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Okusiima abahingi bemiti ahabwa TIST 'omuri
Kanungu, Kabale na Bushenyi, namwena abakwatiise
naitwe omukurinda ebyobuhangwa.
Mugumizemu mutyo tushemeze omwoya oguri
omukaabunga. Turi abarikugyenda omumaisho. Tutari
abarikugaruza enyima ebigyere.

Ara Baanyanga.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE.

Thanks go to TIST small group farmers in Kanungu, Kabale
and Bushenyi, well wishers and all communities.
Continue with the spirit of cleaning the air.
Forward ever backward never.

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WHY WE SHOULD PLANT TREES
Trees are of great importance to human beings in their day to day living. And even from the first day, God created plants and man. Look around you and your residence if you don’t see trees around you think twice.

Let’s think why we should plant trees right from the beginning of the world;
1. Trees give glory to God: In Genesis 1:11-12 God commanded “Let earth produce plants of all kinds (including trees). God was pleased of what he saw.” So every person who wishes to please God and give him glory should plant trees.

2. God himself was the first to plant trees. Genisais 1:9 -10. “God made all kinds of beautiful trees grow and produce good fruits. We need to follow God’s example to plant trees to have good fruits and have knowledge to know what is good and what is bad. We need to eat fruits and feed them to our children so that they can be wise.

3. Trees save people from hunger: Matthew 21:18-19 “Jesus was hungry”. When he was hungry went to seek fruits to curb down his hunger first on trees. Therefore when planting trees we should bear in mind to plant trees that bear fruits. How many times have you desired to eat fruits? Therefore plant trees.

4. Trees provide us with medicine e.g. Moringa, Neem, Mukurzi, Omuremumkombe.
5. Trees acts as habitat for animals and insects.
6. Trees provide us income through the sales of tree products like fruits, medicinal leaves and others.

Compiled by Apollo Tushabemukama
Quantifier.

TREE PLANTING
Benefits of trees
Genesis 2:15 God allowed Adam and Eve to live in Eden where it is described as, having all trees necessary for life. Life of human beings animals and trees themselves. God put us in our Eden (Settlements) with spacious trees. Have we preserved these trees? Are we kind to trees? Is it easy for us to plant and preserve trees? If not Let our Eden start with TIST trees.

Do we have land enough on which to plant trees? Yes. Where?
- Planting groves on big land
- Planting along the paths to water wells, to homes
- Planting around our portions of land
- Planting around our animal farms
- Planting on the compound
- Planting possible fruit trees in the banana plantations
- Planting leguminous tree lines across our gardens

What are the benefits?
- Trees cover protects our land from water and wind erosion
- Trees provide shade and shelter to people, animals and crops
- Trees improve air quality by carrying away carbon dioxide and provide oxygen
- Roots help water to enter the soil and improve underground water circulation
- Trees reduce evaporation
- Tree roots bind soil and stop soil erosion
- Trees provide medicine, Fuel wood and food
- Trees make habitat for animals, birds and insects.

When nature trees provide us with:
- Construction materials
- Fiber
- Timber
- Posts.

Can we plant fruit trees?
TIST encourages planting of fruit trees.

How can we preserve our existing trees?
- Encourage our leaders to protect all trees existing now
- Plant more to support the ones in place
- Use best cooking methods which take few fuel wood such as improved cook stoves
No trees no life let us all join hands in reviving our destroyed Eden.

TURYAKIRA TREE PLANTING GROUP
This SG started in 2005 with 6 members. They began with Nursery beds formation which was composed of: Pinus patula eucalyptus and fruit trees. Then some trees were planted in their own gardens. In 2006 they heard about program known as TIST Uganda, it was their wish to join it as it had good objectives. They asked one of the TIST workers known as quantifier Mrs. Jennifer Tumushabe how they could join TIST.

Later on as they had known the objectives and TIST values they saw it good and registered on 1/3/2006. They kept their efforts of planting trees of pinus patula eucalyptus and Alnus.

So far this Sept 2008, they have started to graft Avocados for planting in their gardens. They promise to work together with TIST Uganda for environmental protection as they continue planting trees and minding their groves well. Planting fruit trees for nutrition is essential to their families.

By Bariyige Pamela
Kabale quantifier
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By Apollo Tushabemukama
Quantifier.

DO YOU KNOW THIS?

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

Man has disturbed nature by trying to cause destruction.

This is the right time to work hard to have what to eat and drink otherwise we are starving.

future to reap the right harvest. Shall we get benefits without caring for our groves and develop sense of ownership?

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

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 TIST 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