

Teak trees for the future

It requires a lot of work to keep a tree alive during the dry season in Kuron, but the children of the staff help out to make this future income generator a success.



Children of the staff in HTPVK carries 1400 litres of water every day to keep the teak trees alive during the dry season.

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2400 teak trees were planted next to the Youth Centre in August last year. The drought has been tough, but thanks to hard work from the children of our staff, hundreds of trees are still alive.



“They carry 70 jerry cans of 20 litres every morning. We fill 7 drums of 200 litres and every evening each tree gets 3 litres of water,” Kabaka John in the Agriculture program explained. The water has to be pumped up manually from the bore hole,

and thereafter it must be carried a few hundred metres. The 13 children of the staff use wheelbarrows for this work.



Bishop Taban Paride tells that the children help out mainly in their school holiday, and they get tea and one meal of porridge in return. He also wants to identify some trees for each child so they can use it for school fees in the future.

“Each tree can be sold for 50-100 ponds,” the Bishop explained.

At St. Thomas Primary school it costs 240 South Sudanese Pounds (SSP) every year, but in Secondary school the fees are doubled.

Bishop Taban Paride wants to see a holistic development.

“They need God, knowledge and skills. This is what we want to build in these children. They go for prayer in the morning and evening, and here they learn to contribute to their Peace Village family at the same time as they can benefit for their future,” he said.

