OSOGBO FRUIT TREE PLANTING

Venue: Salvation Army Grammar school, Alekuwodo. Osogbo. Osun state. Coordinator: Samuel C. Okorie

The Natural Forest has proven to be essential in preserving and regenerating our ecosystem, housing biodiversity and conserving many living species that are highly vulnerable to extinction. While many trees are threatened with the possibility of extinction arising from human' illicit activities like logging, deforestation, overgrazing, industrialization, and greed which constitute ecocide against nature, posing a major risk to some endangered indigenous trees with high extinction vulnerability, especially those at natural tropical forest regions

Trees are more than just oxygen producers, however, without trees, we would have no clean water, no safe mountain slopes, no habitat for most animals, fungi and other plants, no medicine, no fruit foods, we would lose the most biodiversity terrestrial ecosystems, the sinks for our excess carbon dioxide, and the purifiers of our polluted air.

Justification

As part of Corps Member Samuel C. Okorie Personal CDS projects in Osogbo, on the 30th of March 2022. I educated about 40 school principals about tree planting as I was invited by the Chairman of head of Principals in Osogbo zone to educate school principals on tree planting and the need to adopt tree planting across their schools. After the training which was a huge success, 26 schools accepted to plant fruit trees in their schools and as well accepted to send in their students to Salvation Army Grammar school for training on tree planting and Climate education.

On the 8th April 2022, I trained over 100 students from St. Francis Grammar School, Isale-Aro, L.A Adenle Grammar School, Ayetoro, Community High School, Ota-Ifun, Ogidwn Grammar School, Oke-Baale, A.D.S Grammar School, C.A.C Araromi, Muslim Grammar School Oke-Osun, Erin-Community Grammar School, Erin-Osun, Ansaurl-Islam Grammar School, Ifon-Osun, and Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwedo-Osogbo. The students were educated on the importance of fruit trees and tree planting and also the need to promote sustainable environmental practices, followed by taking of pledge by students and teachers as Climate Advocates for their schools and community. Each school representative was given over ten fruit trees to planted in in their school environment as a replica effect of what they have learned and also to promote sustainable environmental practices among students. Staff persons from all the above listed school was also present including the principal of Salvation Army Grammar school. The training ended with a practical session where students planted over 8 fruit trees at Salvation Army Grammar School Alekuwodo, Osogbo. The trees were also distributed to some teachers that showed interest. In total, over 200 fruit trees varieties of Cashew, Guava, Soursop, orange, Pear, and Tangerine was distributed and the cost price for each of them is 3000 (600,000) which was all sponsored by Urban Tree Revival Initiative, including distribution cost.

Impact: Distribution of Over 200 fruit trees to 10 104 students from 10 different schools in Osogbo, promotion of agro-tree planation in schools, promotion of sustainable livelihood, education of over 100 students on tree planting and Climate change, distribution of fruit trees to teachers, Education of 40 school principals on tree planting and Importance, promotion of reforestation and nature practices, improved knowledge on sustainable environmental practices among students and teachers.

Sponsors: Urban tree Revival Initiative, Osun state zone B association of School Principals, Osogbo, Protect Our Planet Nigeria Initiative, Osun state, and Salvation Army Grammar School

Engagement with over 40 Secondary School Principals on Tree planting. 30/03/2022





Fruit tree planting by Students and Principals of Salvation Army Grammar School. 18/03/2022



Training on tree planting and Climate education for over 100 Students from 10 different secondary schools from within and outside Osogbo, and demonstration exercise. 8^{TH} April, 2022



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Group Photograph of Corps members with students Reps from St. Francis Grammar School, Isale-Aro, L.A Adenle Grammar School, Ayetoro, Community High School, Ota-Ifun, Ogidwn Grammar School, Oke-Baale, A.D.S Grammar School, C.A.C Araromi, Muslim Grammar School Oke-Osun, Erin-Community Grammar School, Erin-Osun, Ansaurl-Islam Grammar School, Ifon-Osun, and Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwedo-Osogbo...