



New Forests Project

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WORLD SEED PROGRAM TRAININGS

The World Seed Program provided funding for trainings coordinated by three of its partners in Cameroon, Nigeria and Kenya. The trainings were carried out at the beginning of 2009 with funds provided to them in December 2008. Following is a summary for each of our partner's trainings.

1) **The Forestry and Environmental Conservation Society (FOECONS)** is a World Seed Program seed distributor located in Kumba, South West Province, Cameroon. In addition to having received seeds from NFP, FOECONS recently received funding for a two-day agroforestry training workshops held on January 27-28, 2009. Topics covered in the training included familiarizing participants with the negative consequences of over-grazing and slash-and-burn practices and the use of chemical fertilizers. The trainings then expanded on the benefits of agroforestry and the potential for fast growing multi-purpose agroforestry species, such as those provided by NFP to increase yields and restore the soil fertility lost through the use of chemical fertilizers. The lecture sessions involved participation from those attending and were described as "lively." FOECONS reported positive responses not only from participants but also in improving ties with the local government of Menji, where the workshop was held, resulting in Municipal Council support for the establishment of a nursery and tree planting program run by FOECONS.
Number Trained: 127



Picture: 1 Trainer, Ngimndoh Felix and participants at FOECONS January 27-28, 2009 Workshop funded by NFP



Picture: 2 Trainer Forgap Ivo and Participants at FOECONS January 27-28, 2009 Workshop funded by NFP



Picture: 3 Trainers taking questions at FOECONS January 27-28, 2009 Workshop funded by NFP

2) Save Mt. Kenya Forest from Extinction, the World Seed Program's partner in Kenya, received funding from the New Forests Project in December 2008 and has conducted multiple training sessions since then. They used part of the funds to send 8 participants to receive training at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute. Using a train-the-trainers model, group leaders who had received the KARI training then conducted trainings for local community groups (Kathageri Youth Polytechnic, Ndigirigi Self-Help Group, Ruguru Women's Group, Kwirutira Women's Group, Kawai Kamutua Mathaga Group), in the Embu and Thika Districts of Kenya. The workshops covered information on agroforestry techniques and tree species, nursery preparation, out-planting, pre-treatment of seeds as well as general environmental conservation awareness. The groups who received training expressed satisfaction and those who attended the KARI workshops expressed hope that they would be able to attend the more advanced sessions that KARI offers. **Number trained: 58.**



Picture: 1 Trainer and participants from a local community group at a Save Mt. Kenya Forest from Extinction workshop, February 2009



Picture: 2 Trainer and participants from a local community group at a Save Mt. Kenya Forest from Extinction workshop, February 2009



Picture: 3 Participants from Ndigirigi Self-Help Group at a Save Mt. Kenya Forest from Extinction workshop, February 26, 2009



Picture: 4 Workshop in progress, lead by a trainer from Save Mt. Kenya Forest from Extinction Group, February 2009

3) The Tropical Research and Conservation Centre (TRCC) is a member of the World Seed Program's seed distribution program located in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. In addition to previous seed shipments, TRCC has received past support from New Forests Project for training workshops in tree planting and agroforestry. The first of the most recently funded workshops was held on January 24th, 2009 at a local community meeting ground. The participants in the training were 20 village chiefs and community leaders. The second was held at a local primary school on January 30th, 2009, the participants were 30 youth involved in farming activities. The topics included in the training ranged from specifics on tree planting techniques and nursery and seedling management to a broader overview of the benefits that can be generated from tree planting. There was a lot of positive feed back from these two workshops. One participant expressed his gratitude that the workshop was free because there had been workshops held by other organizations which he had not been able to attend due to cost. Other participants including community elders promised that as long as seeds were available, the community was ready and willing to plant them. **Number of Trained: 50**



Picture: 1 Participants in TRCC's January 30, 2009 Tree Planting Workshop funded by NFP



Picture: 2 Participants in TRCC's January 24, 2009 Tree Planting Workshop funded by NFP