

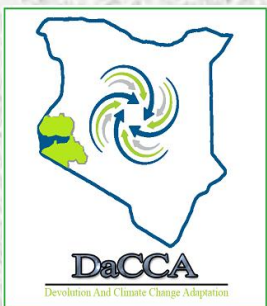
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DaCCA Fights Climate change through Woodlots in schools and Communities



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A natural woodlot requires maintenance through selective bush clearing and protection in the early stages. The benefits of such woodlots is that selected fast-growing trees, e.g. *leuceania*, *Grevillea robusta*, *acacia polyacantha*, *Casuarina* spp., etc. are carefully planted since the land is used entirely for trees and there is little need to worry about competition with crops. A high level of wood production for domestic or cash-income purposes can be achieved. Trees in woodlots can also be a good way of making some savings. The negative aspect is that land, which is normally scarce, is taken out of agricultural production.

OSIENALA (Friends of Lake Victoria) through the project dubbed Climate-Smart Communities' Response project under the Devolution and Climate Change Adaptation programme implemented jointly by SusWatch Kenya, Umande Trust and CREP programme established 10 woodlots within schools and communities in Kisumu and Homa Bay counties. The woodlots have been established from seedlings generated from the community based tree nurseries through donation of the seedlings to the schools.



Through sensitization and capacity building of the environmental clubs in the schools, the school children learn to take care of the woodlots and are encouraged to replicate the same in their homesteads. They learn about the uses of the various trees, spacing to maximize on production, protection of the woodlots from livestock and fire as well as the general care of the tree during growth.

The woodlots are about 0.1 hectare or less but the project intends to expand them to medium scale in the near future as an initiative for fighting climate change.