

# Discover Rundbrief – July 2022

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EcoFarm team leader Martha Nyaganga proudly plants a *Pittosporum viridiflorum* (Cheesewood) seedling, an evergreen tree liked by bees.

Please click on this link and do not be frightened that the page is in German:

<https://engagementglobal.ssiurvey.de/Kommune-bewegt-Welt>. Look for and click on “Stadt Winnenden”. A tick will appear. Then scroll down and click again on “abstimmen”. This

is a vote for Discover’s tree planting programme in Uganda and Zimbabwe.

If we receive enough votes, Discover could receive 3000 Euro from “Engagement Global”. This is a section of the overseas development department of the German government that, amongst many other activities, encourages local authorities to be concerned with international issues.

## Project EcoFarm of Green4Life in Zimbabwe

Due to the daily need for firewood, trees around Marondera in Zimbabwe have been cut down indiscriminately. The land has become severely degraded, and women must walk far to obtain the firewood they need. The loss of native tree species means a loss of biodiversity.

Green4Life, a major project of Discover Zimbabwe, aims to transform this situation by developing the EcoFarm. This project is already well under way:

- Seedlings of a variety of indigenous trees are being planted. Trees prevent soil erosion, increase soil fertility, help to prevent flooding, provide shade, and create a good micro-climate. They provide fruit, honey

and raw materials for medicines. Trees also absorb CO<sub>2</sub>.

- A demonstration vegetable garden is being established as a training facility in climate smart farming.

- Community members are beginning to cook with biogas. These units use animal and vegetable waste from the smallholdings to produce energy for cooking and lighting.

The community is rapidly developing an awareness of the importance of trees and people are working together to improve their environment and the quality of their lives.



On the EcoFarm schoolchildren learn the importance of trees for the environment and their well-being.



A member of the EcoFarm team demonstrates how to cook with biogas.

[Read here a photo report](#) of the EcoFarm prepared by Joachem Nyamande, the Director of Discover Zimbabwe.

Many thanks for your support!

We thank you all for your ongoing moral and financial support, especially those who kindly make a monthly donation. Given that the climate crisis is so serious, if you don't do this already, please think about making a regular donation to compensate for your carbon footprint. We have calculated that, on average, a person living in Western Europe should contribute £12.20 per month to offset their carbon footprint. [You can read in detail how we arrived at this figure here.](#)

With your ongoing support, our partners in Uganda, Zimbabwe and Malawi will plant and care for 33,000 trees this year and each year up to 2026.

With my best wishes and the best wishes of the Discover team in Germany

Keith Lindsey