

## Project Update: December 2012

Conservation education was carried out in six out of the seven primary schools in the surrounding communities of the Amurum Forest Reserve. This activity was conducted by five of the community youths trained during the previous project. The group was led by Elisha Atangs, a teacher in one of the community schools. Up to 420 children of ages 6 – 12 were educated on the importance of a forest ecosystem, the dangers of losing the forest and the role of people in ensuring that the forest remains intact. The children were also mobilised to participate in a tree-planting exercise that commenced on World Environment Day June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. Four schools participated. Community members were also mobilized for tree-planting and in total 400 seedlings of indigenous trees were planted on a piece of land donated by the Laminga Community for developing a community woodlot.



Left: Community members mobilized for tree planting. Right: Tree planting by one of the schools.



Elisha Atangs teaching school children about conservation.