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**FIELD REPORT ON TREE PLANTING IN KAMBUGA SUB-COUNTY, KANUNGU DISTRICT
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1.0 Summary of Field Activity



The Climate Impact Initiative took a proactive step towards environmental conservation by organizing a tree planting activity in Kambuga Sub- County, Kanungu District. The primary objective of this event was to raise awareness among the local community about the crucial role that tree planting plays in combatting climate change and addressing environmental degradation.





Climate change, caused by human activities such as deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels, poses a significant threat to our planet's delicate ecosystem. Rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, and the loss of biodiversity are just a few of the adverse consequences we face. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the Climate Impact Initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and empower individuals to take action against these environmental challenges.

Engaging the local community was a fundamental aspect of the tree planting activity. By involving residents, volunteers, and representatives from local schools and educational institutions, the initiative aimed to foster a sense of ownership and collective responsibility for environmental conservation. By actively participating in the tree planting event, individuals had the opportunity to witness the tangible impact they could make in their immediate surroundings.

Furthermore, tree planting activity aimed to contribute to reforestation efforts in Kambuga Sub- County. Reforestation is a critical strategy to restore ecosystems, increase green cover, and mitigate the effects of deforestation. By strategically selecting suitable planting sites and procuring a variety of tree saplings, the Climate Impact Initiative sought to enhance the natural beauty of Kambuga Sub- County while also promoting a sustainable and resilient environment.

Through this event, the Climate Impact Initiative sought to create a ripple effect of positive change within the local community. By raising awareness about the importance of tree planting and its connection to mitigating climate change, the organization aimed to inspire individuals to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. The event served as a platform for education and dialogue, allowing 50 participants to gain a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness between environmental conservation and their own well-being.

1.2 Objectives of Tree Planting Activity

-  **To raise awareness about the importance of tree planting in combating climate change and environmental degradation;** the activity aimed to educate participants and the wider community about the crucial role trees play in mitigating climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
-  **To engage the local community and volunteers in actively participating in the tree planting activity;** by involving community members and volunteers, the initiative aimed to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility towards environmental conservation. Through hands-on involvement in the tree planting process, participants were encouraged to develop a deeper connection with nature and understand the tangible impact their actions can have on the environment.
-  **To contribute to the reforestation efforts in Kambuga Sub- County and enhance the green cover in the area;** reforestation is vital for restoring ecosystems, preserving biodiversity, and improving the overall health of the environment. By planting trees in strategic locations, the initiative aimed to create new habitats for wildlife and prevent soil erosion. The increased green cover also contributes to cooling the environment, improving air quality, and creating a more sustainable and resilient ecosystem.
-  **The activity aimed to promote sustainable practices and encourage the community to take responsibility for environmental conservation;** by organizing training sessions and educational activities, the initiative provided participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. By instilling a sense of responsibility and stewardship, the activity aimed to empower individuals to become active agents of change and advocates for environmental protection in their community.

1.3 Activity Schedule

The tree planting activity conducted aimed to raise awareness about the importance of tree planting in combating climate change and environmental degradation. The activity involved three main phases: the preparatory phase, the tree planting event, and the post-planting phase.

Time	Activity Description	Participants Involved	Contact Persons
07:00AM-07:30AM	Arrival of Guests and Community Members on the Scene	Community Members, Organizational	Organizational Members.

		Members and Local Leaders	Programs Coordinator
07:30AM - 08:00AM	- Collection and Sorting Tree Seedlings	Programs Coordinator and Community Leaders	Programs Coordinator and Tree Seedlings Suppliers
08:00AM-11:30AM	Tree Planting Event; The tree planting event commenced with a warm welcome and registration process for all participants. The Climate Impact Initiative provided the necessary equipment, such as shovels, gloves, and watering cans, to ensure that participants had the tools needed to plant trees effectively.	Community Members, Organizational Members and Local Leaders	Community Members, Organizational Members and Local Leaders
11:30AM-01:00PM	Speeches and Giving Thanks To express gratitude and acknowledge the participants' contributions, a closing ceremony was organized. The initiative recognized the efforts of the participants and	The Community Members The Guest Honor The Clergy Family and the Local Leaders	The Programs Coordinator. Ushers.

	<p>thanked them for their involvement in the tree planting activity.</p> <p>The honored persons were the Local Leaders, Community members, The Church Clergies and the Guest of Honor</p>		
01:00-02:00PM	<p>Lunch Hour</p> <p>The Organization provided Snacks and drinks to the participants involved in the tree planting.</p>	Participants	The Ushers
02:00PM	<p>Closure and Departure;</p> <p>The activity was concluded with genuine thanks to the community participants, the District Council Representatives for the work done towards the tackling</p>	Participants	Programs Coordinator, Activity Ushers

	climate change through tree planting activity.		

