



## GUIDANCE PROTECTS THE CLIMATE

## WITH THE HELP OF TREES

One of the farmers who has joined Vi Agroforestry's Plan Vivo-certified project for climate compensation is Guidance Mashanda in western Tanzania. Guidance and her family have been involved in the project since April 2011. Guidance, who owns two and a half hectares of land, has planted 800 trees in less than a year with the help of Vi Agroforestry. The money she has earned from the trees has made it possible for the family to expand their farming activities.

### Understanding the importance of trees

Guidance received training with Vi Agroforestry which taught her how important the trees are in counteracting climate change.

"I used to just chop down the trees I needed to provide for myself, without any thought about planting new ones."

### More crops yield higher income

On her land she has planted acrocarpus trees, which do not require much water and cope best with drought. Through her collaboration with Vi Agroforestry she has also seen the benefits of planting trees and crops together.

"We grew almost exclusively beans before, but now we have much greater variation. On our field we now have tomatoes, onions, potatoes and peanuts. We have a much higher income and we harvest more than once a year."

**Name:** Guidance Mashanda  
**Area (hectares):** 2,4 ha  
**Trees planted:** 760  
**Compensation:** 15000 SEK



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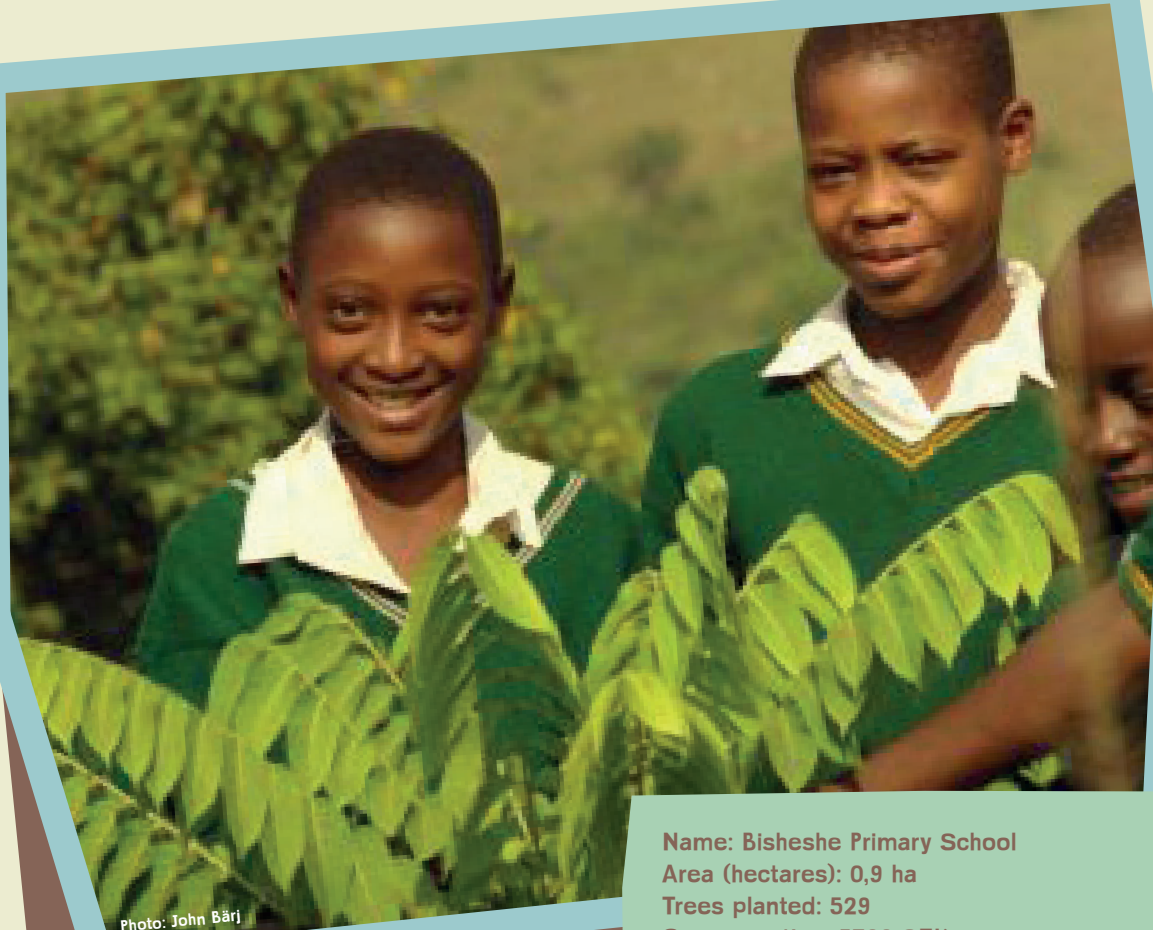


