

# Christmas Appeal : Planting trees to help pupils and planet

Scientists tell us that trees are an excellent way to help control climate change. They absorb CO<sup>2</sup>, store carbon and give out oxygen. They provide shade, benefitting humans, crops and animals. The leaves from some trees can be used as medicine, for a veggie sauce or as fodder for animals. Fruit trees provide healthy food for children and adults.

DDE's Food for Thought School Linking Programme links primary schools in Devon and Cornwall with those in Mubende and Tororo Districts of Uganda, with a focus on sustainable organic agriculture, including planting trees. But climate change is already having a serious impact. Already we have heard about families affected by climate change: prolonged droughts then very heavy rain; banana plants destroyed by hail, strong winds and storms; 20 families attending Segere School (Tororo) made homeless by flash floods. Colleagues in Uganda are asking for funds to plant trees at schools, for shade, shelter, fruit and wind breaks, and they will teach pupils the importance of trees and how to nurture them.

So this Christmas Climate Crisis Appeal is for donations to plant tree seedlings in rural Ugandan primary schools. Mango, avocado, jack fruit and orange seedlings cost £1.50 each and Grevillea costs 50p. So a gift of £30 would plant 20 fruit trees or 60 grevillea or other trees. But we are grateful for any donation you feel able to give.

## Christmas Appeal 2021:

Cheques should be payable to 'Devon Development Education (Christmas Appeal)' and sent to us, c/o Sue Errington, 4 Acacia Mews, Kennford Devon, EX6 7TZ, or make a donation by BACS (a/c: Devon Development Education, s/c 08-92-99, a/c no. 65173134). We will send you a receipt for each donation. If you wish to give this as a Christmas gift, we will send greetings to your family or friends, with information about your gift to them.

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