

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

“GREEN ECONOMY: DOES IT INCLUDE YOU?”

5 JUNE 2012, SHEDDER REFUGEE CAMP, Ethiopia



World Environment Day(WED) is celebrated globally every year on June 05, to sensitize communities on environmental protection issues and raise awareness on the threats that man’s civilization and technological developments pose on our planet. Issues like deforestation afforestation, environmental degradation and global warming and their subsequent threats on the lives of human being are posted on the screen for discussion.

Like the past years, UNHCR and its partners commemorate the event at all refugee operations worldwide to mitigate the environmental challenges that presence of refugees might bring about on the world climate in general and their immediate environment in particular.

With above mentioned rationale, UNHCR, the government counterpart, partners together with the refugee and the local communities organized and celebrated the 40th WED anniversary in Shedder refugee camp with the theme of **“GREEN ECONOMY: DOES IT INCLUDE YOU?”**

The final event was preceded by plantation and cleaning campaigns in and around the camp. About 50 thousand seedlings were also transplanted to different IP offices and residences, selected plantation sites, services centres like schools and health centre, refugee and host community residential areas. Different awareness sessions like panel

discussion and Q&A sessions were also organized by UNHCR's partners operating in the camp.



Activities on 5 June also included speeches by UNHCR, ARRA and implementing partners' representatives and mass awareness raising campaigns, dramas, dances and songs for entertainment. Agricultural materials were given to 15 community members from both refugees and host as awards for outstanding contributions and model performance on environmental matters.

Shedder Music Band performing music



Model community members receiving awards from Head of UNHCR SOJ



As the last activity of this year's WED celebration in Sheder, participants from all organization, refugee community and the local authority and launched a massive plantation campaign at one of the plantation sites in the camp. In the campaign a total of 10,000 seedlings of different species were planted.

Head of UNHCR SOJ planting a seedling in a plantation site near Sheder refugee camp

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