

Discover Newsletter – July 2021



Dear Friends

As already reported, we will reduce the main activities of Discover by March 2022, after which we will concentrate on four tree planting initiatives:

For more info, see on our homepage, [https://discover-src.net/en/wp-](https://discover-src.net/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-06-Appeal-June.pdf)

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150 Farmers around Kasese planted a total of 15,000 trees this year: a forest was established and school children planted trees in the school gardens.

Please, think about your carbon footprint. Would you be prepared to make a small monthly donation, starting any time between now and March next year, so that we know there will be a reliable income. Then our partners, with our help, can plan ahead. Each tree planted is estimated to absorb an average of 14.7kg CO₂ per year. Even £10 per month will pay for between 11 and 27 trees to be planted each month. Please think about it!

Our hopes for a quiet year were naïve! Since we announced our reduction in activity, we have been receiving pleas for help from people who wish to complete their projects!

For example

Kenja Thomas in Kasese, who built 104 fishtanks for

families who are now enjoying good fish protein and a small income from sales, needs money for 9 solar pumps to enable the filtration system to be effective. Each pump will serve 10 tanks and each costs £450. Cost per family £45

Christopher Nyakuni and his community initiative have been begging their local authority to provide piped water to the village. At last, the local authority has agreed, but demand a contribution from the community of £1340, and that community members dig the necessary 4.2-kilometre-long trench using hand tools themselves. This sum is totally unrealistic for this already impoverished community, which is once again severely hit by a lockdown due to the pandemic. The cost per household. of which there are 346, is a mere £3.87, but still out of their reach. The community has managed to raise the sum of £71 and is ready to do the hard physical work. They need our help to find the balance.



As well supporting 50 farmers to plant a total of 5000 trees, and 104 families to construct fish-tanks, Kenja Thomas has involved the community in beekeeping.

As reported in the last newsletter, *Eric Kihuluka* suffered a major setback, as he works tirelessly, sometimes day and night, to set up the Farmer Field School on a sustainable basis. He wrote, “The passion for my well-being that people displayed in my hard times has tripled my will to serve them more!”. Now he is helping with a herbal remedy for symptoms of COVID.

Gideon Obaikol In Soroti, Uganda, is training 11 street youths in carpentry, personal hygiene and basic healthcare. He is doing this on a shoestring. For the graduation ceremony, at which he wishes to present each with a plane, he needs £355, or £32 per trainee.

On top of everything else, while we in Europe enjoy the fruits of our gardens, I am receiving appeals for emergency help for people affected by the long, severe lockdown in Uganda. I am feeling overwhelmed!

Kenja Thomas, for example writes, “Due to the scarcity of food, some families have started harvesting very young fish well before they have matured”. In this way families solve the immediate problem, but they lose the source of longer-term food security. *Robert Bwambale* wrote, "This latest, severe COVID lockdown is likely to kill even more people than last time.”

Rehema Namyalo, who featured in the film “The Fever”, was invited to Austria by the film producer, Katharina



Some of the street youths being trained by Obaikol Gideon. They have been making folding chairs which they sell, but for little money.



Rehema Namyalo conducted a workshop on the production of teas, oils and ointments from *Artemisia annua* in Austria.

Weingartner. Together, they made a tour around several cities, and Rehema impressed many people with her passionate presentation of the success, at grass roots level, of using home grown *Artemisia annua* in the treatment of malaria. Like Eric, at home in Uganda, Rehema is fast developing a training centre combined with a demonstration farm.

Joachim Nyamande in Zimbabwe is establishing an Eco-farm. The last funding application we will make will be to support this excellent initiative, that includes indigenous tree planting, a demonstration organic garden, biogas units, beekeeping and medicinal plants,

and work to mobilise the surrounding communities.

I thank you very warmly for your support over the past years. Please help us to end on a high note!

With my best wishes

Keith Lindsey