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Global Greengrants Fund Reporting Guidelines

This form must be completed within one year of the date of the Award Letter. Please send reports to your recommending advisor and grantreports@greengrants.org. The questions below are intended to help us understand how you used the funds and what kinds of change or outcomes you have seen so far. Please feel free to include any additional information.

Organization Name: _Ubuntu Learning Hub Trust

Advisor Name: _ Mutinta Evelyn Nketani__

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Grant Amount: _\$7000

1. Please describe how you used the support from Global Greengrants Fund, providing examples whenever possible (2 pages maximum).

Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course training at Ubuntu Learning Centre

The first activity was a Permaculture Design Course which was aimed at equipping the beneficiaries with knowledge and skills on sustainable living. The course was conducted for two weeks and 20 people attended, 8 male and 12 female. 1 participant was from Zimbabwe and the rest from Zambia. Kindly see the attached report. For this activity, we provided food, accommodation and training materials food for the participants and Facilitators. We bought kitchen utensils and stationery for participants. We supported 3 people with transport refunds.

Trainings in Natural Farming and Activities at Mundawanga

We facilitated the setting up of a peoples' garden natural farming demonstration at Mundawanga public park in the southern part of Lusaka. We used the syntropic Agroforestry technique to set up the garden with the participation of interested members of the public and the staff at the park. We paid for the various materials needed for setting up the garden as well as for the logistics for getting the people and materials to the site. 6 student farmers from FIAN Zambia who came for 2 weeks experience, were taken to Munda Wanga. In preparation for the festival, we bought waste/ used tyres, transported them from Kaunda square to Kamwala South. These were used to make chairs for the peoples' garden. A swing was bought from Kalingalinga and transported to Mundawanga in Chilanga. We produced learning materials on Syntropic agroforestry which we shared with beneficiaries.

This was greatly appreciated because the illustrations used to explain a complicated ecosystem were very simple.

7 participants who came for the training in natural farming that took place at Ubuntu Learning Centre were supported with food, accommodation and transport. 2 farmers facilitated the workshop and the funding helped to meet the fees for the two. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At5f5WO1DRY&feature=youtu.be>

Trainings in Value Additions – drying of vegetables and herbs

This training was done in three ways; first we had it online with PDC and also 7 participants from Zambia and UK followed this course. We provided food, accommodation, transport and materials and had to buy Internet data for the centre to enable the PDC participants to follow the course online as well as for the Facilitator from Malawi, who was physically present at the Centre. A Second group that followed this course were about 80 women from an organization called Zambia Women and Girls Foundation (ZWGF) from Monze. Since they were too many and our funding could not meet their needs, the ZWGF organization sourced some funding to cater for my transport, food and accommodation in Monze. As Ubuntu we bought some of the training materials such as Azolla, dried

vegetables, olive oil, salts, and Yams. All the 80 women will be coming for look and learn to Ubuntu learning centre. The first group 21 of them came for 3 days and 2 nights. **Attached is their Program and some videos.**

6 young farmers from Mumbwa were supported with food, accommodation and training for 2 weeks as they stayed at the Centre. 2 Facilitators and Ubuntu Director took the 6 through the course.

Documentations

At Ubuntu learning Centre we share the learning being followed physically by the people who will be staying at the Centre for let's say three months or two weeks with others on social media platforms such as WhatsApp groups. This way we reach more than 200 people in a week. The funding helped us to purchase microphones to manage our online courses well and make clear videos for our page on Facebook. We have one young man who makes and edits our videos and stories for social media. We pay him for each video made. We also supported him with the online video making software video Creator Commercial.

Training in cooking own healthy food

After the PDC training one organization called FIAN took keen interest in our trainings and sent various groups of farmers most of whom were young. In total 11 farmers came and they were joined by 2 ladies from Mulungushi university in Central Province. They followed a course in Value addition and Food as medicine was a practical subject. So, from the funding, we mainly bought food for the participants and supported 5 people with the online phone course which they will finish in August this year.

Construction of Rocket stoves

Construction materials and labour

There was no need to construct rocket stoves at Ubuntu. This activity was to take place at Mundawanga. Due to delays from Government officials, we only managed to construct the two ponds, the fish and the Azolla ponds. We bought stones, sand, cement and paid for the labour. The two ponds were natural so we used lime and cassava powders. The rest of the money for rocket construction we bought a solar battery and paid for the installation of lights around the conference area. We bought cables and other materials needed for the installation of solar. Transportation of the battery and solar panels was also taken care of.

