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## Ethiopia plants 350 million trees in 12 hours - 3rd August, 2019

#### Level 4

Ethiopia broke the world record for the most trees planted in a day. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours on Monday. This smashed the record held by India by 50 million. Ethiopia's government announced the record on Twitter. It revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees. Ethiopia's Prime Minister participated in the planting. He congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for helping the planet.

Ethiopia's record is part of a strategy to plant 4 billion trees by October. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is trying to reverse the cutting down of its forests. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forest. This is down from 30 per cent at the end of the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and tackle global warming.

### Level 5

Ethiopia broke the world record for the most trees planted in one day, while also making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours on Monday. This smashed the record held by India by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's government announced the record-breaking feat on Twitter. It proudly revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Ethiopia's Prime Minister, who participated in the tree planting, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit to help the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a strategy to plant 4 billion trees by October. The country is on its way to achieve this. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is trying to reverse the cutting down of its forests. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and help to tackle global warming.

## Level 6

Ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted in one day, while simultaneously making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours earlier this week. This smashed the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking feat on Twitter. He proudly revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting festivities, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit for the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees between May and October. The country is well on its way to achieving this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide. Ethiopia is attempting to reverse the cutting down of many of its forests. The Farm Africa organization reports that less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. A recent study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to tackle global warming.