

## **Project Updates: January, 2025**

### **Project ID: 43064-B**

***“Integrating Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration with Rocket Lorena Stoves to improve Forest Conservation in Kitenga Sub-County, Mubende District, Uganda”***

#### **● Activity 1: Awareness creation on Forest Conservation in Schools**

We carried-out 4 school outreach programs and disseminated forest conservation knowledge to learners. We discussed about the rampant rate of deforestation in Kitenga and its major causes. We also discussed about the possible solutions and a priority was given to farmer-managed natural regeneration and use of Rocket Lorena stoves. Learners were given brochures containing information on forest conservation methods to educate the wider community. We also installed metallic posters in the school compound to act as talking environment in the community. We also engaged learners in planting of fruit trees on their school compounds. The schools which took part in our workshops were;- Gogonya Parents Primary School, Nsengwe United Pentecostal Primary School, St. Kizito Primary School Kabunyonyi, and St. Mark Secondary School Kayebe.



**Image 1: Tree planting at Gogonya Parents Primary School compound © by Jjemba (November, 2024)**



**Image 2: Learners of Gogonya Parents Primary School after the outreach program © by Jjemba (November, 2024)**



**Image 3: Learners of Nsengwe United Pentecostal Primary School during the outreach program ©by Jjemba (November, 2024)**



**Image 4: Tree planting on a school compound at Nsengwe United Pentecostal Primary School ©by Jjemba (November, 2024)**

- **Other activities done**

- i. We have have constructed 137 Lorena Stoves in 137 households within Kitenga, and 112 stoves are already in use.
- ii. We have done several follow-ups on the constructed Lorena stoves and our sites under Farmer-managed natural regeneration.

- **Way forward**

- i. We are going to continue with the construction of Lorena stoves in the community.
- ii. We are also going to train farmers from selected villages in Kitenga on how to carry out Farmer-managed natural regeneration on their farms.
- iii. We are also planning to conduct a comparative study on the amount of fuelwood consumed while using Lorena stoves and the traditional three stone stoves in Kitenga

- **Conclusion**

Generally, our project is moving forward and we hope to accomplish its objectives in the stipulated time-frame.