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Beyond Subsistence is a non-profit, Christian organisation that exists to bring about long-term, sustainable change through forestry and agroforestry development amongst the world's poorest communities. **Beyond Subsistence's New Partnership with Timber Company Porta** Over the years Beyond Subsistence has enjoyed many wonderful partnerships with organisations and individuals who have supported our work both financially and practically. One of our longest partnerships has been with Melbourne-

and distributing timber products in Australia for over 70 years.

families and the local environment.

positive impact on the environment.

based timber company Porta. Based in Fairfield, Porta has been manufacturing

The Porta - Beyond Subsistence partnership first began in 2016. For the next

Uganda. As a result of this partnership over 150 farmers were provided life-

changing skills in agroforestry. This led to countless success stories benefiting

In 2022, Porta and Beyond Subsistence have again teamed up to begin a new

two-year project to plant timber woodlots in 10 schools across Uganda. These

one-hectare woodlots provide schools with firewood and poles at harvest,

which occurs after 4 to 5 years. The income from the timber enables

each school to buy education materials and equipment. In the process,

students also learn the value of growing trees while also benefiting from

their shade and amenity. After harvest, the trees re-shoot to form a new crop.

Thanks Porta for your commitment to helping those in poverty and making a

three years, Porta sponsored Master Tree Grower training programs in

June, 2022

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The Master Tree Grower Program -Empowering Women Margrate attended our 2016 Master Tree Grower (MTG) program in Wakiso,

Uganda. She is a widow with two children. Prior to participating in the MTG

program, her main income was derived from farming coffee and plantain. She

also had a small tree plantation. After the MTG program, Margrate realised the

value of pruning and thinning trees. She took it upon herself to begin offering

plantation and used the timber to put a new roof on her home and create an

Margrate also decided to plant a greater variety of trees on her small farm,

these services to other farmers. She also confidently harvested her own

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including grevillia, pines, mangoes, guava, jackfruit and avocado. These new plantings have provided her with valuable fruits and future timber. She also rears goats, pigs, chickens and rabbits. Another learning from the MTG program was the value of herbs (particularly medicinal ones) and vegetables around her home. Using pots and bags in creative ways, Margrate has planted a range of species that provide her family with year-round nutritional vegetables and herbs. Impressively, she has also invested in some equipment such that she now value-adds these herbs and sells them as oils or dry matter in the local markets. She is also teaching

her new-found skills to other local women in the community.

animal pen, saving herself significant expense.

for her family and generate additional income for the future.

reduced risk and value-added products. Margrate can now confidently provide

The MTG program empowers local farmers through knowledge, skills and

support. In Margrate's case this has led to increased farm productivity,

Kayiiza's plantation of grevillia, mangoes and plantain

Kayiiza with timber cut from her own plantation

which inspired MTG participants **Local Zimbabwean School Wins Agroforestry Award** Regis Hlomani is a local teacher in the Gokwe region of Zimbabwe. Inspired by the Master Tree Grower (MTG) program, Regis became actively involved in tree planting programs at his school, including setting up an Agroforestry Club, which now has over 200 students. Under Regis' leadership and hard work, the Mapfungautsi Primary School

now has an orchard with over 300 fruit trees producing mango, avocado and

guava, they have also established a poultry project. In 2020 the school was

Landcare. This enabled them to buy agroforestry equipment, to set up water

Today the school is surrounded by trees and gardens, which has enriched the

valuable income. In May this year, Mapfungautsi Primary School won the Glow

Petroleum Agroforestry Competition and was awarded prize money equivalent

grounds, educated the students, provided nutritious lunches and generated

awarded a grant through Beyond Subsistence in partnership with Global

storage tanks and to build a green-house to broaden their activities.

to AUD\$2,500. A wonderful achievement! Congratulations Regis and

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Mapfungautsi Primary School students during a tree planting day

One of the creative urban vegetable and herb gardens - grown in an old sack -

Mapfungautsi Primary School.

Student learning to plant trees as part of the Mapfungautsi Primary School Agroforestry Club

challenges that they have been facing. As an organisation, we would also like to thank our many faithful donors. Although we have not been able to have the same level of onground impact during covid, we have been able to assist in other ways. One of

established in parts of Zimbabwe and Uganda during 2021. This project

when local food markets were shut down - see photos below.

We thank you for your support in 2022.

Jon Lambert, CEO Beyond Subsistence

Furthermore, the covid period has enabled us to do some valuable

these was through funds which provided for twelve Community Gardens to be

provided valuable and nutritious food for many of the world's poorest at a time

assessment of our Master Tree Grower programs delivered over recent years.

This included surveying 130 former participants to evaluate the impact of the

training, while also seeking learnings for how to improve going forward.

Teacher and agroforestry champion Regis Hlomani in front of some of the

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From the CEO

return later this year.

After more than three years absent from Africa,

members of our team are finally making plans to

The work has continued in many areas through

rekindling friendships and encouraging them in

their work, whilst also understanding the many

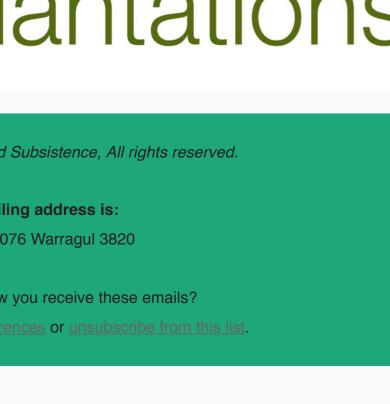
our partners, to whom we are extremely

grateful. We are looking forward to

school gardens

Recently established Community Garden in Zimbabwe

Locals enjoying produce from a Community Garden in Uganda Want to help? Beyond Subsistence is managed by volunteers and we strive to maximise the amount provided for overseas projects. Donations are 100% tax deductible and we guarantee that at least 80% of your gift will go directly to our projects. The balance is required to pay for transaction fees and compliance costs associated with the ATO's requirements for charities with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status. Visit beyondsubsistence.org.au or donate directly to: Beyond Subsistence BSB 182 512 Acc 966 060 584



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