

PARTNERS IN RURAL INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (PRIDO)

Community Tree Planting and Agroforestry Management Activity Report

Project Title: Community Tree Planting and Agroforestry Management Initiative

Implementing Organization: Partners in Rural Integration and Development Organization (PRIDO)

Location: four communities (Malikia bana, Baaka, Timbo and Robat), Karene District, Northern Region, Sierra Leone

Date: 4th -8th July 2026

Implementation Period: Five (5) Days

Number of Participants: 120 (Women, Girls, Youth, Community Leaders, and Smallholder Farmers)

Total Trees Planted: 4,672 Seedlings

Executive Summary

Partners in Rural Integration and Development Organization (PRIDO) successfully implemented a five-day Community Tree Planting and Agroforestry Management Initiative across four (4) communities in Karene District, Northern Region of Sierra Leone. Despite limited financial resources, PRIDO mobilized local communities and provided technical leadership to establish 4,672 tree seedlings as part of its long-term commitment to environmental restoration, climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods.

The activity combined practical tree planting with community training on agroforestry management, ensuring that beneficiaries gained the knowledge and skills required to protect and manage the planted trees for long-term survival.

The initiative directly engaged 120 participants, including women, girls, youth, community leaders, and smallholder farmers, demonstrating PRIDO's commitment to inclusive and community-led development.

Background

Northern Sierra Leone continues to experience environmental degradation caused by deforestation, unsustainable farming practices, bush fires, and climate change. These challenges have contributed to declining soil fertility, reduced agricultural productivity, and increased vulnerability among rural households.

Recognizing these challenges, PRIDO initiated this community-led tree planting campaign to restore degraded landscapes while improving food security, nutrition, household incomes, and environmental sustainability.

Objectives

The initiative aimed to:

- Restore degraded landscapes through community tree planting.
- Promote agroforestry as a sustainable farming practice.
- Improve biodiversity and environmental conservation.

- Increase household income through fruit and economic trees.
- Build community capacity on tree establishment and management.
- Promote climate resilience and carbon sequestration.
- Strengthen participation of women, girls, and youth in environmental protection.

Pre-Implementation Activities

Prior to implementation, PRIDO conducted:

- Community consultation meetings.
- Meetings with traditional authorities and community leaders.
- Selection of suitable planting sites.
- Identification of beneficiaries.
- Procurement and transportation of seedlings.
- Distribution planning for farm tools.
- Community awareness campaigns on environmental conservation.

Agroforestry Management Training Workshop

Before the tree planting exercise, PRIDO facilitated an interactive training workshop on Agroforestry Management.

Training Topics

- Importance of agroforestry.
- Climate change and environmental conservation.
- Proper tree planting techniques.
- Tree spacing and site preparation.
- Soil and water conservation.
- Mulching and moisture conservation.
- Tree maintenance and aftercare.
- Pest and disease management.
- Fire prevention around plantations.
- Community ownership and sustainability.

The workshop combined group discussions with practical field demonstrations to ensure participants understood both the theory and practical application of agroforestry.

Tree Planting Activities

The practical planting exercise was conducted over five consecutive days.

Community members worked together in teams to prepare planting holes, transport seedlings, plant trees, and protect the seedlings against livestock and bush fires.

Tree Species Planted

A total of **4,672 seedlings** were planted, comprising:

- Cashew
- Mango
- Avocado
- Moringa
- Tamarind
- Pawpaw
- Yeamani
- Jackfruit

No	Tree species	Quantity
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1	Cashew	1,756
2	Mango	430
3	Avocado	534
4	Moringa	420
5	Tamarind	231
6	Pawpaw	230
7	Yeamani	567
8	Jackfruit	734
Total =		4,672

These species were selected because they provide environmental, nutritional, medicinal, and economic benefits while improving biodiversity and long-term household resilience.

Farm Tool Distribution

To support long-term maintenance of the plantations, PRIDO distributed farm tools to participating farmer groups.

The tools included items such as:

- Hoes
- Cutlasses
- Shovels
- Watering cans
- Rakes
- Digging tools
- Wheelbarrow
- Head pan

The equipment will support routine maintenance and future agroforestry activities.

Participation

A total of **120 participants** attended the training and tree planting activities.

Participant Categories

- Women farmers
- Youth
- Girls

- Community leaders
- Smallholder farmers
- Farmer group representatives
- PRIDO staff and volunteers

Women's participation was strongly encouraged to promote gender equality and inclusive environmental stewardship.

Attendance List

Timbo community

No	Name	Sex	Community	Name of Association
1	Alimamy Kalokoh	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
2	Obai Sesay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
3	Alie Turay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
4	Fatmata Bangura	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
5	Yeabu Kamara	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
6	Mabinty Kargbo	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
7	Kadiatu Kargbo	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
8	Aminata Kamara	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
9	Hawa Kargbo	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
10	Zainab Kargbo	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
11	Esther Bangura	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
12	Kadiatu Jaalloh	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
13	Alice Sesay	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
14	Ramatu Sesay	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
15	Fatmata Koroma	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
16	Mabinty Sankoh	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
17	Bintu Sesay	F	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
18	Abdulai Dumbuya	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
19	Morlai Kamara	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
20	Ibrahim Sesay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
21	Osman Sesay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
22	Mohamed Koroma	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
23	Sembu Bangura	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
24	Sorie Kamara	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
25	John Turay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
26	Momodu Koroma	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
27	Ishmeal Kargbo	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
28	Santigie Sesay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
29	Augustine Sesay	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
30	Musa Conteh	M	Timbo	Timbo young farmers
Total =30				