Construction of Walk in Solar Dryers

This activity took place at the Centre where we renovated the old walk in Solar dryer. We bought new plastic and iron bars. 6 male students learnt how to make the solar drier.

Establishing demonstrations of sustainable land use

Activities

Planting trees and vegetables syntropically at Mundawanga

Seedlings/seeds for trees and vegetables and other farming inputs.

Assorted seedlings, trees, vegetables were purchased for Munda Wanga Garden. For the training at Ubuntu, more nursery fruits, trees and yams were purchased for the syntropic demonstration and we established a nursery at the centre. Farming inputs like seed were bought from different farmers and also from Soweto market.

Monitoring and back up support

Fuel and data were the two main expenditures for this activity. Construction's activities, planted garden and following up on students. One PDC student from Zimbabwe was monitored by the Facilitator and the Director this month using GGF support. Dorcas mothers are monitored online and data is bought for this activity.

Compost and Bokashi making

Our biomass was burnt so we had to buy grass from Kasisi for us to manage to get a good demonstration in zone two. The funding helped us to have so many people making bocashi at our centre and in Mundawanga. This helped us to teach people how to plant using Bocashi. We bought other materials needed for making bokashi such as maize bran, molasses, yeast, saw dust and horse manure. We had to transport all these to Munda wanga and Ubuntu learning Centre.

Learning exchange visits

For this funding we supported the following organisations and individuals: FIAN farmers 14 in different groups went to one day training in syntropic agroforestry in Lilayi, Mundawanga where they learnt how to make Bokashi and landscaped the fish pond with the Green Fox team. 3 farmers visited Yam Zambia Office and became very much interested in yam planting which they did by integrating them in their syntropic garden at Ubuntu Learning Centre. They were supported with food, transport and communication. The 21 women from Zambia Women and Girls Foundation, were supported with K3000 for one way transport, food and accommodation for 2 nights. We paid for fuel and Facilitation to Loctanguna organics and Green Fox. We also exchanged visits with Kasisi Training Centre during the training in Natural farming. The 3 Indian Farmers visited Ubuntu Learning Centre and Ubuntu Students also visited their demos at Kasisi Training Centre.

Transportation, communication, and other logistics costs

We had to transport building materials form Chilanga to Mundawanga for the ponds. We also transported the swing from Kalingalinga to Mundawanga. Tyres were bought from Kaunda square and were transported to New Kasama area where they were made in chairs, then transported to Munda wanga in October.

Communication logistics, we had to buy data for the centre when people were staying longer at the centre and also supported the participants with data for communication.

Accounting services

We used the Accountant for ZAAB and he was very helpful in helping us with cash transactions and requesting for funds from ZAAB office because we did not have a bank account yet for this funding.

2. Who benefitted from these activities and how? Please be specific if beneficiaries include women, men, youth, indigenous peoples, etc. (1 page maximum):

The first activity for us was establishing the Peoples' organic garden in Mundawanga park. Every time we went to work on the garden, we were accompanied by Loctanguna Organics, Green Fox, Doctor Nelly from University of Zambia ,ResCOPE network and the Mundawanga staff, The staff members of these organizations benefitted from the experience of learning how to set up the garden. We also attract many people who follow us on social media, and have at least 100 people who comment on our stories and they learn a lot. Most of these are farmers who are trying to live the change. 60 of them being women, mainly from Lusaka itself. Some of them would have visited the Syntropic demonstrations that we have. Our Centre also attracts some YouTube bloggers and for this funding we hosted three of them. Their stories reached many people. Kindly see the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fmb4B8RYszo> 355 views 14 Sept 2024 Jonathan catches up with Annie and Nelly, part of the team from Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity, who were working in the Peoples Garden in Munda Wanga, a syntropic garden which demonstrates a sustainable, water-wise method of growing food.

The second activity for us was the Permaculture Design Course (PDC) at Ubuntu Learning Centre. This was made possible because of the funding we got from GGF. The PDC is normally costly and is usually attended by people

who are sponsored. We then came up with the idea of supporting ZAAB Members who were able to transport their farmers to and from the centre. Then Ubuntu used the funding to provide accommodation, food, stationery and paid Facilitators. Four Organisations responded very well to our call, though it was on a short notice. Women Environs sent 6 women farmers from different parts of Zambia. Environmental Africa (EA) sent 2 female and one teacher male participant. One of the ladies from EA was the member of staff which was very encouraging to learn together with farmers. These mainly came from Central Province in Chisamba and Chibombo. Regional Schools and Colleges Permaculture (ResCOPE) Network are working with one Eco Village in Monze and they sent two Farmers. Both of these were youth farmers male and female. FIAN International Zambia sent two adult male farmers, one from Siavonga area and the second one from Mumbwa. Green Fox sent one male worker from Lilayi and Ubuntu had 2 male and 1 female participants. These were a young lady from Solwezi, a young man from Zimbabwe and a third young man from Luapula province in Zambia. These 20 participants have become our ambassadors.

