

Discover Newsletter – February 2022



Dear Friends

Many thanks to all members and friends for your generous financial support over the past few weeks. This is a great boost both for our tree growing programmes and for giving support to our long-term partners for the last time, to help them on their way to being self-reliant.

Film “The Fever” with Rehema Namyalo

On Tuesday 8 February at 17.00 we can see this film free of charge and then put our questions to Rehema. In the film we see Rehema as she is training and enthusing a group about the effectiveness of Artemisia annua in treating malaria. The film asks why the World Health Organisation refuses to approve this treatment, when this natural herb is so good at treating malaria. The film and the entire programme, which runs until 19.30, is in English.

This is the link you need to join: <https://tinyurl.com/3mmkk5am>, Meeting ID: 893 7378 2896, Passcode: 382562.

Schools start again in Uganda!

The COVID crisis has hit Africa even harder than here in Europe. In Uganda, schools were closed for two years. Teenage pregnancies have become commonplace. Poverty is much worse, and parents struggle to find the funds to send their children back to school.

Eric Kihuluka and others had established school gardens at almost 200 schools before the pandemic. Teachers and pupils alike were

enjoying the work and benefitting from the produce. Basic maintenance work has been done in the meantime, but we need to provide seeds again so that these basic steps to self-reliance can once again be an integral part of school education. School dinners,

supplemented when possible with vegetables from the garden, are the only food the children receive during a long school day.

‘Tree planting’ becomes ‘Tree growing’

The term “tree growing” is more appropriate because trees need a lot of care once they have been planted. We are receiving positive feedback from our tree growing partners. Robert Bwambale has sent an encouraging report about the tree planting project in the Kasese district in Uganda, where they are growing a variety of indigenous and fruit trees. They are pleased to report that whereas farmers used to think trees were a waste of space, they now see how valuable they are and are begging for seedlings. Please read it on our homepage

[here](#). Robert also writes about the visit he and his colleagues from the Kasese Network made to learn from Discover partners engaged in the reforestation initiative on Mount Elgon in the east of Uganda.

With our best wishes and grateful thanks for your interest,

Keith Lindsey and the Discover team



Not all teenage mothers are so determined to continue their education!



Two young schoolboys taking seedlings to the farm for planting. Robert hopes these young boys will grow up with a love for trees.