

**MAASAI PASTORALIST DEVELOPEMNT ORGANIZATION
(MPDO – LARETO)**



REPORT ON TREE PLANTING PROJECT CAMPAIGN

LOCATION: Villages of Esilalei, Losirwa and Oltukai

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Tree planting campaign exercise at Esilalei village

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Introduction

This is a project report on tree planting campaign carried out during the month of December 2010. The project campaign was funded by AWF- Arusha, Trees for the Future, MVIWATA-Monduli and implemented by MPDO-LARETO in Esilalei, Losirwa and Oltukai villages. The tree nursery where tree seedlings were obtained is run by MPDO-LARETO and is located at Mto wa Mbu. The tree planting campaign team members were from MPDO-LARETO- one staff, staff from MVIWATA, and six visitors from TFT from USA.

Campaign Activities

The tree planting Campaign started on 4th December 2010 in Esilalei village where a total of 106 were transplanted in the following locations - tree seedlings in brackets as at Loiboni primary school (48), village office (33), and VEO's home compound (25).

On 5th December 2010 the campaign continued at Esilalei with 240 tree seedlings transplanted by Women Cultural Boma (30), and Makuyuni Masaini sub-village (40). In addition, six individuals from the same village took 170 tree seedlings in order to transplant in their localities and those were Shuwaka Lemkoko (132), Ngeteti Ngayai (10), Letema Leyoyo (2), Surungu Ngadori (6), Simango Mirarwa (2), and Ndoto Kimiti (18).

On the same day the tree planting campaign activities shifted to Losirwa village where 25 tree seedlings were transplanted in Losirwa primary school and on 6th December 2010 tree seedlings transplanted in Losirwa were 165 as in Munjere primary school (30), Baraka primary school (125), and individual Mama Shuku (10).

The team visited Oltukai village but there were no trees planted but a number of request were made by villagers requesting tree seedlings the same to other village as in the following table.

Table1: Villages required tree seedlings

No.	Village	Individual Name	Number of tree seedlings
1	Esilalei village	Shuwaka Lemkoko	10,000
		Thomas Sangingo	2,000
		Komeshwa	2,000
		Ngeteti	5,000
		Sokoine Nemnungu	5,000
2.	Losirwa village	William Mollel	2,500
		Baraka primary school	600
		Munjere primary school	500
		Mathayo Moika n	5,000
		Esilalei Ward Councillor -Makunga	5,000
		Losirwa Choir	400
3.	Oltukai village	Yohana Ngimojino	10,000
		Nasaru Kilusu	500
		Oltukai primary school	500
Total			49,000

However, apart from requesting tree seedlings by schools and individuals some individuals requested MPDO-LARETO to assist them with tree nursery equipment (numbers in total) such as plastic water tanks 100lts (5pcs), a bicycle to carry water, wheelbarrows (8pcs), and hosepipes (4pcs).

Lessons

- (a) A good number of people were interested in tree planting as a way to restore and improve environment since they are aware of negative impacts of environmental destruction through loss of trees and vegetation cover therefore, there were more demands for tree seedlings, but due to little rains by then and the followed dry season with water shortages at the time of tree planting campaign it was not easy for village project beneficiaries to commit themselves to transplant many tree seedlings which they couldn't afford to take care, but hopefully they can plant more trees during the coming rain season of 2011. In addition if villagers will be capacitated they will be able to plant indigenous tree species as seen in the photo below from Esilalei as it was planted by a newcomer in the village.



Project photos