These participants have in turn trained about 20 people in Bokashi making, we are yet to visit them all in preparation for June certification. After the PDC, FIAN International Zambia sent 5 youth Farmers and 1 male adult for 2 weeks. After two weeks, they went and implemented some of what they learnt and taught their families, friends and community members. We can say about 10 people each, thus we reached 60 people, mostly women and girls. After the 6, we had 3 young men from FIAN who came to our centre for three months. One of them was called back after two weeks with us to work in the mines. He still continued farming as well and kept in touch. After the 3, we received 5 young people from FIAN. 3 came for a month and 2 came for three months and are finishing next month.

From Mulungushi University we had two young ladies who came for three to study Herbal medicines for a month. They too have become our ambassadors as we now use their picture on our banner which tells the story of Ubuntu. Their parents and sisters are coming in September to do the same course.

From Churches we started with 40 members of Seventh Day Adventist called Dorcas mothers from Monze. A mixture of young mothers and old mothers. A manager for Zambian Women and Girls Foundation was with them. We trained 80 women Farmers in Monze in Value addition and had an exchange visit. 59 are still waiting to come for the exchange visit in June and August.

6 NGOs namely FIAN International Zambia 1 young lady and 2 men, Environmental Africa 1 adult male, PLEAP 1 young man, Loctaguna Organics 1 manager a lady, 3 men, Green Fox 1 male and 1 lady founder, ResCOPE network 5, male 2 young people and 3 young ladies. Ubuntu students 2 young ladies and 3 young men. We reached about 484 viewers on the YouTube. The story was taken by Samson the Roadman. There were 5 comments and we got several local and international calls from people who were very much interested in the natural farming. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At5f5WO1DRY&feature=youtu.be> The video was viewed by 5,962 viewers Premiered on 29 Mar 2025 [#zambia](#) [#lusaka](#) [#agro](#) [#organicfarming](#) [#organic](#) [#agricultura](#) [#agriculture](#) [#agro](#) [#ubuntu](#) [#ubuntuzambia](#) [#lusaka](#) [#farming](#) [#farmer](#) [#farmlife](#) [#organiclifestyle](#) [#zambia](#), 30 comments and 165 likes. This is the place where most of the activities for this funding took place. Here is the video Ubuntu has also been invited to give presentations on syntropic farming to 80 more women farmer leaders of Women Environs Zambia in Chongwe.

3. Changes or outcomes based on your work (2 pages maximum):

a. **What was the most significant change you saw as a result of this funding?**

Some participants made some lifestyle changes especially in terms of diet especially from those who stayed longer at our centre. For example, we could see how they managed to stay off refined /processed sugar for three months and went home and continued to promote healthy living. People have gone away from us with a changed mindset. For Mundawanga, the young man who used to help us maintain the garden, really got so much interested in the syntropic work. Even after had left the place and started

working somewhere else, he managed to come back for a visit and would take a picture to remind us about the garden.

One young man, Gilbert from Mumbwa whom we trained in August 2024 became so much interested in our work that he managed to convince 5 young people from his community to come to our Centre for training. Gilbert made organic fertilizers and used them on his farm. He managed to bring a sack full of different food crops from his field. The Ministry of Agriculture tested his crops and found that they were all organic. They brought many people to his home to do more research as to why his crops were all organic. He produced organic vegetables, tomatoes, maize, pumpkins, and many more. For the first time at Mundawanga, we had something to offer the children who came with their parents during the Seed and Food Festival. The swing attracted them to the garden. The Chief who was the Guest of honor at the Seed and Food Festival managed to tour the garden this time around. We also sold something new for the first time, the Azolla, feed for the animals. At least the young man who looked after the garden got some money from selling the Azolla.

We are now able to accommodate 20 people for longer term as the result of publicity we received, more visitors and the demonstrations at the Centre are now more developed.

Ubuntu Learning Centre is now better known because of the documentation that went on and we received many phone calls from people all over the World.

