

Project Update: December 2014

The Rufford Resource Centre has been sustained in Gisagara and run by 10 trained indigenous youths. These youths have been used as local experts during hands-on training of 60 peer educators from 13 youth clubs and women cooperative. The centre keeps providing technical and material support to trained clubs for enabling them to replicate some of learnt practices in their own schools.

In coordination with 14 university student volunteers, the trained youth clubs have conducted outreaches to meet different stakeholders and understand the local conservation problems, design and share their annual action plan for conservation of forests and dissemination of best practices.

In early December 2014 before the end of academic year 2014, the trained clubs were campaigning for their conservation practices and action plan among community groups. The evaluation meeting to assess the adoption of those best practices is scheduled early January 2015 at the beginning of the academic year 2015.



Left: A trained youth demonstrates to local students how to make improved stove by using a modern mold. Middle: Mushroom harvest by Uwimana Annonciata, one of trained women who adopted mushroom farming in her vacant part of kitchen in Dahwe Sector. Right: women cooperative during hands-on training on mushroom growing by Agricultural University students.