

Schools' Green Initiative Challenge

Wonders of Dryland Forestry



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The Schools' Green Initiative Challenge is a unique project implemented by KenGen Foundation in partnership with Better Globe Forestry and Bamburi Cement Ltd.

The main objective is the greening of over 460 acres in the semi-arid counties of Embu, Kitui and Machakos with Mukau (*M. Volkensii*) and Muveshi (*S. Siamea*) tree species as a way of mitigating climate change and providing wood fuel and alternative income opportunities for the local communities.

Through the setting up of woodlots in participating schools, the project acts as a change agent to establish a tree-planting culture for multiple benefits in dry-land areas.

The ten-year project is designed as a competition amongst the participating institutions for the highest seedling survival rates through the application of various innovations at the schools' woodlots.

Currently, there are 120 schools from the three counties taking part in the afforestation contest for the ultimate prize of educational trips, scholarship opportunities, and other prizes. Plans are underway to add more schools in the coming years.

The afforestation competition is in line with the Government of Kenya's Vision 2030 to achieve 10% forest cover across the country.

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