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OKUKORA KWAITU

TIST n'ekigonze ekyechaireyo kwizutsya omutindo gw'abahingi aba hansi kirikubongeramu amana gokurwanisa okucwekerezibwa kw'ebibira, okwenzuna obworo nekyanda kitari kyabucijje.

EBIGYENDERERWA BYAITU

Omukunywanisa entunguka yentuura n'okurundana orwoya orurungi orurikuru ga omumiti. Nokunyanyuta orwoya orube kuruga omu mwanya TIST nehwe abahingi abarikurenga 75,000, cy'okwerinda sirimu, endirisa emungu yab'omumaka nokucendeza enkoreza y'enku n'amakuru.

PREFACE

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EBIRY'OMUNDA

Emiti nebisungu by'enzarwa bikaza nkahi?
Emitwarize ya TIST: Ekishumuruzo kyo'obusinguzi.
Omuryamazi n'omuti murungi gw'enzarwa.
Oburungi oburi omububiina bwa tist ahabwa puroguramu yaayo.

Obutumwa bwa edita.

Abahingi bemiti aba TIST.

Mwebare kubyara emitu nokugirebereragye omwaka 2012 hamwe nokwakiiragye abashwiji mi bemiti ahabwokuguza omwoya.

Omu 2013 amani katugate ahanyuguta ezi M.M.M.

Many TIST farmers- Abahingi baingi ba TIST

Many trees-Emiti mingi

Much money to TIST farmers-Esente nyingi ahaba TIST

Ruhanga abahe omugisha twaba nitutandika omwaka musya 2013

Ara

Editors message.

To TIST farmers

Thank you for planting trees in the year 2012 and receiving validators for carbon sale in the best way.

The focus for 2013 is M.M.M

Many TIST farmers

Many trees

Much money to farmers

God bless you as we start the New Year 2013

Ara.

Ruhanga abahe omugisha twaba nitutandika omwaka musya 2013

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

WHERE ARE THE INDIGENOUS TREES AND SHRUBS?

Where are the indigenous trees
and shrubs?

Where are the beautiful
indigenous flowers?

Where are the indigenous fruits
and nuts?

Where are the wild animals?

Where are the beautiful birds and
insects?

Where is the beauty of God's
creation?

Wait a moment, might have an
answer,

Man has cut down all the
indigenous trees and shrubs; man
has poached a large number of
the wild animals,

Man has sent away a large
number of birds and insects,

Man has destroyed all this beauty.

Can anyone remember the good
old days?

When our forests were fully
covered by indigenous trees,

When there was plenty of rainfall,

When there was plenty of water,

When there was plenty of food,

When there were those beautiful
wild animals,

When the birds could whistle and
make songs.

Can we revive back this beauty
again?

Yes, we can bring back this
beauty again,

By protecting the water catchment
areas,

By protecting our forests,

By planting more indigenous trees
and shrubs,

By planting indigenous cover
crops to reduce soil erosion,

By using improved stove to
sustain our woodlots

And forests,

By teaching our children
environmental conservation.

By Generous Arinaitwe.

THE TIST VALUES

To begin, we want to remind you
about the TIST Values. They are
the foundation and heart of the
TIST Program. Without them, the
program and the work that we do
will not thrive.

Understanding TIST values will
help all the TIST participants have
a better understanding of: Who
we are, How we do things that
other people can see; What we
do and What we Create. This is
how we can contribute to the
well-being of our families and our
communities and to sustainability
the TIST program;

Who We Are

- 1) We are honest.
- 2) We are accurate.

3) We are transparent

4) We are servants to each other.

5) We are mutually accountable to
each other.

How We Do Things that other people can see

1) We are volunteers.

2) We do the work ourselves in
Small Groups

3) We develop and use best
practices

4) We use our head and hands.

What We Do

1) We plant a variety of trees for
the long-term.

2) We find ways to improve our
health.

3) We practice Conservation
Farming.

4) We do other projects and
businesses.

5) We sell carbon credits.

6) We use energy saving cook
stoves

What We Create.