1.4 Impacts and Results

Number of trees planted; a total of 500 trees were planted during the tree planting campaign. These trees were carefully selected to suit the local ecosystem and maximize their positive impact on the environment.

Tree species planted: The tree planting initiative involved the planting of a diverse range of tree species, including; Eucalyptus and Markhamia lutea. This selection aimed to promote biodiversity, provide various ecological benefits, and enhance the resilience of the local ecosystem.



Figure 1: A seedling of Markhamia lutea (Omusaavu in Rukiga)

Community engagement; the event successfully engaged a diverse range of participants, including local community members, volunteers, and representatives from educational institutions. This high level of community engagement fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among the participants towards the environment. It also promoted collaboration and knowledge-sharing among different stakeholders, creating a unified effort in addressing environmental challenges.




Figure 2 : community involvement including local community members, volunteers, and representatives from educational institutions.

Awareness raised; the tree planting activity generated significant awareness about the importance of tree planting and environmental conservation among the participants and the wider community. Through interactive sessions, educational activities, and informative presentations, participants gained a deeper understanding of the crucial role trees play in mitigating climate change, improving air quality, conserving water resources, and supporting biodiversity. This raised awareness is expected to inspire positive behavioural changes and encourage individuals to take proactive steps in environmental conservation.

Figure 3: Awareness being raised through by the program coordinator on the role of planting trees to primary pupils



 **Long-term impact;** the planted trees will have a lasting impact on the environment in Kambuga Sub- County. As these trees grow and mature, they will contribute to improving air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Their extensive root systems will help prevent soil erosion, enhancing the stability of the land. Additionally, the increased green cover will attract wildlife and support biodiversity in the area. The presence of trees will also provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and create a more pleasant and liveable environment for the local community. Furthermore, the tree planting activity aligns with broader sustainability goals and promotes a greener and more sustainable future for Kambuga Sub- County and its residents.

1.5 Conclusion



The tree planting activity organized was an outstanding success that yielded significant positive outcomes. The event effectively accomplished its primary objectives of raising awareness, engaging the community, and contributing to reforestation efforts in the area. The Climate Impact Initiative expresses its unwavering commitment to monitoring the progress of the planted trees, ensuring their long-term survival, and promoting their healthy growth. Moreover, the organization extends its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the participants and partners who played instrumental roles in making this initiative a resounding success.



Through this activity, the Climate Impact Initiative successfully raised awareness about the critical importance of tree planting in combatting climate change and mitigating environmental degradation. By delivering a comprehensive presentation and engaging participants in educational activities and interactive sessions, the initiative empowered individuals with knowledge about the environmental benefits of trees. The event fostered a deeper understanding among community members, volunteers, and participants from local schools and educational institutions, motivating them to take active responsibility for environmental conservation.



The engagement and involvement of the community were key factors in the success of the tree planting activity. The enthusiastic participation of local community members, as well as the support and presence of government officials and community leaders, demonstrated the collective commitment towards creating a greener and more sustainable environment in Kambuga Sub- County.

2.0 Remarks from the Chief Executive Director

Ladies and Gentlemen,



**Figure 4. Ms. Twikirize Moreen
(CEO)**

It is with great pleasure that I stand here today to address this gathering after a successful tree planting in Kambuga sub-county, Kanungu district.

I am overwhelmed by the immense participation from local leaders, community members, organizational members, school administrators and pupils. This truly reflects the commitment and dedication we share towards tackling the challenges posed by climate change. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for taking the time to join us in this

endeavour. Your presence here today demonstrates your willingness to play an active role in mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our partner organizations, whose support has been instrumental in making this tree planting activity a reality. Your collaboration with Climate Impact Initiative Uganda showcases the power of collective action in fostering positive change. I am hopeful that this partnership will continue to thrive and produce even more impactful initiatives in the future.

To the school administrators and pupils who are present here today, bravo! Your involvement in this tree planting activity signifies your understanding of the critical role that the younger generation plays in addressing climate change. By instilling in our students a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship, we are nurturing future leaders who will carry on the mantle and ensure a sustainable and healthy world for generations to come.

In conclusion, I am filled with hope and optimism as I see the passion and commitment demonstrated by each and every one of you here today. Climate change is a complex global challenge but through combined efforts of organizations like ours, local leaders, community members and the youth, we can make a real difference. Let us continue to collaborate and innovate in our pursuit of a sustainable and resilient future for Uganda.

Thank you once again for your presence and unwavering support. Together we can create a climate resilient Uganda. Stay Blessed!