

Project Update: June 2018

As mentioned in the very first communication after receiving the grant, we could not start with the children because they were busy with exams towards the end of their school term. Thus, the end of March 2018 activity was preparing for the activities to follow in the following month as the project proceeds. We slightly altered the activity plan. In April 2018 since it was still raining we embarked on soil sampling. The preliminary results gave us a go-ahead of the tree seedlings we planted in one of the portions of the land, for the community biodiversity habitat. In the same month we bought tree seedlings from the National Tree Seed Centre and planted them. redstinkwood (30 seedlings), mahogany (35 seedlings), and indigenous mangoes (10) and the *graverria* (30 seedlings) along the boundary of the land, because the tree (*graverria*) is good for nitrogen fixation and a wind breakr though not indigenous. Its purpose is to protect the land boundary and will be helpful when we make the live fence of Keapo trees.

In May 2018 we visited farmers each on their land. Since they were still in the crop sowing season of rain we decided that we shall engage both of them with the children in July (the dry season), in order to continue with the activities as scheduled in the activity plan. We shall start with the children then the farmers as we continue.

In June, I and my team are continually working on the created habitat and constantly monitoring the forest patches.

