

New Forests Project's 2011 Financial Support to Purchase Equipment

In 2011, New Forests Project provided funds to three organizations in Africa to purchase equipment to set up nurseries.

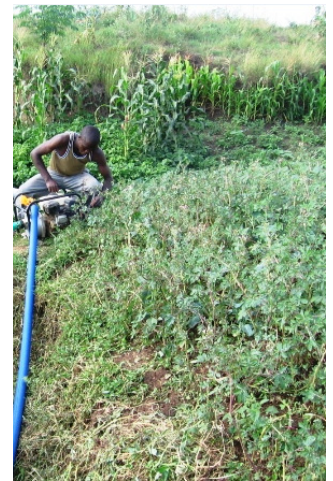
Kenya

Megabridge Foundation

Megabridge Foundation works with local communities to promote development and address environment and conservation issues in the Imenti Central District. This specific project will be working with smallholder farmers of Kwang'ombe village to help restore the Kiagu forest. This forest, which is under threat because of unsustainable practices, harbors unique biodiversity because it has higher and cooler temperatures than the surrounding savannas. The project will work with local farmers, community groups and schools to promote reforestation, afforestation and sustainable forest practices. NFP provided seeds and funds that are being used to establish a model tree nursery where 30,000 seedlings are being grown with direct involvement of the local people. The seedlings will be distributed to local farmers and used to restore forest areas. NFP funds were used to purchase irrigation equipment, plastic bags and seeds of local species. NFP also sent 5 kilograms of seeds from India that are being used for this nursery and to supply other projects in the area.



site



nt at the nursery



n the Kwang'ombe village nursery

Kenya

Murera Community Empowerment and Support Organization (MCESO)

MCESO is working in the Ruiru district of Kenya to promote community tree planting and rural reforestation through education in environmental conservation and by supporting communities to sustainably manage their natural resources in order to promote development and reduce poverty. In order to combat deforestation MCESO needed to establish a tree nursery in Murera village to provide seedlings to the village communities and promote afforestation and agro forestry methods throughout the district. NFP's funds were used to purchase tools and irrigation equipment.



Setting up the nursery beds and using new equipment



Watering seedlings with new watercans

Uganda

Karwemera United Women Association (KUWA)

The organization works in Karwemera Village, Kasese District of Uganda, to strengthen the capacity of women members and others in the community to work towards their own development. One of their projects promotes sustainable agriculture, including agroforestry. In 2010 NFP funded a workshop to train local women on the benefits of reforestation and agroforestry. This led to an increase in the area of people interested in doing agroforestry and to the establishment of tree nurseries. NFP provided funds this year to equip those nurseries in need. More specifically, NFP funds were used to purchase wheel barrows and barbed wire to protect the nurseries from animals.



Equipment waiting to be used in one of the nurseries



Wheelbarrow in use



Fencing material being put to use to protect the nursery