This is different from what we do.
When we have these values and
as we live and do business the
way on
projects, we create something that
was not there before.

These include;

1) We create Team Work—by
doing things this way, we end up
working like a team.

2) We create Capacity—we
create organization, strength, and
a system that is strong.

3) We create Enjoyment—we see results, we accomplish big things and enjoy this achievement and success.

4) We create Big Results—Big results in planting trees. Big results in Conservation Farming and from other projects and business that we do.

5) We create Low Administrative costs, yet we achieve big results.

Let's look at some examples of how living the TIST values help us succeed.

Imagine that you know that a member of your group plans to cut their TIST trees despite the promise to keep them for 30 years. Your group receives payment for the trees. When auditors come to the grove, however, they find that there are no trees when we reported that there were thousands! They don't believe TIST's data. They believe we are not honest or accurate, and do not want to do business with us. TIST cannot sell carbon offsets and so fails. Farmers who are honest suffer. Can you see how important honesty, accuracy, and mutual accountability are to TIST? If you know this, and hide it, it hurts everyone in TIST in Uganda and around the world.

Imagine, instead, that your Small Group meets weekly, and covenants to plant 500 trees on each member's farm this year.

You create a schedule and plan, perhaps sharing work for a group nursery, and to prepare land for tree planting, taking turns on each farm. You keep your word to each other, and have a successful planting season. One member sees another member has not prepared holes even though time for planting is coming near. She asks the member, and learns that the member has been tending a sick child and fallen behind. She works with other group members to help this member prepare his land. The entire group benefits when they qualify for tree payment.

What kind of group do you want to be? How can living by the TIST values help you succeed?

If there are things that are confusing or that you do not understand about the TIST Values, please ask questions so we can serve you better. If you have stories of how TIST values have helped you and your group succeeds, please share with your trainer so that we can share with others in the newsletter!

Rev. Enoch Tumwebaze.

STINK WOOD IS A GOOD INDIGENOUS TREE

Dear farmers, use stink wood because of its many benefits.

I got stink wood seedlings from TIST office, planted them and are growing so fast. The trees look good and am very happy for their fast growth.

I planted the indigenous trees on a farm where 92 trees are growing and I intend to plant more 200 trees on my plot.

Stinkwood (*Prunus africana*) is a useful indigenous tree to plant on your farm. It is used for timber, and its leaves, roots and bark are valued for herbal medicine. It grows fairly quickly and leaves rot quickly for litter formation that is used as manure. It can be grown independently along the paths in the crop gardens and along the roads and streets. Stinkwood is excellent at preventing erosion. Therefore plant following the contour of land for soil conservation. The scent scares away mosquitoes.

Researchers say that hard timber of this tree is very valuable and durable and so can be used in construction programs.

Agaba Denis, Quantifier.

QUALITIES OF A GOOD SMALL GROUP FOR TIST PROGRAM

Who is TIST? We are! Each of us, in our Small Group, builds TIST. What does a group need to do to be a good group, or best group?

- The Small Group should have a number of six to twelve members.
- The members of the group should be from at least three different, nearby families, NOT only one family.
- The Small Group should be registered with TIST, and all of the members should have signed the registration form.
- Each member should have at least 100 trees planted and be ready to plant more.
- The Small Group should have one thousand trees and ready to plant more every year, to have at least 5,000 trees after 5 years.
- Members must agree not to cut down the trees until a period of 30 years.
- The group should practice rotational leadership and meet weekly, so each member leads in turn. This helps us learn from each others' strengths and skills.
- The Small Group should keep their groves clean and well tended.
- Members of the group should all sign a quantification form to show

that the tree count is accurate. We are mutually accountable to each other to provide accurate data.

- The Small Group should make sure that their groves are quantified every year.
- The Small Group should be made up men and women.
- Members should plant trees on their own land.
- Members should plant diverse tree species, including indigenous trees, practice Conservation Farming, and build improved cook stoves, and follow and share other best practices.

These are some of the many things that help make a TIST group strong.

We encourage all groups to make sure that you are following the best practices mentioned above. TIST trainers in your areas can tell you more about this.

Caleb Kayabuki