One of our participant / beneficiaries Emmanuel Mazvimbab, is now training other farmers at Gudza ramuka ecovillage in Zimbabwe.

b. Did the funding help improve environmental conditions? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

For Munda wanga, all the leaves that were burnt all these years, they now bring them to the people's garden for mulching and we made compost. Secondly, after our three swales in the garden and the two ponds, we saw the river collect more water this year for the first time and trees responded very well. See pictures attached for evidence.

At our Centre, our food forest area is really responding well because we had people staying at our place from August to date. Good maintenance is going on in the garden areas, syntropic areas and the whole place is loved by all sort of living things.

Our rain water harvesting structures at the centre are now trapping more rain water and sinking it in the ground for the benefit of the trees and crops. This has also helped to reduce soil erosion on our land. The participants who are implementing what they learnt at Ubuntu are also experiencing similar environmental benefits.

c. Did the funding help strengthen your organization? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

Yes, it did. We have been called upon to make videos of stories of change for our young people from communities. This is possible for us because we bought powerful home studio equipment such as noise cancelling microphones and stand. Our students were able to record themselves well using this equipment which gave us more stories to share with others. We now have so many people on the waiting list to come to Ubuntu for trainings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUGx1aKY8P0>

d. Did the funding help increase community involvement or awareness? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

Yes indeed. Last year we had an opportunity to host more than 20 Diploma students from our neighbours Kasisi Agriculture Training Centre which is accredited to the University of Zambia... Some of the students in that class, were from our neighboring villages. We now have one lady helping us to clean the centre from the village when we have many people at the centre. One of our next-door neighbours this year he made bocashi and he planted maize organically. We are getting more members of the community reaching out for seeds and technical support. **Facebook story**

e. Did the funding help increase the involvement of women or increased the number of women in leadership roles? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

Yes, this was seen with the students who were coming for longer stay. One of them Mwachona, is now able to train in natural farming and got paid for it. Two of the leading organic individual farmers around Lusaka, Kanangwa and Anniemieke are both women and always keen to learn from Ubuntu and they encourage their staff to come along with them and they have gone back to their projects implementing already natural farming, and leading the way. To transforming food systems.

f. Did the funding help your organization impact policy? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

Two members from our organization were invited to attend a natural farming course that was held at Kasisi Training Centre. After that course, we have started training organizations that can influence policy makers. On 22nd April, 2025 we were invited to a meeting of Civil Society Consultations on inputs into the National Budget That are responsive to the Right to Food. We made our submission by phone as I could not physically attend. We are also in a group of more than 20 people designing a no burning campaign for Zambia.

g. Did the funding help your organization influence the media? If yes, please provide any examples and evidence of this change.

Yes, we have seen a number of YouTube people coming to do documentation at our Centre and at Munda wanga. Kelvin and others have conducted interviews about natural farming and also a journalist from the Guardian newspaper UK interviewed us about permaculture way of farming. We have also seen an increase in the members in all the groups that we are in when it comes to WhatsApp. On the challenge side, we recently added a page for syntropic Zambia and Facebook is not allowing the founder to access the page. Few more days remaining now, they will close it all together. We have been promoting syntropic on that page, it seems some people have stolen our page.

h. Please tell us of any additional evidence of change that you see as a result of this funding.

One other change we see, we are now able to provide the organic shop with feed for the animals for sale.

4. Did Global Greengrants Fund's support help your organization gain access to spaces for advocacy or decision-making (i.e., meetings, conferences, forums, networks, hearings)? If so, please note if this specifically increased access for women, indigenous peoples, or youth. (1 page maximum)

We have been invited twice by Women Enviro Zambia in Chongwe to their Annual General meetings and Leaders meeting to talk about Sustainable Food Production. This took place on 4th November 2024. The participants from that meeting were 60 leaders from 6 Districts where WEZ works in Zambia. The subject or topic for us was an opportunity to advocate for natural ways of farming. In that gathering, we had an opportunity to meet our PDC women participants who spent 2 weeks with us. Those participants introduced Ubuntu to the leaders and started sharing how they have changed some eating habits. When

it came to lunch time, they offered food from the Lodge and I told them that there was nothing I could eat from there. Those PDC women took note of what I said and when I met them in the next meeting in December, they also refused to take soft drinks. This was clear indicator that change was taking place in that organization.

