

Planting Fruit Trees campaign January – March 2016

Campaign tracker: the story so far

- Trees planted in Jan-Mar 2016 period: 115,781
- · Location: Malawi, Africa
- Type of trees: we are focusing mostly on Guava and Papaya trees, both of which grow quickly and provide abundant fruit. Guava trees grow in 4-5 years whilst Papaya trees grow in 2-3 years
- In association with our friends at Ripple Africa



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Focus: saving Choma Hill

- Twenty years ago Choma Hill used to have plenty of trees and it was the main source of water for Mzuzu, the capital of North Malawi
- In 2003 Mzuzu introduced a charcoal business which has resulted in devastating deforestation: one big 50 year old tree can produce only 3 bags of charcoal
- Ripple Africa has already had initial meetings with the chiefs and communities to stop the charcoal business whilst also helping farmers grow Pine and Eucalyptus as an alternate source of fuel for cooking



The local charcoal business is responsible for much deforestation in Mzuzu

