



Promotion of Ecosystem Restoration Initiative through Tree Planting Program



Project Impact Summary Report

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Introduction

Arise Forestry Enterprise with grants received from MasterCard Foundation and RUFORUM through Gulu University, TAGDev project implemented a one year Promotion of Ecosystem Restoration Initiative through Tree Planting Project- PERI-TP in kaberamaido and Kalaki Districts from June 2021 to June 2022. The project main objective increased access to quality forestry products and services to communities in the two districts at affordable price



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Key milestones

- The US\$2000 received facilitated production of 50479 seedlings of 12 different tree species exceeding target by 10479 seedlings.
- The project directly employed or created green jobs for 45 group members who are 70 percent youths. It generated gross income worth 16,240,500 out of projected income worth 25,887,500. This is because other seedlings (8500) were planted by group members within their homesteads while others not bought. The project was able to facilitate planting of 48500 trees in the communities restoring 150 hectares of degraded forest land in just one year
- All the 45 members were trained in seed collection. Three (3) local tree seed collectors crew or group are formed

Project impact

- Awareness created triggered communities interest to partake ecosystem restoration through tree planting
- Income earned from sale of seedlings enhanced household income for group members which promoted financial inclusiveness, supported education and food security
- Arise Forestry Enterprise received 3 students from Nyabyeya Forestry College for internship placement for one-month duration in May 2022
- Conducted 1 radio talk show on Dwan Wa 102.9 FM in kaberamaido to massively mobilize communities to take part in Earth day commemoration held in kaberamaido and ran DJ mentions and radio advertisement to create



awareness about the values of trees and availability of seedlings at the project site. Developed visibility materials (signpost and website)

- The project synergized with sub county local government of Alwa Sub County in kaberamaido district and trained members of Abangasi Tree planting group in vegetable growing or production to diversify their income. They were supported with Water for production under Operation Wealth Creation-OWC which enabled those produced 0.5 tons of Onion and tomato.



Sustainability or exit strategy

- The group members trained on seed collection were linked to other nursery operators and projects raising seedlings to supply local seeds
- Members are collecting their own seeds for continuous production
- Group members were trained in vegetable production and saving for a purpose (SFP) under VSLA methodology

Conclusion

Ecosystem restoration is feasible where conservation harness prosperity. Therefore, market based approach to restoration should be promoted by enhancing financial support to private sector restoration efforts



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