

Project Update: June 2012

The project 'One Leader One Forest' has been well received in all the nine targeted villages by the leaders themselves as well as the general population. A group of students pursuing Community Development and Tropical Agriculture courses at the Mikolongwe College conducted a house-by house awareness exercise and a short survey in which over 8000 households were reached.

A 20-member forestry committee has been formed, drawing membership from all the 11 participating communities. The committee, trained in group management and participatory approaches has been instrumental in mobilising community members to participate in common preparatory activities.

Two nursery sites have been cleared and wells dug to provide water for irrigating the small tree seedlings. Grass fences have been erected around the nursery areas by the community members to avoid invasion by tamed animals. The programme has already been introduced to the Regional and District Forestry and Agricultural Offices, who have pledged to support the project whenever the need arises.