Photo: John Bärj

Name: Bisheshe Primary School  
Area (hectares): 0,9 ha  
Trees planted: 529  
Compensation: 5700 SEK

## TANZANIAN PUPILS PLANT FOR THE FUTURE

Thirty years ago, when rain came more regularly, the hills around Bugene in northwest Tanzania were covered by vegetation. Today there are frequent droughts and the landscape is barren. Amongst the yellow slopes we find the primary school Bisheshe. Something stands out from the otherwise so bare environment – not far from the school grows metre-high trees.

### Wood fuel for school meals

The school has committed to plant and nurture trees through Vi Agroforestry's climate compensation project during a period of ten years. The school's environmental society, comprising of 30 children of all ages, explain why they are planting this forest:

- Trees make it rain and cleanses the air. The

leaves moulder and enriches the soil whilst the roots stop soil erosion. The firewood fuels the school meals and with timber we can build desks.

### The children nurture the trees

Every pupil have grown and planted at least one tree. They do weeding and water the tree every morning and evening. To keep the cattle and incautious people away they set up a shield of sticks. The pupils continue to gather and plant seeds daily. The teacher Bernadethe Mlongwa explains why the school chose to join Vi Agroforestry's project.

- Our school plants trees because they are invaluable. They give rain and life. And the money we earn to participate in the project makes planting and caring for more trees affordable.



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Name: Evelyne Kahungya  
Area (hectares): 0,6 ha  
Planted trees: 350  
Compensation: 3800 SEK

Name: Daudi Kahungya  
Area (hectares): 1,3 ha  
Planted trees: 440  
Compensation: 8200 SEK

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## CLIMATE COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FORESTS OF THE FUTURE

Joining Vi Agroforestry's project for climate compensation was a given for Daudi and Evelyne Kahungya in Tanzania. They didn't use all their land and planting trees is a good method for rehabilitating the soil.

– The soil is important to us. And it is because of Vi Agroforestry that we plant the future forests for our children and grandchildren, those who will be sowing and replanting the forests. They shall not have to live in the same dry climate as we are.



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“IF MORE PEOPLE START TO PLANT TREES, WE WILL  
GET A BETTER LIFE AND THE CLIMATE IMPROVES”

Name: Msafiri Kylace  
Area (hectares): 1,9 ha  
Planted trees: 605  
Compensation: 12000 SEK



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## CHRISTOPHER SHARES HIS KNOWLEDGE

In the area where Christopher Kishebuka lives the climate has changed. The rain does not come as usual anymore and the farmers crops are struck by droughts. By collaborating with Vi Agroforestry Christopher has received knowledge of treeplanting and how to better protect oneself from the effect of climate change. He spreads the knowledge to the members of the farmers group he is a member of. The members meet monthly to discuss successes, failures and to learn from each other.

– The trees play a great part in our lives. They matter to the environment and are essential in our homes for firewood for cooking. Without trees we cannot survive.

**Name:** Christopher Kishebuka  
**Area (hectares):** 0,8 ha  
**Planted trees:** 855  
**Compensation:** 4800 SEK



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## OUR PLANTATION MAKES SCHOOLING FOR THE CHILDREN POSSIBLE

Ronsia Thobias joined Vi Agroforestry's project for climate compensation to learn how to plant trees. The income from the trees she uses to improve the soil and to nurture the trees she's already planted.

- By selling firewood we can keep the children in school.

**Name:** Rohnsia Thobias  
**Area (hectares):** 0,3 ha  
**Planted trees:** 64  
**Compensation:** 875 SEK