

Project Update: December 2010

A total of 14 schools have been visited to-date to evaluate the previous carried out conservation project. In most schools the seedlings and trees survival rates range between 40% - 60%. The major challenge is lack of water.

Materials for awareness and training have already being designed. These include posters, brochures and flyers on environmental conservation targeted to school children and local community members. Most of the materials have already been developed. Some materials have already been disseminated to schools during visits.

Tree nursery works are on board. About 1000 seedlings have germinated, 2000 seeds are in the bags and more than 2000 seeds are in the nurseries. It is expected that by March 2011, most of the tree seedlings will be ready for planting.



Soils collected for tree nursery work



Some polyethylene bags with tree seeds



A section of germinated trees in the plastic bags

Activity	Percentage Covered
Project Notification to all stakeholders	100%
Land acquisition for tree nursery in Kisarawe	100%
Establishment of community based tree nursery in Kisarawe (raising and caring for the seedlings)	30%
Development of training materials	75%
Conducting training to Village Environmental Committees	0%
School visits to evaluate their tree nurseries and identify upgrading needs	67%
Trees dissemination and planting at schools and within the forest	0%
Project evaluation, report writing and submission	0%

Up – Coming Events

More work will be done to raise about 5,000 trees at the community tree nursery for planting during the rainy season March – May 2011.

School visits for evaluations and support has stopped since late October 2010 because children were sitting for exams and now they are in holidays. This activity will resume in January 2011 to finish the remaining seven schools.

Environmental awareness materials will continue being disseminated to schools and other stakeholders. To schools, dissemination work will be in line with visits for evaluation and support. Before tree planting works at community level, a community based training will be organised and conducted. The idea is to make use of a tree nursery for practical training purpose to better demonstrate to participants how to establish a tree nursery, caring for the seedlings and carry out tree planting events.