

**Date****5<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April 2016****Duration****3 weeks****Project Code****UPA/001/16****Project Host****UPA –BUKOMERO****Project Theme****“Youth and Community Action on Climate Change and enhancement of Income Generation.”****Project Location**

Kakunyu village, Bukomero Sub-county in Kiboga District is located in the central part of Uganda bordered by Luweero District in the north-east, Masindi in the north-west, Mubende district in the south and Kibaale district in the south-west. Kakunyu lies 85km on Kampala-Hoima road.

**Project Background**

Uganda Pioneers Association owns a 10 acre piece of land at Kakunyu village in Bukomero Sub-county on which it has for long tested several projects. However, in 2008 UPA decided to promote environmental conservation through agro-forestry by planting trees and educating the local people about the climate change and its effects on the lives of people.

Forests are a livelihood to over 1.6 billion people; home for 300 million people and are estimated to account for US \$ 327 billion in trade, they provide shelter, source of food, medicine and play a vital role in maintaining a stable global environment.

In relation to the Millennium Development Goal 7, UPA is striving to enhance Environmental sustainability. It the reverse of loss of environmental resources like trees. UPA shall be committed to address the main challenges of Environmental Sustainability focusing on reversing of alarming destruction of in order to contribute to sustainable lifestyles and reverse the escalating weather challenges.

Many communities where UPA works remain at a high risk due to food insecurity as a result of seasonal changes.

It is UPA's hope that this project will become a demonstration for the entire area in future and will become a distribution centre for tree seedlings to the local community members.

**Project Objectives**

- To promote environment conservation through tree planting
- To promote agro-forestry through intercropping commercial trees with food crops
- To promote the use of organic manure for improved agriculture and increased production

**Activities****Environment conservation**

- Planting 1000 eucalyptus trees
- Preparation of 3 tree nursery beds
- Raising of tree Nursery shades
- Conducting community workshops
- Conducting outreaches in local primary and secondary schools
- Workshops with workcamp participants on recycling and eco-friendly projects
- Meeting with the environment and natural resources officer

**Agriculture**

- Making composite manure pits
- Carrying organic manure to plants/gardens
- Planting food crops and vegetables
- Field clearing and weeding

**Expected Outcome**

- 1000 trees planted
- 2000 tree seedlings potted

<b>Cultural and educational visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Nursery beds constructed</li> <li>• 2 school outreaches conducted</li> <li>• One Community awareness creation workshop held</li> <li>• 2 manure composite pits prepared</li> <li>• One meeting with the environment officer</li> <li>• More knowledge and skills on environment conservation amongst the workcampers.</li> <li>• Hiking at Kateera Hill</li> <li>• Bukomero local market twice a month on Tuesdays is also an experience.</li> </ul>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> Cultural Nights will be organized on different days for the different countries represented at the workcamp. Please carry along anything that can introduce your culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UPA members</li> <li>• International workcamp participants</li> <li>• Local community members</li> <li>• Local volunteers</li> <li>• Local leaders</li> <li>• Schools</li> </ul>
<b>Participation</b>	<p>The workcamp expects 15 participants maximum with a composition of people from other regions of Uganda and International volunteers. Participants work for 6 hours daily from Monday to Friday.</p>
<b>Who qualifies to participate</b>	<p>Weekends are free <b>unless</b> if the official camp programme has an activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open minded, ready to interact with other people of different cultural background</li> <li>• Willing to share his/her experiences</li> <li>• Flexible to live/stay in simple life conditions</li> <li>• Flexible to the taste of other foods (local)</li> <li>• Ready to do manual work on the project</li> <li>• No experience needed</li> </ul>
<b>The Host Community</b>	<p>The people in central Uganda are multi-tribal with the majority population being Baganda. And the major language spoken is Luganda with also a big percentage of people speaking basic English well.</p> <p>Like most regions in Uganda people in this community always welcome visitors and always interested to talk/work with people from other places. Volunteers on this project will have the opportunity to interact with mostly UPA members and those from the community.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation shall be in the farm structures/buildings</li> <li>• Participants will be required to carry own sleeping bags and mats</li> <li>• The campsite has simple outside bathrooms with no showers</li> <li>• The campsite has latrines not toilets</li> <li>• And a simple cooking shelter (kitchen)</li> </ul>
<b>Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are several local foods to choose from e.g. matooke, cassava, sweet potatoes, yams, pumpkin and also rice, spaghetti, ground nuts, beans, peas and different types green vegetables</li> <li>• Fruits can also be easily bought from local markets, mangoes, sweet bananas, water melon, pineapples etc</li> <li>• Participants will choose food to prepare depending on the availability.</li> <li>• Participants will divide themselves in working groups to prepare own meals using charcoal and firewood on a fuel saving place.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Services</b>	<p>There is a health Centre in Bukomero trading centre for handling the general community health problems. Kiboga main referral hospital is located only 25km on Kampala- Hoima road. In case of serious cases it is 1 ½ hrs drive from Bukomero to Kampala to main national hospitals.</p>

**Water Source**

Participants use a bicycle and wheel barrows to collect water from a borehole 3kms away or collect water from nearby wells around the project.

**Weather**

The temperatures in April usually range between 16 and 29 C with some rain during the month. This region is very green all the year due to two seasons of rains in the year. It may turn out to be wet and chilly at times especially at night.

**What to bring**

**Bring a sleeping bag, Mat, pillow, Mosquito Net, sun/mosquito creams/replants, working gloves, boots/shoes is advisable. Light working clothes during working hours and warm clothes at night, as it may turn out to be chilly or cold; Musical instrument {optional}; Torch or flash light; Water purifiers {optional}; Personal effects {i.e. soap, toothpaste, toiletries}; National flag, common art facts of your country; Meals/local you may wish to prepare to be shared among the participants during the cultural nights from your country and above all A happy and positive attitude.**

**NB:**

- **Very short (Hot pants); skirts and dresses will not be culturally welcome especially for female.**
- **Smoking in public is illegal while engagement in drug/harsh carries a life prison sentence.**