

The Climate Crisis: Appeal for funds

We can do something practical!



Faced with the enormity of the climate crisis, we tend to feel overwhelmed. But recent research shows that we can do something!

Scientists in Switzerland claim that if 1.2 trillion trees were to be planted, then the worst effects of climate change could be avoided.

None of us can plant so many trees, but partners in Uganda and Zimbabwe are ready to plant indigenous trees, fruit trees and other useful trees:

- The Kasese Network in Uganda want to support 150 farmers each to plant and care for 100 trees in areas that, because of deforestation, have been subject to flooding.
- Eric Kihuluka in Kaliro District, Uganda, wishes to involve teachers and pupils in planting and caring for trees in school grounds.
- Joachem Hatizivi Nyamande has already facilitated the planting of 2000 trees on denuded slopes in Manicaland, Zimbabwe, under the programme “Each Child a Tree Campaign”.



Planting a guava tree at Hamamaoko Primary School, Manicaland, Zimbabwe

Each new tree requires an investment of 60 pence.

Please use one of the many carbon footprint calculators in the internet to measure your carbon footprint. I was shocked by the size of my footprint: 13.66 tons (of which my flight to Uganda contributed almost 4 tons). A good rule of thumb is that for every ton of CO₂ for which one is responsible, one should plant 5 trees. I will therefore support our partners to plant $13.7 \times 5 = 68$ trees by donating $68 \times 60p = £41$.

A donation of £48 would enable 80 trees to be planted!

Please will you take part in this action?

Thank you in advance for your support. Through this action many in Africa will enjoy a much-improved environment. Remember, it is we in the industrialised north that are responsible for the climate crisis that the whole world suffers!

Keith Lindsey

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