## **Project Update: April 2002**

Conservation clubs initiated in five primary schools and one secondary school have participated in seedling planting during this long rainy season; about 16 acres have been planted. Essay writing competition in both primary and secondary schools has been initiated on issues of environmental conservation. This is one way of promoting awareness of forest reserve conservation; the best three winners will get the prizes sponsored by the Kimboza Project 2002.

Environmental education was conducted throughout the area of the forest reserve which is bounded by the five villages namely Kibangule, Kibungo, Upanda, Changa and Matombo village. As a result of environmental education, a total of sixteen conservation groups/clubs of villagers were formed. Each group consisted about ten members and each one of the formed clubs decided to prepare their own nurseries for seedlings.

Each village agreed to form environmental conservation committee under the leadership of the village chairman. It was really beyond our expectation how primary schools, secondary schools and villagers receive environmental education with keen interest to save the declining natural resources. Students as well as elders were asking more interesting questions concerning with conservation.