

Guardians of Truth

CONSOLIDATED TREE PLANTING DRIVE REPORT

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Introduction

As part of the Guardians of Truth project, tree planting initiatives were carried out by partner organisations to complement the project's awareness-raising activities with practical environmental action.

The initiative aimed to encourage environmental responsibility, promote biodiversity awareness, and actively engage communities—particularly young people—in sustainability-focused action. Through these activities, participants were encouraged to move beyond discussion and contribute directly to environmental conservation within their local contexts. Each partner implemented the tree planting activity according to local environmental needs and community contexts, selecting suitable species and involving local participants, volunteers, and youth groups. The activities not only supported environmental awareness but also strengthened community engagement and ownership of sustainability practices.

This consolidated report presents an overview of the tree planting initiatives conducted by each partner country, including the activities implemented, participant involvement, and overall outcomes and impact.

TREE PLANTING DRIVE – Impact Grid e.V, Germany

Sapling Plantation Drive – Wild Mangosteen Restoration

As part of the Guardians of Truth campaign on greenwashing, Impact Grid, e.V, Berlin, undertook a meaningful on-ground sustainability initiative focused on biodiversity conservation and youth engagement.

In collaboration with local communities, 25 saplings of the endangered Wild Mangosteen were planted by students of the Government School in Bommadu village, located in Kannur, Kodagu (Coorg), Karnataka, India. This activity reflects Impact Grid's commitment to ensuring that conversations around sustainability are supported by real, measurable environmental action.

Why Wild Mangosteen?

The saplings planted belong to the Wild Mangosteen, locally found in parts of the Western Ghats and known scientifically as *Sandoricum koetjape*. This thick-skinned tropical fruit-bearing tree is increasingly considered at risk in several regions due to habitat loss and declining natural regeneration.

Wild Mangosteen has long been valued in traditional and local healing systems for its nutritional and therapeutic properties. In Ayurvedic and folk medicine practices across tropical regions, different parts of the tree — particularly the fruit pulp and rind — are known for their antioxidant and digestive-supporting qualities.

By planting and nurturing this endangered species, the initiative supports both environmental sustainability and the continued relevance of traditional plant-based wellness practices.

Wild Mangosteen trees are valued for multiple ecological and community benefits:

- **Biodiversity conservation:** The species supports local ecosystems by providing food for birds and small wildlife and contributing to forest diversity.
- **Nutritional value:** The fruit is rich in antioxidants and supports digestive health.
- **Medicinal properties:** Traditionally, different parts of the tree and fruit have been used in local remedies for digestive support and overall wellness.
- **Climate resilience:** As a native tropical species, it contributes to long-term ecological balance and soil health.

However, due to deforestation, land-use change, and declining natural habitats, the population of wild mangosteen trees has reduced in many regions, making conservation and replantation efforts essential.

Youth-Led Environmental Stewardship

The plantation drive was led by enthusiastic students of the Government School in Bommadu village, who actively participated in planting and learning about the importance of conserving native and endangered species. Through this activity, students were not only engaged in hands-on environmental action but also sensitised to the importance of biodiversity protection and responsible stewardship of natural resources.

From Awareness to Action

While the Guardians of Truth campaign raises awareness about greenwashing and the need for genuine sustainability, this plantation initiative demonstrates the importance of coupling dialogue with tangible environmental action. Planting endangered and native species such as wild mangosteen contributes to ecological restoration while fostering environmental responsibility among young people.



Impact Grid e.V, Berlin, remains committed to supporting initiatives that move beyond symbolic gestures towards meaningful, community-driven sustainability efforts that protect biodiversity and build long-term environmental awareness.

Plantation Drive – Snake Palm & Spider Palm Plantation

As part of the Guardians of Truth campaign on greenwashing, Impact Grid, e.V., Berlin, undertook a meaningful on-ground sustainability initiative focused on environmental responsibility and youth engagement.

