



BUKEDI RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (BRUCI).

STORY OF CHANGE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In 2024 BRUCI held sensitization meetings on attitudinal issues and also review meetings of restoration of economic policies and operationalization in the community where the community identified a big gap of flooding along the homesteads in the river banks which was too dangerous because it led to loss of lives and property in this community. It was upon this time that the community agreed to start planting bamboo trees along all the river banks while also sensitizing community members not to build home steads next to river banks rather leave this space for the bamboo trees to be planted. Organizing the Community interface meetings were central and these meetings helped to sensitize the communities about the problems they facing learnt to work as a team to implement these disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives to mitigate them.

The implementation of this activity has reduced the impact of disaster in kaghema lower, Kasese District in terms of destruction of property and loss of lives and at the same time has made the community members more resilient and prepared to respond to disaster in terms of having bamboo trees acting as water and wind breaker whenever a disaster happens.



Figure 1: Some of the community members of Kaghema upper after receiving Bambo seedlings procured by BRUCI.

“River nyamwaba flooding has been sweeping all our properties and crops but BRUCI came as a savior and we can now be sure of harvesting food and saving our property from disasters by being prepared and resilient” community member Said.



Figure 2: Mr. Christopher being trained by BRUCI staff on bamboo nursery bed management.

“I am very thankful to BRUCI. Our community is now aware of the best Agronomic practices and we are to Disaster resilient because we have planted recommendable trees on the river banks and we are going on to plant trees on the bear hills in our Kaghema Upper community especially in Mathembe to ensure that our community is safe from Disasters” Said Christopher

In 2025 BRUCI has established **cocoa** and **coffee** seeds nursery beds in different districts in eastern Uganda including Tororo District that it is going to distribute to communities of Bukedi Sub-region in Eastern Uganda for climate mitigation, poverty reduction and sustainable house hold income generation for improved livelihoods in in region and Uganda at large.



Figure 3: Tororo District Cocoa Nursery bed ready for distribution and planting.



Figure 4: Tororo District Cocoa Nursery bed ready for distribution and planting.



Figure 5: Tororo District Coffee Nursery bed ready for distribution and planting.