Baaka community

No	Name of participant	Sex	Community	Name of Association
1	Hawa Sesay	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
2	Amie Koroma	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
3	Kadiatu Bangura	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
4	Rugiatu Turay	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
5	Yeanor Abdulai	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
6	Fanta Sawaneh	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
7	Susan Kamara	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
8	Umu Toronka	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
9	Mariatu Kanu	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
10	Aminata Bah	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
11	Marie Koroma	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
12	Ya bunbdu Sesay	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
13	Yainkain Thullah	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
14	Sampa Turay	F	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
15	Abu Kamara	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
16	Unisa Sesay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
17	Idrissa Sesay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
18	Sullayman Fornah	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
19	Ibrahim Kamara	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
20	Ibrahim Turay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
21	Santigie Turay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
22	Kunda Kamara	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
23	Malikie Sesay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
24	Tamba Fullah	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
25	Joseph Conteh	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
26	Sallieu Sesay	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
27	Amadu Bangura	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
28	Abu Kamara	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
29	Abdulai Foday	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
30	Mustapha Kamara	M	Baaka	Tamaraneh farmers
Total = 30				

Malikia bana community

No	Name of participants	Sex	Community	Name of association
1	Thaimu Dumbuya	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
2	Alhaji Kamara	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
3	Hassan Kamara	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
4	Saidu Kamara	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
5	Abu Bakarr Bangura	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
6	Foday Turay	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
7	Edmond Kamara	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
8	Sorie Sesay	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
9	Kalie Sankoh	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers

10	Karankay Thoronka	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
11	Fatmata Turay	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
12	Alfred Conteh	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
13	Osman Kargbo	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
14	Sheku Sesay	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
15	Alimamy Sesay	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
16	Borboh Foday	M	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
16	Kumba Karim	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
17	Asanatu Sesay	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
18	Alamatu Sankoh	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
19	Abie Kamara	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
20	Isatu Sesay	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
21	Adamsay Kamara	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
22	Sawdatu Koroma	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
23	Jeneba Sesay	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
24	Saio Jalloh	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
25	Jariatu Thorlie	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
26	Memunatu Senesi	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
27	Mary Koroma	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
28	Marie Bundu	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
29	Jaminatu Sankoh	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
30	Hawa Koroma	F	Malikia Bana	Tawopaneh farmers
Total = 30				

Robat community

No	Name of participant	Sex	Community	Name of association
1	Minkailu Sesay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
2	Osman Kamara	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
3	Musa Sesay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
4	Musa Kamara	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
5	Foday Turay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
6	Abu Kargbo	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
7	Alimamy Sesay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
8	Abdulai Turay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
9	Amadu Sankoh	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
10	Osman Kargbo	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
11	Abu Barrie	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
12	John Turay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
13	Thaimu Kamara	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
14	Bolingo Sesay	M	Robat	Sabenty farmers
15	Hawa Kamara	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
16	Balu Sesay	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
17	Yeabu Kamara	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
18	Mabinty Sankoh	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
19	Aminata Dauda	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers

20	Sarah Bangura	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
21	Sama Kamara	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
22	Rukoh Koroma	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
23	Baby Sankoh	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
24	Nancy Conteh	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
25	Posseh Turay	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
26	Abie Mansaray	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
27	Neneh Sesay	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
28	Mariatu Bangura	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
29	Lucy Kamara	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
30	Zainab Tarawalie	F	Robat	Sabenty farmers
Total =30				

GPS Coordinates of Planting Sites

The planting sites were geo-referenced for monitoring and future evaluation.

Community	Latitude	Longitude
Malikia bana	N 9° 3612883	W 12° 2569533
Robat	N 9° 4395107	W 12° 2328011
Baaka	N 9° 32 6437	W 12° 27 7147
Timbo	N 9° 434869	W 12°467999

Results Achieved

The initiative achieved the following:

- 4,672 tree seedlings planted.
- 15 Hectares of degraded land restored
- Three communities actively engaged.
- 120 community members trained in agroforestry management.
- Increased awareness of climate change adaptation.
- Improved participation of women, girls, and youth.
- Farm tools distributed to support plantation maintenance.
- Strengthened collaboration between PRIDO and local communities.
- Increased community commitment to environmental restoration.

Challenges Faced

Although the activity was successfully completed, several challenges affected implementation. The most significant challenge was the lack of financial support. PRIDO implemented the activity largely through its own limited resources, which constrained the scale of community mobilization, purchase of seedlings, procurement of farm tools, monitoring visits, and post-planting maintenance.

Other challenges included:

- Limited transportation for seedlings and equipment.
- Difficult access to remote planting sites.
- Insufficient logistics for field teams.
- Limited irrigation facilities during dry periods.
- High costs of planting seedlings.

Despite these constraints, PRIDO remained committed to completing the activity with strong community participation.

Lessons Learned

- Community ownership greatly improves participation and sustainability.
- Training before planting significantly improves tree survival rates.
- Women and youth play a vital role in environmental restoration.
- Continuous monitoring is essential to protect young trees.
- Long-term partnerships are necessary to scale up community forestry initiatives.

Recommendations

- Increase investment in community-led agroforestry programmes.
- Support regular monitoring and maintenance of planted trees.
- Provide additional farm tools and protective materials.
- Expand tree planting to more communities across Karene District.
- Strengthen partnerships with government agencies, donors, NGOs, and the private sector.
- Support community nursery development to ensure sustainable seedling production.

Conclusion

The Community Tree Planting and Agroforestry Management Initiative demonstrate PRIDO's dedication to environmental conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable rural development. Despite limited financial support, PRIDO successfully mobilized communities, trained local farmers, and established 4,500 trees that will contribute to improved livelihoods, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration, and long-term food security.

The organization remains committed to expanding this initiative and welcomes collaboration with development partners, government institutions, and donors to scale up community-based environmental restoration across Sierra Leone.

Photos showing tree planting exercise





			
			