On 27 February 2026, a tree plantation activity was conducted at the British Grammar School, Sector B-17, Islamabad, Pakistan. In collaboration with the school administration and with active participation from students and faculty members, saplings of Snake Palm and Spider Palm were planted within the school premises. This activity reflects Impact Grid's commitment to ensuring that sustainability conversations are reinforced by real, measurable environmental action.

Why Snake Palm and Spider Palm?

The plantation drive focused on Snake Palm and Spider Palm due to their adaptability to urban environments, low maintenance requirements, and air-purifying qualities.

Snake Palm is known for its resilience and ability to thrive in varying environmental conditions. It is widely recognized for improving air quality by absorbing pollutants and contributing to healthier surroundings, making it particularly suitable for educational institutions.

Spider Palm is valued for its hardy nature and ornamental appeal. It adapts well to both indoor and outdoor environments and contributes to improved air circulation and enhanced green coverage.

Both species were carefully selected considering Islamabad's climate conditions and the need for sustainable plant survival within school environments.

Ecological and Community Benefits

Snake Palm and Spider Palm provide multiple ecological and community advantages:

- **Air purification:** These plants help reduce environmental pollutants and improve overall air quality within school premises.
- **Urban sustainability:** Their low water requirement and resilience make them ideal for urban plantation drives.
- **Climate support:** They contribute to temperature regulation and improved micro-climate conditions.
- **Aesthetic enhancement:** The plants enhance the visual appeal and green character of the school campus.
- **Environmental learning:** They serve as living tools for students to understand plant care, sustainability, and ecological responsibility.

Promoting Environmental Awareness through Student Participation

The plantation drive actively engaged students of the British Grammar School, who participated enthusiastically in planting and learning about the importance of environmental conservation. Through hands-on involvement, students were sensitized to the value of green spaces, responsible environmental practices, and long-term sustainability.

The activity provided an opportunity to transform environmental awareness into direct action, encouraging students to become responsible stewards of their surroundings.

Beyond Awareness: Delivering Tangible Sustainability Outcomes

While the Guardians of Truth campaign raises awareness about greenwashing and the importance of authentic sustainability commitments, this plantation initiative demonstrates the value of coupling dialogue with tangible environmental action.

By planting and nurturing Snake Palm and Spider Palm saplings, the initiative contributes to strengthening urban green spaces while fostering environmental consciousness among young people.

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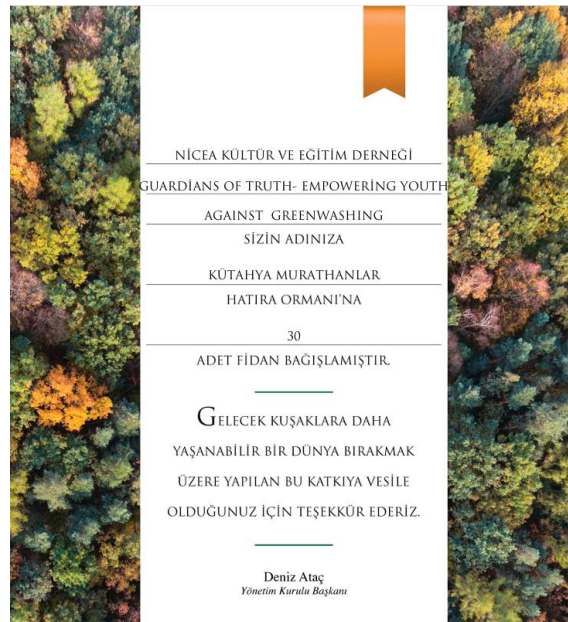
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TREE PLANTING DRIVE – Nicea, Türkiye.

Nicea Culture and Education Association has proudly contributed to the project by making a meaningful environmental donation to TEMA Foundation. As part of our commitment to sustainability and raising awareness around greenwashing, a total of 30 saplings have been donated and planted on behalf of the project.

