



# THE TREE

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"The tree" n'orupapura rw'amakuru orurikuhandikwa aba TIST uganda itaagi rya The International Small Group and Tree Planting Program.

### OKUKORA KWAITU

TIST n'ekigombe ekyehaireyo kwimutsya omutindo gw'abahingi aba hansi kirikubongyeramu amaani gokurwanisa okuwekyerezibwa kw'ebibira, okwenjuna obworo nekyanda kitari kyaburiryo.

### EBIGYENDERERWA BYAITU

Omukunywanisa entunguuka yentuura n'okurandana orwoya orurungi orurikuru ga omumiti. Nokunyunyuta orwoya orube kuruga omu mwanya TIST nehweza abahingi abarikurenga 25,000, eby'okwerinda sirimu, endiisa enungi yab'omumaka nokucendeza enkoresa y'enka n'amakara.

### PREFACE

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### EBIRY'OMUNDA

Reka tugire ekitwakora kurinda eby'obuhangwa.

Okubara emiti nikuyamba ahampinduka y'obwire.

### JANUARY NEWS LETTER 2013

#### 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.

#### AMAKUKU GWO KWOKUBANZA.

Obutumwa bwa edita.

Abahingi bemiti aba TIST.

Mwebare kubara emiti nokugirebereragye omwaka 2012 hamwe nokwakiiragye abashwijumi 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

**JANUARY 2013**

**NEWSLETTER**

**GOOD NEWS!**

Validators from Environmental Services Incorporated, an independent auditor that works to determine whether work done, like tree planting, qualifies for inclusion in carbon markets and assesses whether data reported are accurate, visited TIST Uganda groves together with TIST staff for the second time and the end of this November 2012. The purpose of this visit was to audit the TIST program and ascertain whether our work has been accurate and honest. This is important to assure our buyers (carbon credit buyers) that what we tell them about Small Group activities is true and correct. This gives the buyers confidence and trust in us, hence they are able to buy carbon credits from TIST farmers that support program operations and tree payments. They visited TIST groves around Kabale, Kanungu and Bushenyi. The TIST farmers were very

happy to meet and see verifiers in their groves. We are grateful to the farmers and all who welcomed the verifiers and helped the team complete their assessment. We were grateful to farmers who had their groves well-maintained so that it was easier to count and measure trees and the boundaries of the groves.

Because we abide by TIST Values, we passed the field visit portion of the validation and verification. This is good news for thousands of our farmers and entire TIST family!

TIST farmers are encouraged to plant more trees, especially indigenous and fruit trees for their good benefits, and to keep their trees healthy, clean and alive for 30 years. Great thanks to representatives from Environmental Services Inc, TIST US staff, TIST Uganda staff, quantifiers, trainers and farmers for the good work done!

This underscores the importance of abiding by TIST Values. Everyone should respect and

adhere to TIST Values.

Quantifiers should be accurate in the tree counts, and ensure complete baseline or quantification of each group they visit. Auditors must ensure that audits are up to the highest standards; Trainers should ensure farmers get accurate information. Leaders should help hold each other mutually accountable. TIST farmers should keep their word, and follow the training guidelines. All of us, should be honest, accurate, transparent, serve one another as we hold each other mutually accountable. Because, in TIST, We are!

**Rev Enoch Tumwebaze**

**LET'S DO**

**SOMETHING TO SAVE  
THE ENVIRONMENT!**

As good citizens, it's our responsibility to care for and save the environment.

The environment is man and his surroundings. Man, animals, plants, water, air, land and infrastructure all are important

parts of the environment. They all together support each other, and none can live without the others.

Forests, and trees, are very vital to support man, animals, plants, water, and land. Each small thing you have done to save the environment, know that it's a big achievement for the environment.

-If you plant a tree, take it in mind that you have done an important thing.

-The more you advise other people to plant good varieties of trees, the more you do to help save the environment.

-If you save a tree so that it is not cut that day, you have done good work.

-If you have set up a nursery bed to supply tree seedlings, you are saving the environment.

-If you have conserved water sources, so that they are not to be drained or contaminated, know that you are saving the environment.

-If you planted pastures to feed animals, if you have grown enough food for your family, especially using Conservation Farming to

protect soil, it's also good work you are doing.

-If you have terraces and are using mulch in your land, that's good for the environment, too.

-If you collected together used polythene papers and plastic materials in one place, and kept them from littering gutters, waterways, and land, and keep them from being burnt, or reuse plastic containers to keep them from becoming litter, you are saving the environment.

Each action we take matters.

Let's work together to follow and develop best practices to save our environment.

**Apollo Tushabemukama,  
Quantifier Bushenyi.**

### **Planting trees help solve climate change**

Forests play an important role in climate change. The destruction and degradation of forests contributes to the problem through the release of carbon dioxide. However, the planting of

new forests and protection of old forests so that they can continue to grow can help mitigate climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Combined with the sun's energy, captured carbon is converted into trunks, branches, roots and leaves via the process of photosynthesis. It is stored in this "biomass" until being returned into the atmosphere when the tree dies and wood is broken down, either by burning or rotting, whether through natural processes or human interference, thus completing the carbon cycle.

As children are taught at school, trees and other plants absorb carbon dioxide from the air as they grow. Using energy from the sun, they turn the carbon captured from the carbon dioxide molecules into building blocks for their trunks, branches and foliage. This is all part of the carbon cycle. Plant a tree today, and help reduce the problem of climate change!

**Bachwa Hakim**