

Discover Newsletter – May 2023



Dear Friends,

The International Day of the Forest on 21 March provided many Discover partners with the opportunity to do something special by arranging an event that generated some good publicity and won the support of some leaders in the community.

I attach our report of some of the activities that took place on that day. Or you can read it, and several other encouraging reports, in your browser here: <https://discover-src.net/en/news/>.

We feel that, slowly but surely, we are making good progress. Robert Bwambale lives in Maliba at the foot of the Rwenzori Mountains in Uganda and, through a large Discover group which he leads, coordinates extensive tree planting activities. He writes,

“You cannot compare Maliba with other communities of Kasese District. The Maliba community has been transformed. People now understand how important trees are and the importance of conserving nature. The community has suffered severely from landslides, mudslides and flooding. People now realise that, by growing trees, weather patterns can be stabilised and the severe flooding can be prevented.

More than that. Farmers used to plant eucalyptus. Now they plant indigenous trees and fruit trees – and they enjoy a much better harvest of vegetables.”



Robert says, “Looking at such a picture, one really does understand the value of planting trees.”

With best wishes,

Keith Lindsey and the Discover Team