

Project Update: March 2010

Establishment of Community Project Implementation Committee

This is a 10-member committee made up of three women and seven men of the Adzato local community. At one of the Adzato community meetings, the women and men group had a separate meeting and they came out with their own elected representatives. After they were elected by the local community people, the entire Adzato community gave a nod of approval for their newly elected committee members to oversee the successful implementation of this project. The committee function by mobilizing community members/human and material resources to implement the activities of the project. They are also involved with the help of other stakeholders in the internal monitoring and evaluation of the project.

Surveying and demarcation of land for mangrove regeneration/tree planting

Plots of land made available/released for this community project by the Tamakloe family is over 200 acres/80 ha and it begins from Tetu to Adza which is along the main Tetu and Adza lagoon which flows into the Keta Lagoon. The Ele and Tetu creeks flow into the Tetu and Adza lagoon which then flows into the Keta Lagoon. Out of the over 100 acres/40 ha of land which is available for this community project, an area of about 10 acres/4 ha so far was demarcated, ploughed and woodlot established made up of tree species like *Cassia mangium*, *Acassia*, mahogany and eucalyptus. The planting interval is 3-4 m between each planted seedlings. Some of the men and women did pegging by the help of calibrated ropes while digging was done mainly by men and planting of seedlings/watering done by both men/women/youth. Fresh water for watering is about 300 m far from the woodlot site hence some of the women and youth carry fresh water from source to fill barrels placed on the field to water the planted seedlings as and when it is necessary. Some of the women, men and the youth have been assigned to go round the field to care for the growing seedlings (which involves, helping falling seedlings after heavy rains to stand, beating up dead seedlings, removing weeds competing with growing seedlings and watering during dry weather situations). Several metres along the banks of the Tetu and Adza lagoon, the land is being cleared and prepared for mangrove regeneration and tree planting to improve and conserve the biodiversity/ecological system of the area.





Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation

This is an on-going process with every stakeholder getting involved by being present at site to help in one way or the other with advice, knowledge/experience sharing and practical skill demonstration. Internal monitoring and evaluation started right from the onset of disbursement of RSG funds through procurement of tool/materials, demarcation/ploughing of land, planting of seedlings etc. till this stage of the project.