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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the first quarter of 2026, Ecocare Environment Conservation NGO continued its commitment to promoting environmental conservation through community sensitization and public awareness. Guided by the theme "Protecting Our Environment, Securing Our Future," the organization conducted three community sensitization meetings in Masaka City and Lyantonde District.

The meetings focused on educating communities about environmental degradation, climate change, waste management, wetland protection, deforestation, and the importance of community participation in conserving the environment.

A total of 82 community members participated in these activities, comprising 20 females (24%) and 62 males (76%). Participants included local leaders, youth, farmers, teachers, religious leaders, and community members.

The activities strengthened community awareness regarding sustainable environmental management while promoting collective responsibility in protecting natural resources.

1. INTRODUCTION

Ecocare Environmental Conservation is a nonprofit organization registered as an NGO with the Bureau whose certificate of registration is INDR166515979NB, Operation permit number is INDP 0005979NB and a company limited by guarantee with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) (80034870021877).

Ecocare is a non-governmental organization actively engaged in environmental conservation and community development across several districts including Isingiro, Masaka, Bukomansimbi, Kyotera, Lwengo, Lyantonde, Rakai, Mpigi, Gomba, Kalangala, and Sembabule. Our work focuses on environmental restoration, climate change awareness, tree planting, and community sensitization.

2. QUARTER ONE OBJECTIVES

The first quarter aimed to:

- Increase community awareness about environmental conservation.
- Promote responsible environmental practices.
- Encourage communities to participate in tree planting.
- Educate communities on climate change.
- Promote proper waste management.
- Encourage protection of wetlands and forests.
- Strengthen partnerships with local communities.

3. AREAS OF IMPLEMENTATION

During this quarter, activities were implemented in:

Kirimya Ward, Kimaanya-Kabonera Division, Masaka City

Samaliya Ward, Nyendo-Mukungwe Division, Masaka City

Diwolobo Parish, Lyantonde Sub-county, Lyantonde District

4. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

Throughout the quarter, Ecocare observed several environmental challenges affecting communities.

These included:

- Increasing deforestation due to charcoal burning and illegal logging.
- Wetland encroachment for agriculture and settlement.
- Poor disposal of plastic waste.
- Littering in urban centers.
- Poor drainage caused by improper waste disposal.
- Soil erosion.
- Declining soil fertility.
- Climate change resulting in prolonged dry seasons.
- Poor farming practices.
- Bush burning.
- Low community awareness regarding environmental protection.
- Limited tree planting initiatives.

These challenges continue to threaten biodiversity, food security, water resources, and public health.

5. ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

Activity One

Kirimya Ward, Kimaanya-Kabonera Division

Date; 21 February 2026

Venue; Auntie Ruth Primary School

Time; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Theme; Protecting Our Environment, Securing Our Future

Objectives

The meeting sought to educate residents on:

- Climate change
- Waste management
- Tree planting
- Wetland conservation
- Community responsibility
- Proceedings
- The session began with prayers followed by introductions.
- Participants discussed the environmental challenges affecting Kirimya.

Ecocare staff delivered presentations on:

- Importance of environmental conservation.
- Effects of cutting trees.
- Proper waste disposal.
- Dangers of burning rubbish in open spaces.
- Importance of planting indigenous trees.

Community members actively participated through questions and discussions.

- Key Issues Raised
- Residents highlighted:
- Increasing littering.
- Illegal tree cutting.
- Poor drainage systems.
- Plastic waste.
- Inadequate waste collection.

Recommendations from Participants

- Increase environmental awareness.

- Organize community clean-up exercises.
- Support schools with tree seedlings.
- Work closely with local leaders.

IMAGES TO SHOW THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN KIRIMYA



Activity Two

Samaliya Ward, Nyendo-Mukungwe Division

Date; 21 March 2026

Venue; Mukungwe Gombolola Hall

Time; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Objectives

- Promote environmental responsibility.
- Encourage proper waste management.
- Increase awareness on climate change.
- Proceedings
- Participants discussed the increasing problem of littering within the community.

Ecocare staff demonstrated:

- Proper waste segregation.
- Household waste management.

- Importance of recycling.
- Community participation in keeping towns clean.

Major Concerns Raised

- Lack of waste collection centres.
- Plastic pollution.
- Blocked drainage channels.
- Limited environmental education.

Participants committed themselves to:

- Stop littering.
- Participate in community clean-ups.
- Plant trees at household level.

IMAGES TO SHOW THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN SAMALIYA



Activity Three

Location; Diwolobo Parish, Lyantonde Sub-county

Venue; Kabasegwa Village

Date; 18 March 2026

Time; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Objectives

- Promote afforestation.
- Encourage sustainable farming.
- Protect wetlands.
- Raise climate change awareness.

Proceedings

The session focused on environmental conservation within farming communities.

