

## Agroforestry and Reforestation Projects Supported in 2009

### Nigeria

**Project:** The Otamiri River Rainforest Reforestation Project  
**Location:** Imo State, Owerri West Local Government Area, Nekede and Ihiagwa  
**Partner:** The Smallholders Foundation

The Otamiri River is the only surviving river with a tropical rainforest in Imo State, Nigeria. The project is promoting reforestation among two communities where deforestation of the rainforest along the river has been the greatest. The project established a pilot nursery with 5,000 seedlings of indigenous trees that are becoming extinct and high-value trees that will provide edible leaves, pods and fruits for humans and livestock. The seedlings are being planted along 18 kilometers of the river. Fifty secondary school students served as project volunteers and received training in English on reforestation, nursery preparation, seed and seedling care, and environmental education. The students are expected to educate their families and local community groups, in the local language, on the need and benefits of planting trees and the importance of conserving the reforested areas for everyone's benefit. New Forests Project support was used to purchase all necessary materials, equipment and seeds to set up and run the nursery.



Secondary school children consulting NFP guides during the training



School children preparing the nursery with brand new shovels funded by NFP

## Haiti

**Project:** Reforesting Terrier-Rouge

**Location:** Terrier-Rouge, North-East Province, Haiti

**Partner:** Initiative pour le Développement Durable d'Haiti (IDDH) or Initiative for the Sustainable Development of Haiti

IDDH received financial support from New Forests Project to expand their reforestation and food security efforts in Terrier-Rouge, North-East province of Haiti. With NFP funds, approximately 5,000 fruit and agroforestry trees were produced in a nursery and planted in the field. The nursery was established in IDDH's demonstration farm. Additionally, 420 grafted citrus and mango trees were purchased. Seedlings and fruit trees were distributed to a total of 103 local people for planting in 9 localities. Funds were also used to provide training to eighty-eight local farmers on tree-planting and tree-caring techniques in the course of three mornings. As a result of this effort, a total of 11 hectares were reforested and local food production is expected to increase once the trees start to bear fruits.



Planting trees funded by NFP



Farmers participating in training on reforestation and agroforestry



## D.R Congo

**Project:** Together for the Reforestation of Uvira

**Location:** Uvira, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo

**Partner:** Association Paysanne pour l'Autosuffisance Alimentaire (APAA) Congo or Peasant Association for Food Self-Sufficiency

The objectives of this training were to build the capacity of local people in Uvira, DR Congo to initiate and implement reforestation and agroforestry projects, protect the environment and increase agricultural production. The area has been severely degraded in the past due to years of war. A total of 26 local men and women received the training in August 2009 which lasted two days for a total of 16 hours. Some of the topics included in the trainings were importance of reforestation and the advantages of trees, how to prepare a nursery, agricultural systems and agroforestry, planting techniques and harvesting and selling processes.



Training participants watering seedlings in a nursery



Participants during the training

## Nigeria

**Project:** Workshops for Rural Communities on Tree Planting

**Location:** Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria

**Partner:** Tropical Research and Conservation Centre

NFP continued to support three trainings coordinated by Tropical Research and Conservation Center to educate local farmers on the benefits of implementing agroforestry practices and environmentally sound farming practices. Two workshops were organized on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to train local farmers, mainly women, on integrated farming practices for improved agricultural yield with an emphasis on organic farming, tree planting (aerial cropping) and mulching. A total of 35 women and 11 men were trained during the two sessions. Planned follow up activities after the trainings include setting up community nurseries to obtain trees to be transplanted into agricultural fields. An additional workshop in November trained 40 men of a local community on the importance of tree planting, multipurpose trees and tree-raising techniques.



Afternoon workshop participants (May 1st)



Workshop in progress



Morning workshop participants (May 1st)



November workshop participants