

Project Update: October 2015

During this period I managed to organize and conduct a series of seminars to various village leaders, primary teachers and pupils of Mwamgongo village. I also managed to conduct village meetings on the issues of protecting community forest which has great value in ensuring the Chimpanzee corridor from Gombe National Park to Zashe Community Forest is revived and protected. The importance of maintaining the community forest and planting trees to various areas in this village was thoroughly discussed to gain public support when tree planting campaign commences.

All village leaders, village environmental committee members and village land use management committee members participated in the seminars which were prepared specifically to each group and later combined. This was done purposely to provide benign environment for the respective members to discuss and learn more about their specific roles and responsibility with respect to the conservation of community forest and supporting agroforestry practices to the villagers' farm.

Seminar to teachers and pupils of the two primary schools within Mwamgongo Village were also conducted due to their importance in supporting community forest conservation. The target group to pupils was standard V, VI and VII. Environmental club was formulated and soon tree nursery for the both schools will be prepared. Both pupils and teachers will learn how to prepare tree nursery and later planting them into the schools farm and forest.

Tree planting campaign is planned to be conducted in two phases, around early December 2015 and around early March 2016. November 2015 will be used to enhance capacity building and prepare the entire community to be involved whenever possible in the tree planting campaign.



During Seminar with Mwamgongo Village Leader and with Village Land Use Management Committee.



During Seminar with Environmental Committee Members and with Mwamgongo Village Leader.