Topics covered included:

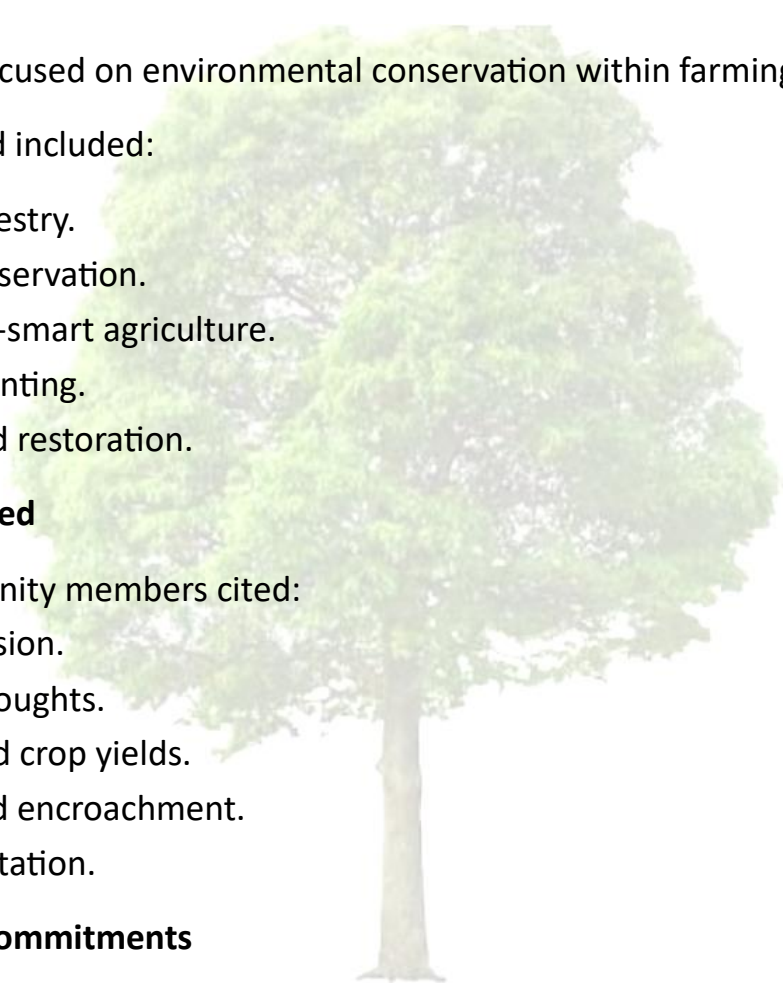
- Agroforestry.
- Soil conservation.
- Climate-smart agriculture.
- Tree planting.
- Wetland restoration.

Issues Identified

- Community members cited:
- Soil erosion.
- Long droughts.
- Reduced crop yields.
- Wetland encroachment.
- Deforestation.

Community Commitments

- Residents agreed to:
- Increase tree planting.
- Reduce bush burning.
- Protect wetlands.
- Share environmental knowledge with neighbours.



IMAGES TO SHOW THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN DIWOLOBO



6. PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Activity	Female	Male	Total
Kirimya	8	27	35
Samaliya	7	18	25
Diwolobo	5	17	22
Total	20	62	82

7. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- During the quarter, Ecocare successfully:
- Conducted three environmental sensitization meetings.
- Reached 82 community members.
- Increased awareness on climate change.
- Promoted proper waste management.
- Encouraged tree planting.
- Mobilized communities towards environmental stewardship.
- Strengthened relationships with local leaders.

8. CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED

The implementation of activities was affected by several challenges:

- Limited funding.
- Inadequate field equipment.
- Shortage of tree seedlings.
- Poor transport to some communities.
- Limited awareness among some community members.
- Financial constraints affecting follow-up activities.

9. LESSONS LEARNED

The quarter demonstrated that:

- Communities are willing to conserve the environment when properly sensitized.
- Local leaders play a key role in mobilization.
- Schools provide an effective platform for environmental education.
- Continuous follow-up is necessary to sustain behaviour change.
- Youth participation is essential for long-term environmental conservation.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Ecocare recommends:

- Increased investment in community environmental education.
- Support for tree nursery development.
- Provision of field equipment such as wheelbarrows, hoes, slashers, watering cans, gumboots, gloves, spades, rakes, pruning tools, protective clothing, and transport equipment.
- Establishment of proper waste collection and recycling centres, especially in urban areas.
- Stronger enforcement of environmental protection laws.
- Increased collaboration between government, NGOs, and local communities.

11. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER TWO (APRIL – JUNE 2026)

Ecocare plans to:

- Expand environmental sensitization to more districts.
- Establish additional community tree planting campaigns.
- Distribute tree seedlings through its nursery bed.
- Organize community clean-up exercises.
- Conduct school environmental awareness programs.
- Strengthen partnerships with local governments and development partners.
- Monitor and evaluate previously sensitized communities.

12. CONCLUSION

The first quarter of 2026 marked an important step in Ecocare Environment Conservation NGO's efforts to promote environmental stewardship in Masaka City and Lyantonde District. Despite limited resources, the organization successfully engaged 82 community members through environmental sensitization meetings, fostering greater awareness of the importance of protecting forests, wetlands, soil, and water resources.

The environmental challenges observed—including deforestation, poor waste management, wetland degradation, and the impacts of climate change—highlight the need for continued action. Ecocare remains committed to working with communities, local leaders, government agencies, and development partners to promote sustainable environmental practices.

With additional support in the form of field equipment, tree seedlings, and strengthened partnerships, the organization is well positioned to expand its impact and contribute meaningfully to Uganda's environmental conservation and climate resilience goals in the coming quarters.

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