



ACTION STORY



KADLACC, Kapchorwa

Growing Young Landcarers on Mt Elgon

Background

Since 2003, Kapchorwa District Landcare Chapter (KADLACC) has brought farmers, community groups and local government together to tackle land degradation in Uganda's Sebei region. Kwasir Seed Secondary and Primary School sits on the steep slopes of Mt Elgon, a hotspot for landslides, where heavy rain, bare soil and tree loss put both the land and local livelihoods at risk.

Solutions

With a Global Landcare small grant of AUD \$1,000, KADLACC set up a Junior Landcare programme at the school. Students and teachers learned about climate change and landcare principles, then put that learning into practice by planting trees across the school grounds and forming pupil-led landcare groups to carry the work forward.

Learning About Climate Change

Awareness sessions in the school hall helped students and teachers understand what drives climate change, how it affects farming families on Mt Elgon, and how landcare can help.



Hands in the Soil

Students learned tree planting step by step, from preparing holes to backfilling, mulching and watering. They also learned about agroforestry, tree spacing among crops, and soil and water conservation.



Trees for the Whole School

4,065 seedlings of eight species, from a local nursery, were planted as shade trees on the school compound, as a woodlot, and along the boundary fence for future timber and firewood.



Moving Forward

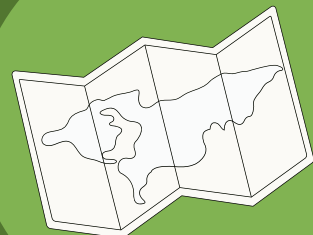
150 Junior Landcare students and seven teachers took part, and around 12 acres of school land now holds woodlots and soil and water conservation works. Heavy rains delayed seedling delivery, but once conditions settled they helped the young trees grow. Pupil-led groups, such as tree nursery and environment clubs, will keep the work going, and students are already sharing what they have learned with their families and neighbours.



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4,065 Trees



12 Acres