

Project Update: April 2014

Within this period, the project established three community tree nurseries in three of the four project communities for the production of tree seedlings intended for the restoration of the heavily degraded watershed. With the participation of community members and more especially the newly created water management committees, more than 7000 local seeds belonging to nine different species were sown in these community nurseries.

Additionally, the project carried out two training sessions on improved agricultural practices with emphasis on the practice of agroforestry, conservation agriculture and composting to over 78 women drawn from six farming groups operating in the project area. This training was very timely as farmers will use the knowledge and skills learned to better prepare their farmlands ahead of the upcoming planting season around mid-March to early April 2014.

Part of the agroforestry seeds donated to the project by the New Forests Project based in the USA were equally distributed to farmers to establish in their individual farms. Once mature, the different agroforestry species will help to improve the soil fertility, provide fodder for life stock and fuel for domestic use.

Furthermore, outreach environmental education activities were introduced in three primary schools operating in the project communities with the creation of environmental education clubs. In the coming days, lessons on environmental awareness shall be taught to both the teachers and the children.