5. Has Global Greengrants Fund's support helped you gain access to any additional funding or support? Yes, it has in a sense that we only applied once and we were picked for the LUSH award. We now have an account of our own and sending 2 people to go to UK to receive the £10,000 award.
6. Were there any external changes in the political, social or environmental context that made your work easier or harder? (1 page maximum)

Initially all the activities were to be done at Mundawanga as per this proposal. Our first activity was to get the Memorandum of Understanding between Mundawanga, ZAAB and Ubuntu Learning Hub trust. This was needed because our activities included buildings which needed the Government to approve. Well for 3 months we waited to be called to meet the Director, only to be told to wait until second week of July. July came and there was again no answer. This made us to write to ZAAB about the change of plan. ZAAB then suggested we ask the Mundawanga Manager to allow Ubuntu to start with the People's Garden, just to improve the garden area. This was agreed to and we started our activities in August. The rest of the activities that were meant to take place at Munda wanga, took place at the learning Centre. This meant that we had to rethink what was to be done at Ubuntu and with who.

We did not work with schools in Lusaka or outside Lusaka because the organization responsible for arranging for the schools, only remained with the community from last year to this year due to limited in funds. When the heavy rains came, the road to our centre became flooded, so small cars could not use it for two months. We were just lucky to get long term people to stay at the Centre.

7. What were the most important lessons you learned from this grant? Did these lessons change any of your organization's strategies? Please provide examples. (1 page maximum)

Looking back, we put all those target groups that we wanted to meet with the one-year activity, but it sounded good that time that we would work with all the ministries in Zambia. Then our government started changing Ministers around and new Permanent secretaries, it was not easy to even work with one Ministry. Lesson learnt here is that politics can delay good projects.

When we targeted Organizations for the training, very few responded to our call. Maybe time was too short for them, next time it is better to plan well together with the ZAAB members so that they make Ubuntu training activities part of their annual events. One of them should be the PDC, which should be made an annual event so that we get more people to come.

We were also fortunate to have one NGO sending people from one community. This gave us a good idea of hosting long term participants even with limited accommodation.

8. Please provide Global Greengrants Fund with copies of any print, digital, written, or visual media that were funded by this grant. We also appreciate any other forms of media, including but not limited to videos, press articles, publications, and photographs that document your work. Global Greengrants Fund assumes permission to share any of this media with our community. Please indicate if you prefer, we not share this information or if you would like the media to be credited in a specific way.

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<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ATgVx3ZGC/> About Mundawanga

<https://www.facebook.com/ubuntulearninghub/videos/1354529118999413/> Exchange visit

https://youtu.be/m5GAUbS4iNA?si=O_sXibwXbRfAY4kr Whole health talks.

<https://youtu.be/Zge9yz6LOYc?si=1hKrqi14saeCFN-C> Whole health 2

<https://youtu.be/Swy8Y0kHUpE?si=qUT93SXwYUE45y1R> Ladies from Mulungushi University

https://youtu.be/620xw80UySc?si=AU_lwhiA5SBeRnkM Catering student on attachment at Ubuntu

<https://youtu.be/LGxCeQoFrnQ?si=4mCw2WmUNTcQEmCw> PDC highlights

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1H9YDfdV4g/> Certificate of attendance for the 3 months students.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1FY7L23ej1/> Pawpaw works for wounds

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16T2kkLnVu/> Natural farming

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15soNjRXco/> PDC

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18LCQXEJek/> Syntropic

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EH9emnSvX/> Cassava value addition

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1A1caSdGSX/> Look and learn students from University of Zambia

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19XtV7zY5L/> Look and learn visit

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/xw4d8Wj5DqpTEDL3/?mibextid=qi2Omg> Waste management

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HynQNdEXt/> PDC follow up

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16P43T2etP/> Look and learn visit by the Indian Farmers

Documentation from Green Peace

<https://youtu.be/887-vIPukHc?si=CuluCot3HNUGMGP4>

<https://youtu.be/s4ChmZ8MJUM?si=8YUfE0DMpGrYfkJB>

<https://youtu.be/9sE5MUiQV5U?si=h60tCyFERmaiuiNt>

https://youtu.be/nuxUnp_XHas?si=Xi8ZHMsbWB2PdDF0h

Documentation by Samson the Roadman

<https://youtu.be/At5f5WO1DRY>

https://youtu.be/Ma_Gjbl7n_M

https://youtu.be/1ScAlz79-20?si=ypPRAgQze_o2YivO

Documentation by Kelvin

<https://youtu.be/LCWkzS4VvME?si=iqJzLvazrgXRFQrh>

9. Please provide a brief financial summary of how the grant funds were used. A simple statement by budget line item is all we request. Actual copies of receipts are not required but if requested by your recommending Advisor, please be prepared to include all receipts with this report.

The Accountant will attach this part. Thanks