

REPORT OF MURAL PAINTED IN NDUGAMANO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NYERI ,CENTRAL KENYA.



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- 10) NDUGAMANO PRIMARY SCHOOL

The United Nations declared this year the International year of forests whose theme is “FORESTS FOR PEOPLE.

Paintings of this mural is geared towards creating awareness in the local community on the benefits of conserving the Aberdare Ecosystem and also educate the people and the school children the benefits of tree planting. This will help them understand the importance of forests to the people and the need to conserve the Biodiversity in the Aberdare Ecosystem. It will help them understand their role in keeping our forests alive.

Ndugamano primary school is located in Tetu District of Nyeri County in Central Kenya.

The school is located on the eastern side of the Aberdare Forest/water tower. Ndugamano primary school is a partner to Kiangure Springs environment Initiative. In June 2010 they received 1000 indigenous tree seedlings which were planted in the school compound under the TETU SCHOOLS AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME .The report can be seen in the UNEP BILLION TREE WEBSITE AT: <http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/CampaignNews/BTCjuly2010.asp>

The following are pictures of the tree planting programme



Students from NDUGAMANO primary school collect trees from our nursery.



Students planting trees along the fence of the school compound.



Students from WANDUMBI Primary school pose for a photo as they received the trees from KSEI



Students of KIAMUTIGA Primary school as they receive the trees



A section of our tree nurseries in Tetu.

ABOUT THE MURAL

The mural was painted from 28th to 30th July 2011 in Ndugamano Primary School Compound.

It highlights the importance of tree planting in schools and the need to involve children in tree planting at an early age.

The mural shows tea estates on the eastern side of the Aberdares. This is a TEA growing zone and from here we get one of the best tea in the world. By conserving the Aberdare Ecosystem we will be assured of abundant rainfall which is key to tea growing.



A picture of the eastern side of the Aberdare Forest showing tea farms and human settlement.

Our theme is CONSERVE THE ABERDARE FOREST, OUR FUTURE.

This means that if we educate our community and our children in schools about the benefit of tree planting and forest conservation we will be safeguarding our future. The future of this part of the world depends on how best we conserve the Aberdare ecosystem.

Aberdare is home to a wide range of Fauna and Flora

The Aberdare Range is internationally recognized as an Important Bird Area (IBA) and is home to a number of primates including the white-and – black colobus monkey. Here we have the Aberdare national park which attracts a lot of visitors annually.

From this Water tower we have rivers that make up the Big River TANA that Generates Hydro electricity downstream and supports Irrigation schemes and also sustains the capital city Nairobi and other major towns with drinking water not to mention supporting the livelihoods of the communities along the river until it enters the Indian Ocean.

The mural shows school children planting and watering trees and a tree nursery in the school compound.

Theses murals are powerful and create a very big impact in the minds of these young children .This future generation is being empowered to become gatekeepers of this threatened water tower.

This mural is dedicated to THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS, 2011
PICTORIAL



Artist kamau writing the theme



A section of the mural showing school children planting trees and watering them and a tree nursery in the school compound. We can also see Tea farms in the distance on the right.



Trees planted in the school compound and donated by the local tree farmers.



Giving finishes to the mural.

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