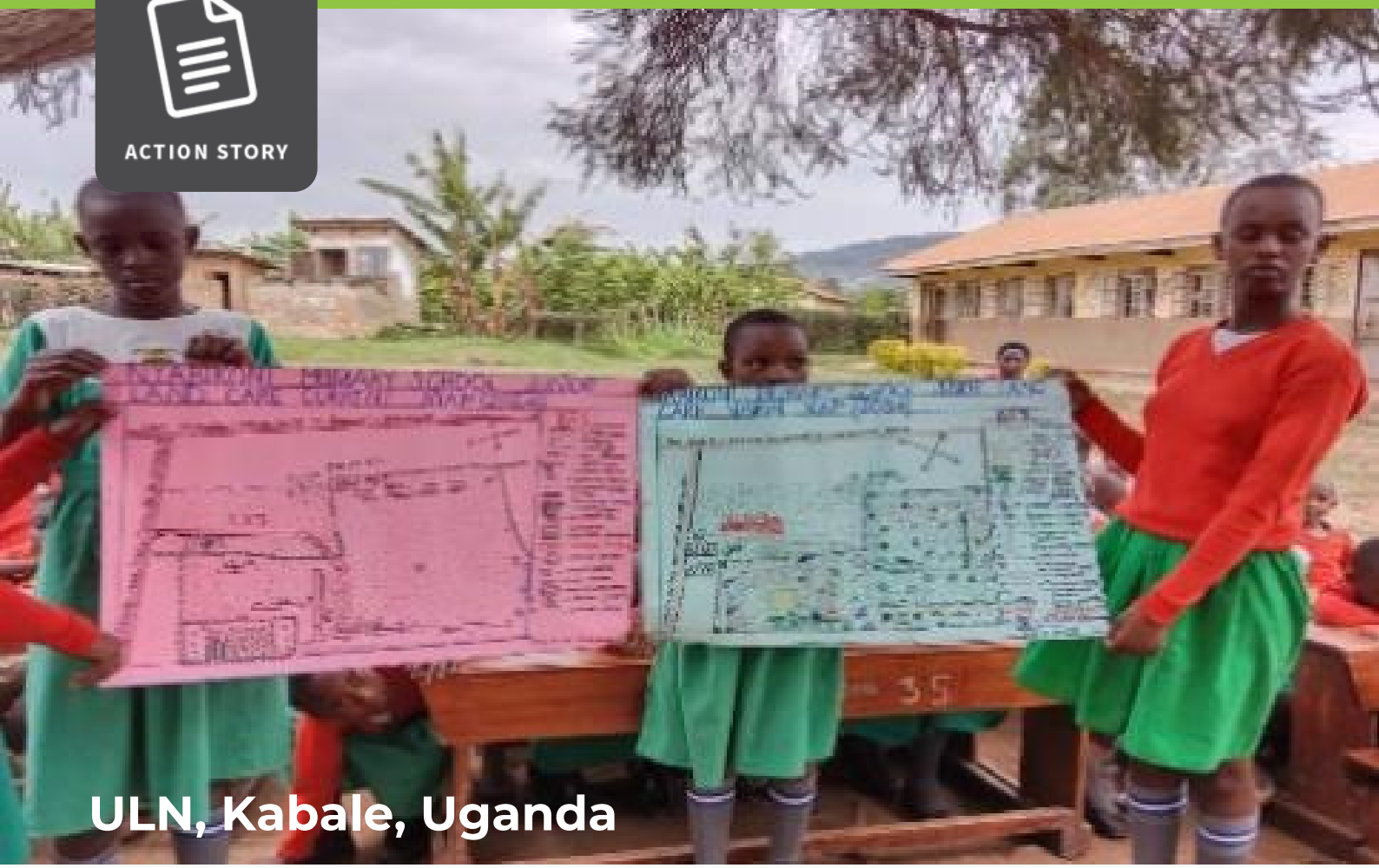
ACTION STORY



ULN, Kabale, Uganda

Nyabikoni Primary School Vision Road Journey

Background

Nyabikoni Primary School in Kabale District, south western Uganda, received AUD $1,000 (UGX 2,050,000) in 2025 through the Uganda Landcare Network. The grant supports the school's 10-year Vision Road Journey (2024 to 2034), a plan for the school's land developed by pupils and Junior Landcare facilitators with Kabale Agroforestry Network (KAN), community members, the District Local Government and NARO.

Solutions

Following a workplan built from their vision, pupils cleared land and set up a nursery bed. They grew cabbages, green peppers and spinach, along with tree seedlings such as calliandra and grevillea, and learned to plant in straight lines using a rope. Junior Landcare facilitators were also trained in pest and disease management, water harvesting and leading the Vision Road Journey with other schools.

Training Facilitators

Five Junior Landcare facilitators from five primary schools were trained to lead Vision Road Journeys and to train others. Two more schools, Buhumba Primary in Kabale District and Kisiizi Primary in Rubanda District, have now developed their own journeys. The goal is for every Junior Landcare school in Uganda to have one.



Learning Together

In July 2026, Nyabikoni and KAN hosted Junior Landcare facilitators from Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Australia, and the pupils explained their Vision Road Journey to the visitors themselves. A new link with the Uganda National Input Dealers Association (UNADA) will provide quality seedlings and advice.



Challenges and Lessons

Drought reduced yields, so pupils and teachers watered the gardens morning and evening. Theft of crops and mulch, roaming animals, and pests and diseases were tackled with security, bylaws, fencing and pest management training. Visioning takes time and resources, but it gives each school a clear direction for its land.



Moving Forward

The school and its partners plan to scale up the Vision Road Journey approach across Junior Landcare schools and help Nyabikoni, Buhumba and Kisiizi put their visions into action. A facilitator from Buhumba Primary School hopes by the end of 2027 to see bigger harvests, less soil erosion, more trenches and terraces, and higher incomes. Next steps include pest management training, partners for water tanks and tools, supporting Junior Landcare clubs, helping schools develop their own bylaws, and a learning visit to the terrace and trench success stories in Rubaya Sub County.







5 Facilitators Trained

3 Vegetable Crops

2 Tree Species