

Discover Newsletter – March 2022



Dear Friends

Thanks to a very generous donation of 10,000 euros for our tree growing projects and other donations totalling another 10,000 for Discover Project work - after Christmas we had 20,000 euros altogether in our bank account.

This was a real godsend! We have supported a lot of valuable work, and we have already spent it all!

1. Tree growing projects

With this financial support, our three tree projects in Uganda and one in Zimbabwe can start planting trees again as soon as the rains come.



Rehema Namyalo prepared tree seedlings which she presented to farmers she had trained in Nyakayaga village, Uganda

Trees will be planted and cared for in church, mosque and school compounds and also by farmers on their land. Training will be provided on the planting and care of seedlings and trees. In Zimbabwe, an area of land will be fenced to allow the natural regeneration of native species, and, in higher trees, beehives will be installed.

Our aim has been to plant and care for 33,000 seedlings every year for 5 years. In 2021, which was the first year, these projects planted a total of 42,000 seedlings, which is a wonderful achievement, even if the survival rate is only 85%. Nonetheless we realise it is important to give priority to quality rather than quantity. In this light, we may adjust our ambitious aim.

You can read more reports of our tree planting activities on our homepage here: <https://discover-src.net/en/news/>

2. Helping our long-term partners towards self-reliance.

Among the projects we have supported with the second 10,000 euros are:

- the indigenous seed collection project of Makabuli Yusuf on the Elgon Mountains, Uganda.
- one last training seminar run by Vumbula Masaka in Uganda.
- improvement of the fishponds in Kighengi in Uganda, which are already proving to be a blessing by providing protein.
- Daniel Twesige of the Scope Foundation in Jinja, Uganda, to generate income from natural food supplements, so that he can continue to support the families of prisoners.
- the Fweny network in South Nyanza, Kenya, in their work with 12 self-help groups.
- the tree nursery of Nelson Moyo and colleagues in Dedza, Malawi.
- a project for growing moringa in Ongoromo Village in northern Uganda.
- 100 schools in Kaliro District that need vegetable seeds for their school gardens. These have been neglected while schools were closed for two years because of COVID. With your help, we hope to supply the remaining 100 school with vegetable seeds. For this we need to collect 760 euros.



Boys and girls at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Mutare, Zimbabwe, busy planting a fruit tree seedlings in the school grounds

We are very grateful for your moral and financial support. For the next 4 years, 50% of our necessary funding for our tree growing activities has been assured from Winnenden town. We thank you that you have given us the confidence, that in the course of the year, we shall receive the balance of 15,000 Euro from our members and supporters.

With our best wishes and grateful thanks for your interest and generosity,
Keith Lindsey and the Discover team