



BEST PRACTICE IN ADULT EDUCATION FOR A JUST TRANSITION

**Safeguarding the
Environment from Harm**
Supporting Tree Planting among
Communities near Forest Reserves

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Context and Initiative Details

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| Name of the initiative | Safeguarding the environment from harm |
| Geographical scope | Kyotera and Rakai districts. |
| Sources of funding | Unbound Kampala project community fund, Government and community. |
| Duration of the initiative | 4 years |
| Target audience | Unbound Sponsored communities with low literacy levels. |
| Social justice focus area | All adults with low levels of formal literacy qualifications. Environmental Justice Economic Justice |
| Goals of the initiative | A Friendly Climatic Environment for the community. |

Good Practices Description

Stakeholder engagement in the process

- Local leaders & SG leader supported in mobilization,
- Community members and Adult learners offered land or space for planting trees.

Methodology used (if available)

- Enabling Rural Innovation
- Participatory Rural Appraisal

Teaching approaches (if available)

- Demonstration
- Discussion

Challenges and outcomes

Key factors contributing to success

- Availability of funds through grants.
- Functional local leadership who greatly supported in mobilization.
- Teamwork among Community Empowerment Groups.

Encountered difficulties and challenges

- Absence of an operating nursery bed within the local communities.
- Harsh climate affected the growth of trees.
- Men's participation in the projects was very low.

Recommendations

- People living near forest reserves should be granted a chance to plant trees in the forest reserves.
- Leaders at the sub county level should adopt the practice of planting trees.
- Motivational packages to people who deliberately preserve the environment.

Impact

Instilled mindset to participation and empowerment by community members to become agents of change in their own environment.

Environmental and economic benefits: Through promotion of sustainable practices and resources efficiency, over 2,200 Households have planted 27 trees in their family garden for both environmental protection and economic reasons.

Sponsored communities have vast knowledge on how to protect and preserve their environment.