

Project Update: November 2023

Introduction

The major objective of this project is to equip local communities with the knowledge and skills they need to engage in conservation activities that address both conservation and livelihood needs and to contribute to the sustainable conservation of wetlands and black-tailed godwit and its habitat in the project area. Planting different plant seedlings and conservation measures in selected places was one of the most important specific objectives for this project. In August 2023, we planted a total of 5245 tree seedlings in collaboration with the school students, school communities, kebele, and district administration. A total of 2546 students and school communities were participated in the seedling plantation.

After planting the seedlings, our monitoring and evaluation team was conducting a continuous follow-up and provide additional awareness creation trainings on the field for school nature/ environmental clubs member's students how to manage the planted seedlings in the selected schools. This training will help to manage trees and seedlings on the field and improve the skills and knowledge of future conservationists (school children or students) and their engagement in nature conservation through training and capacity-building activities.

Activity implementation progress

According to our work plan, in this period (September – November 2023) we concentrated on supervision of the planted tree seedlings and providing awareness creation on how to manage seedlings and planted trees for school nature clubs, and the entire school communities. This planted tree seedling management and maintenance activity was implemented from September to November 2023 and all the conservation measures were implemented at the upper catchment of the watershed to reduce the impact of floods and sedimentation into the wetland and will use several fruit trees as sources of food in the future. Here below the sample photographs of planted seedlings managed by different schools' nature clubs and school communities.



Planted seedlings at Gotu-onoma schools managed by Nature/environmental club student sample photo.



Planted Tree seedlings at Wosha Primary schools managed by Nature/environmental club students sample photo.



Planted Tree seedlings at Shesha Kekele Primary schools by Nature/environmental club students sample photo.



Status of Planted tree Seedlings at Den- College Primary schools managed by Nature/environmental club student sample photo.



Planted tree seedlings planting Wondo Genet Primary schools by Nature/environmental club student photo.



Planted tree seedlings at Intaye Primary schools managed Nature/environmental club student sample photo.