

## The Rufford Foundation

### Final Report

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Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to [jane@rufford.org](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

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Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Njukeng Jetro Nkengafac
<b>Project title</b>	Training on agroforestry and compost manure for nature conservation
<b>RSG reference</b>	18583-2
<b>Reporting period</b>	November, 2015 to November, 2016
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5000
<b>Your email address</b>	jnkengafac@yahoo.com
<b>Date of this report</b>	November, 2016

**1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To raise awareness on the use of compost and agroforestry species as eco-friendly fertilisers, and their places in nature conservation			X	This activity was carried in order to raise the awareness of both the young and the old on environmental issues.
To train more farmers on composting techniques and application and agroforestry techniques			X	A total of 200 persons were trained involving individual local farmers and members of farmer groups.
To use compost manure to improve crop yields especially food crops			X	Together with the trained farmers, compost was used as soil amendment for maize and the results were impressive.

**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).**

None.

**3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

Many local farmers received training on compost manure preparation and agroforestry techniques.

During this training, seeds of selected agroforestry species were collected, nursed and planted in farmer's fields. The farmers were lectured on agroforestry; what it is all about, the different types etc. and they were trained on all the steps from nursery to planting in the fields.

Soil fertility and crop yield were improved from the demonstration using maize. This will go a long way to ensure food security.

The target population agreed that the use of compost and agroforestry species is very environmentally friendly and will save the soil, water and biodiversity in the study site. The planting of agroforestry species has increased the number of trees planted for a green environment.

**4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).**

The local farmers were the targeted participants for the training on compost manure preparation and agroforestry techniques. The local population was also involved in the awareness talks thus increasing their knowledge on environmental issues. Right now members of the local communities can prepare and use compost manure and nursed and plant agroforestry trees in their farms which will go a long way to improve their crop yield. Increased crop yield will help farmers to meet their food needs (food security) and also have enough to sell and generate income. A change in their farming methods will go a long way to conserve their soils and thus assuring sustainable food yields and conserving biodiversity.

In the demonstration farm, the trained farmers were actively involved in the activities.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes there are plans to continue this work. I will like to stop back in farmers' fields to follow up their practices and advise them when need be. However, I intend to apply for more grants to follow up nature conservation in this area by setting up an agroforestry farm with as many as possible different agroforestry species planted. This will help for seeds production which can be multiplied to other places.

This phase of the project has been completed but there is need for follow up of the population to encourage them and keep the spirit of conservation alive.

**6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?**

Results of my work will be shared during seminars with scientists, farmers, conservation experts, NGOs and CIGs. The results of this work will also be shared through publications (local newspapers as well as international) and participation in conferences

**7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?**

The RSG was used from November 2015 to November 2016. The funding covered the cost of the first year of activities. The research, however, will continue until December 2016.

**8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.**

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
<b>Out-station allowances 1500</b>	1500	1500	0	Travel to meet farmers
<b>Fuel and lubricants 1500</b>	1500	1500	0	Travel to meet farmers
<b>Lectures and Training materials 500</b>	500	500	0	
<b>Tools for composting and nursery 400</b>	400	400	0	
<b>Snacks during lectures/training sessions</b>	500	500	0	
<b>Stationary 300 0 300</b>	300	300	0	
<b>Communication</b>	300	300	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	500	<b>500</b>	0	<b>(1 £ = 835 FCFA)</b>



**9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?**

Establishing pilot training centres in villages to continue training farmers on composting and also to establish pilot nurseries for agroforestry trees to supply seedlings to farmers and community groups.

**10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project?  
Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?**

RSGF was acknowledged for funding the project during awareness campaigns and training workshops.