

Project Update: September 2013

In July 2013, the Environmental Governance Institute (EGI) initiated an agro-forestry project that will be implemented in Mamfe Central sub-division. For 1 month, three staff from EGI, led by the community mobiliser, visited the 11 villages that make up the sub-division and held awareness meetings with community members and their chiefs and regent chiefs. They carried out discussions about the state of forests in the area and agreed on modalities for addressing deforestation and improving agricultural practices.

Each village appointed representatives to attend a joint workshop that was held in Mamfe town on 23rd August 2013. Apart from discussing the importance and benefits of agro-forestry, each village brainstormed about the types of trees they needed, and the reasons for choosing these tree types. These suggestions were debated during a plenary session and documented and have formed the basis of further consultations with forestry and agricultural officers. To conclude the meeting, each village identified a volunteer who will attend training and serve as a focal person for their village. All participants received branded t-shirts.

The workshop was attended by the Divisional Supervisor for Agricultural Extension and the Personal Assistant to the Divisional Officer, who both hailed the participatory approach and expressed their willingness to collaborate with EGI in implementing the project. In addition, EGI established contact with Manyu Community Radio who featured the event extensively, as did the National Telegraph, a Mamfe-based newspaper.

Read more about the agro-forestry project on our website: <http://bit.ly/18nPOz1>

You can also watch this video to get some direct views from the participants: <http://bit.ly/18nORvn>



Members inspect forests with EGI staff

Participants at agro-forestry workshop in Mamfe town