These saplings have been dedicated to the Kütahya Murathanlar Memorial Forest, creating a lasting environmental impact that goes beyond the project's educational outcomes. Through this contribution, we aim not only to support reforestation efforts but also to reinforce the importance of genuine environmental action, aligning our practices with the values we promote throughout the Greenwashing project.



TREE PLANTING DRIVE – Sdruzhenie Alternativi International, Bulgaria



TREE PLANTING DRIVE – TREE PARTY, Netherlands



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PROJECT PROPOSAL

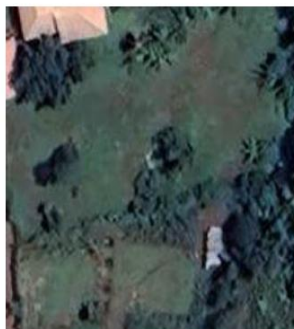
Bright future Kenya contributing to making Kenya greener and greener to combat climate change and to inspire young children to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

PROJECT TITLE

Birthday for trees

PROJECT DATE AND LOCATION

Luanda Forest on 13th December 2025



IMPLEMENTING AGENT

Bright future organization, a non-profit organization registered in Kenya

MISSION

To engage and encourage young climate champions to grow trees to fight climate change and to make our planet greener on their birthdays.

CORE VALUES

To empower young climate champions to work for both present and future guided by the following values: Honesty, information sharing, team work, action oriented and accountability

LONG-TERM GOAL

To empower children and community to be environmentally conscious, making them understand the slogan; Birthday for trees and to be action oriented

OBJECTIVES

To empower children and communities to create a safer, cleaner, healthier and greener environment and to be dedicated and passionate like the forest man of India who turned a barren land into a forest by planting trees every day for 40 years

ACTIVITIES TO BE DONE

- ⇒ Digging planting holes
- ⇒ Planting tree seedlings
- ⇒ Watering
- ⇒ Discussion on climate change

BENEFICIARIES

The main beneficiaries are the children and communities in Kenya

TREES REQUESTED FROM THE TREE PARTY

We are going to plant 950 saplings.

NUMBER OF SAPLINGS

- ✓ Eucalyptus 100
- ✓ Coro 50
- ✓ Blue Gum 100
- ✓ Casuarina 100
- ✓ Pine 100
- ✓ Croton 50
- ✓ Cypress 100
- ✓ Languat 50
- ✓ Guava 200
- ✓ Gravelia 100

JUSTIFICATION

We believe that trees are very good carbon sponge and engaging children and the community to plant, nurture and celebrate trees is a way of planting seeds of hope which will automatically lead to a greener planet. The fruit trees are also sources of Vitamins.

OUR RECENT TREE PLANTING PROJECTS THAT YOU SUPPORTED



PROJECT BUDGET

REQUIREMENT	QUANTITY	UNIT	AMOUNT
Number of saplings	950		
Eucalyptus	100	30	3000
Blue gum	100	30	3000
Pine	100	30	3000
Cypress	100	30	3000
Gravelia	100	30	3000
Guava	200	30	6000
Languat	50	150	7500
Croton	50	150	7500
Casuarina	100	150	15000
Coro	50	150	7500
Transporting saplings, volunteers and young climate champions to Luanda Forest	950 Saplings 20 Volunteers 40 Young Climate Champions (to & Fro)	Agreement with Nyahera Matatu SACCO Supported by receipts	10000
Refreshment	60	100	6000
TOTAL (Kshs.)			74500



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TREE PLANTING DRIVE CONCLUSION

The tree planting initiatives carried out across partner countries contributed meaningfully to the practical and community-oriented dimension of the Guardians of Truth project. By combining awareness with direct environmental action, the activities encouraged participants to engage more actively with sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The initiatives also highlighted the importance of locally relevant action in promoting biodiversity conservation, youth participation, and long-term environmental responsibility. Collectively, the activities strengthened the project’s impact by translating sustainability awareness into tangible action across diverse contexts.