn is setting on little water in the wells. The valleys where the rapids could be heard have dried up. What a terrible consequence. This is pure dry season the shade trees were cut down for charcoal and fire wood, really this year farmers must get ready for their cattle and crops too.
The grazing of herds will be hard. The water is not seen. The fodder trees were cut down before! The population pressure is high no space is left for environmental protection. The wild life and tamed animals are suffering looking for a resting
place but can not be seen. No shade trees. The dry season is coming! The Cobra is chasing children who are to draw water for parents. Oh Cries and noises beyond valleys and mountains, no grass and trees for crown cover to cool down the earth. Desertification is showing up the uses of trees man has caused the impact. If we could plant more trees we could be out of this danger.

By Rev. Enoch

TREES TO US
The trees to us are important to our lives because trees breathe out oxygen which is very important to our lives and breath in the carbondioxide which is dangerous to our lives.
The trees form rains for the growth of our crops, glasses and keep our environment more lovely.
The trees when planted on hillsides guard soil erosion by stopping the running of the top soil.
The trees leaves and roots are used for medicine to cure some of diseases such as malaria and many others.
In trees we get timbers, firewood, poles and provide shades for us and our animals and home for birds.
“The trees bear fruits leaves are used for medicine to heal” Ezekiel 47:12 the bible says eat the fruits lent don’t destroy the trees the trees are not your enemies that need to be attached.
Again the bible compares a tree as life and warns. Eat the fruit but do not cut down the tree Deu.20:19

Beshubeho Jackson

THE INTERNATIONAL SMALL GROUP AND TREE PLANTING PROGRAM (TIST)
The farmers of TIST program have gained a lot from it than other farmers who have not joined the programme. These include the following:
Pluning, best spacing of at least 2 metres and 3 meters for pine, Eucalyputus 180cm.
Farmers have also been encouraged to plant more trees. This is encouraged by trainers of TIST who move around sensitizing people about the importance of trees to man.
Farmers in TIST programme have gained a spirit of working together. This has been acquired from the policy of group formation where by the farmers have got to form a group of six to twelve people to qualify for a TIST Small group.
More to those farmers in TIST programme have gained incentives of their forces. This is the moncy given to the farmers according to the number of trees each farmer has got in his / her group. This incentive helps the farmer to plant more trees and look after the already existing tree groves.

Farmers in TIST have been taught conservation farming, whereby they use a small land to plant and harvest more food. This helps farmers like those in Kabale
with small plots of land to get more food for their farmers.
I therefore encourage farmers who have not joined TIST program to do so as to gain and enjoy the advantages of the programme.

Thanks
Caleb Kayabuuki

THE FARMER’S CALENDAR
The good farmer always goes with seasons to clear up his / her shamba which is with perennial crops. He / She prepares the bumb crops which act as soil cover in perennial crops.
He / She is a methodologists as he/she has to use modern and traditional technical know how so as to have a good target for better yields.
So conservation farming came in TIST topics to help the farming methods to be improved.
Preparing the pits for conservation farming early enough for better yields the pits should be spaced evenly.
The manure should be applied early enough for pests and diseases control.
Selecting seeds and collecting them is very important. Drying seeds and packing them early so the farmers prepare himself for drawing season for planting to be early for him. I also remind TIST small group members to continue using the same to yield more by products.

We shall be successful.
Tusha.M

DOUBLE TRUCKING
Double trucking has been a tiresome work for the quantifier team. Both Kabale and Bushenyi Quantifiers have been in exercise of double trucking in Bushenyi district. This work was to show that tree planting in Bushenyi and Kabale should be honored because man depends on oxygen which is produced by the trees, trees also give us fruits and other by Bushenyi district where gazetted areas were:- Bunyaruguru, Mitooma, Kyangyengi, Burere, Kyeizooba and Kyamuhunga which are parts of Igara. Trees planted are: -
Pine mangoes, indigenous tree like prunus African and good species according to the will of the farmers. So far we have many farmers in the above mentioned districts.
The program came in 2003 to assist subsistence farmers and enables good methods of farming where it is being practiced for the day today meal in these families.

By Twesigye Edward.