

Project Update: May 2014

Reconnaissance surveys were carried out to contact the village heads and leaders of farmer groups and principals of schools to discuss the project with them and arrange for the baseline survey. The Principal of our Lady seat of Wisdom College Fontem was contacted and the leader of Belleh meeting group was also contacted among individuals around Nchembin area. The questionnaires were pretested during the reconnaissance survey.

Questionnaires were administered to both students and adults. From the students' questionnaire, most of them were interested in learning composting and most had never heard about nature conservation.

For the adults, they had hardly heard about composting and thus most of them improve their soils by leaving it to fallow and they acknowledge that their soils are degrading and that due to shifting cultivation most animal species are no longer available.

Contacts of group leaders/head of institutions that will help to organise members during lectures and training sessions were collected.

Picture 1 shows the administration of questionnaire to students and picture 2 shows a discussion with a village head and a group leader.

