



AYGF 2024 Tree Planting Exercise Earth Restoration Campaign (ERC)

Introduction

Global warming and Climate Change have been one of the most prominent problems faced globally, with its negative effects ranging from melted ice-caps which contribute to rising sea levels and flooding incidents, concentration of harmful gases in the atmosphere, also known as the greenhouse effect which has led to a surge in atmospheric temperatures, imbalanced seasons, etc. To contribute to the mitigation of this crisis on a small scale, the Africa Youth Growth Foundation (AYGF) in partnership with relevant stakeholders (Department of Climate Change- Federal Ministry of Environment (DCC-FMoEnv), National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), and Printrite Foundation for Sustainable Environment and Education (PFSEE)], launched an Earth Restoration Campaign and Tree Planting Exercise in 2022.

The 2024 Tree Planting Exercise was initiated and executed in response to the Tree Inspection which took place earlier in March 2024. In this year's exercise, 50 trees were procured and planted in two (2) Junior Secondary Schools in Kado-kuchi and Area 11, Garki respectively. The Tree planting exercise was done strategically in commemoration of the World Environment Day (5th June) and World Day for Combating Desertification and Drought (17th June) which is celebrated annually worldwide.

Objective

The major aim of the 2024 Tree Planting Exercise was to create awareness, especially among young individuals, on the importance of trees in combating climate change, desertification and drought. The second aim of the project was to promote environmental stewardship by encouraging the participation of young children in tree planting and environmental conservation activities.

Methodology

A myriad of activities led up to the execution of the AYG 2024 Tree Planting Exercise, these activities include; **Pre-planting activities** (Request for Tree Donation, Mapping and Assessment of Schools for the Tree Planting activity, Request approval from FCT-UBEB, Invitation & follow up of Partners, Drafting of Agenda and activity Checklist, Pick up of donated Trees, Sorting of Tree planting tools, etc), **Tree Planting Event** (Meeting with school Principals, Welcoming of Partners, Sensitization of school students, Tree Planting Activity with the Students, etc) and **Post-Planting follow-up** which includes the establishment of a Student Environment Sustainability (Green Champions') Club in these schools for protection, preservation and monitoring of trees and continuous periodic monitoring and maintenance of the planted trees.

Outcome

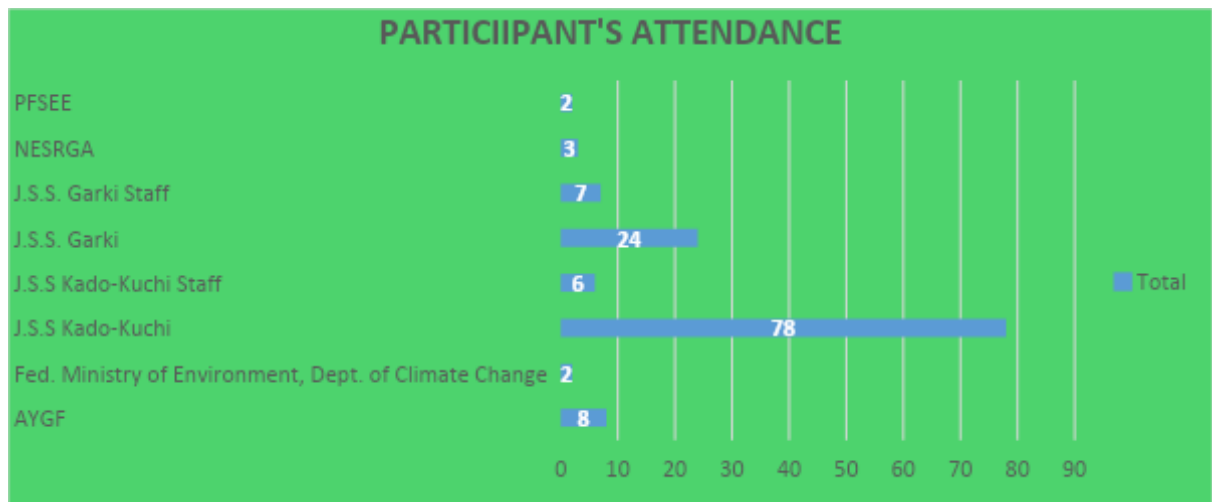
- Fifty (50) trees were planted in two schools, with Twenty-Five (25) trees in each school.
- Over Hundred (100) students were educated on environmental sustainability and climate change, empowering them to take-action to protect the environment
- The event engaged schools and stakeholders in sustainable practices, established partnerships between schools, AYG, and PFSEE to promote

environmental sustainability, and inspired students to become environmental leaders and champions of sustainability.

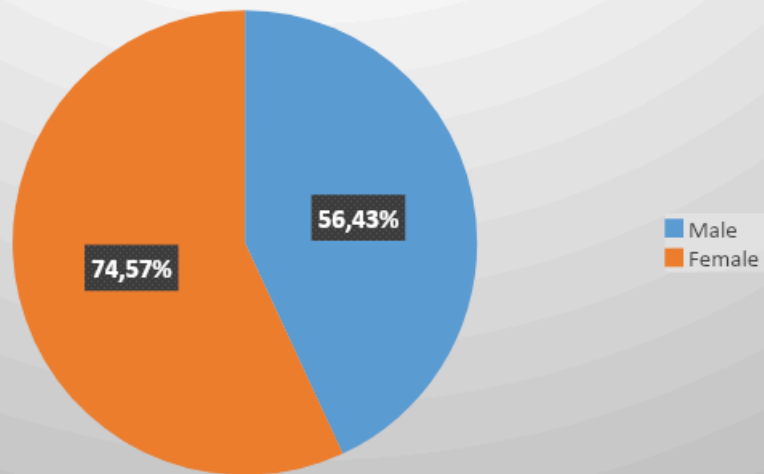
Conclusion

The Tree Planting program implemented in both Junior Secondary School, Kado-Kuchi, and Junior Secondary School, Garki was a resounding success. The program's objectives, which included educating young school children on the importance of trees in combating desertification and drought, promoting tree planting, and encouraging responsible environmental stewardship, were achieved through interactive sessions, tree-planting exercises, and inspirational speeches. A total of 50 trees were planted in both schools, and the students demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to environmental conservation. The program's impact will have a lasting effect on the students, schools, and communities, fostering a culture of sustainability and environmental responsibility

Attendance



Attendance Analysis by Gender



Pictures



The 50 trees donated by Prinrite Foundation for Sustainable Environment and Education (PFSEE)



Cross-Section of Sensitization session by Mr Nelson (AYGF), Programs officer (PFSEE) and Mrs Uduak [Dept. Of Climate Change)







Cross-section of Tree Planting Activity in Kado-kuchi



Cross-section of Tree Planting Activity in Junior Secondary School, Area 11, Garki.



Photo of AYGF Programs Staff, with Staff of PFSEE and the Management of JSS, Area 11, Garki.



Photo of Mr Nelson Egbunu, Caroline and a Staff of PFSEE putting the trees into a Carton-made biodegradable pot for planting.



Cross-section of the Principal and the 2 current Vice Principals of JS, Area 11, Garki engaging in the Planting activity.



Photo of Caroline Godwin, Programs Officer for Environment and Climate Change-AYGF