

Project Update: September 2016

The project is going on. Currently we are monitoring the seedlings transplanted by the community groups to see how they are taking care of them and the progress. So far we have transplanted approximately 1000 seedlings with one group, Yala Swamp Conservation (YASCO), this include 400 seedlings of *Markhamia lutea* (local name Siala), 100 seedlings of *Albizia coriara* (local name ober) and 500 seedlings of *Eucalyptus grandis* (local name bao). We are also visiting schools to prepare nurseries, a total of six primary schools have been visited to date. The process is still going on guided by some community members who had been trained by the department of Forestry Siaya County. The main challenge we have faced lately is that the rains have not come us we expected, so there was a bit of delay in planting with the schools. However, some schools have water tanks and underground bore holes.



Margaret Owuor pulling weeds from seedlings that have been transplanted. Photo by Aaron Greene Okoth.

Pupils of Osoro Primary School looking at the demonstration on how to prepare a tree nursery guided by Mr. Rogers Oteng'o. Photo taken by Peter Odhiambo.



Pupils from Uyiko Primary school receiving their watering can which is donated by the project team. Photo taken by Peter Odhiambo.