



Peace and Development Foundation-Africa

**ACTIVE - NONVIOLENT - REVOLUTION FOR
CLIMATE JUSTICE**

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- Introduction and background
- Charcoal burning (process, causes, effects)
- Local interventions.
- Appeal

PDF-Africa

- PDF-Africa is a peacebuilding Non governmental that collaborates with other organizations to bring about peace.
- PDF-Africa is a Ugandan based organization co-founded in 2007 by Richard Okwera, a peace activist.
- PDF-Africa's current collaboration projects
 - **Save Murchison Falls Campaign**
 - ***Harnessing Regional Conservation Efforts amidst Covid-19 Pandemic Challenges in East and Central Africa.***
 - ***Digitizing Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases in Nwoya District. <http://206.81.15.188/motor.html>***

Uganda in size and population

- **Uganda** is located in eastern Africa, west of Kenya, Southern Sudan, east of Democratic Republic of Congo, and north of Rwanda and Tanzania.
- The climate is tropical and generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August).
- The total size of Uganda is 241,551 square kilometres. Land size is 200,523 square kilometres, and water occupies 41,028 square kilometres.

Charcoal burning- climate injustice in Uganda

- **Uganda's charcoal** trade is causing rapid destruction of the country's forests.
- Each year, about 80,000 hectares (200,000 acres) are cleared for the production of **charcoal** or timber, according to the National Forestry Authority.
- The rate of forest cover loss in Uganda stands at 2.6% annually, one of the highest in the world.
- According to the 2016/17 Uganda National Household Survey, more than 80% of Uganda's rural households use firewood for cooking. The high demand for wood fuel and limited access to energy saving alternatives means that forest cover is at risk of continued degradation.

Charcoal burning in Northern Uganda-Nwoya district.



Men clearing vegetation for charcoal burning.

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Pilling cut down vegetation to make charcoal.

Charcoal bagging and transportation to urban areas.



Reasons for the booming charcoal business

- Poverty that drives land owners to rent land for charcoal business.
- The high demand for charcoal in the urban areas of Uganda since it is the main fuel source.
- High timber demand.
- 80% of the rural population of Uganda uses charcoal and wood fuel for cooking.

Effects on the climate

- Vegetation cover loss resulting to wind destruction during the dry season
- It has negatively affected the raining patens. At times rains delay to come, this has affected subsistence farmers most since they can't afford irrigations.
- Flooding in several parts of Uganda, especially along riverbanks
- Mad slides in mountainous areas of Uganda.

Local interventions that we are engaged in;

- Training and supporting youth in tree planting.
- Awareness campaigns on climate justice. E.g save Murchison falls campaign, campaign against the illegal wildlife trade in Uganda and Africa.
- Poverty alleviation projects. E.g digitizing GBV cases in Nwoya district and livelihood support to the victims.

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Youth training and support project.



Area member of parliament receiving seedlings from one youth group Anaka.



Fruit and Eucalyptus seedlings



Conclusion

- We appeal to all people who believe in climate justice to support us, so that we can reach out to more people within Nwoya and other northern Uganda districts, especially refugee hosting ones.
- Through active nonviolence, together we can ensure climate justice and save our dying planet. Doing nothing in itself, is a form of injustice to our climate.

THANK YOU