

Project Update: September 2013

One project inception meeting was held for the two target communities near Sangobay forest. A total of 35 members attended the meeting. Two training workshops in barkcloth tree growing have been held in each of the target communities. They were attended by 65 people in total.

Ficus tree planting has commenced with a total of 1500 trees planted within people's gardens. Collaboration talks are underway between the communities and the Buganda kingdom government to secure land where the project can be expanded in the future. The constitution process for establishment of the community-based organisation to promote barkcloth growing, conservation and culture has started with input from different community members and local leaders.

Initial meetings have been held with investors interested in buying barkcloth. The investors also participated in the community training workshops where they highlighted the different benefits of the barkcloth, economically, culturally and environmentally.



One of the trainers delivering the training



One of the trainers demonstrating how the barkcloth tree is planted



The grant recipient during one of the training workshops and awareness creation