



Sustainable forest management and improved livelihood practices



Achievements cont...

- Participatory conservation between community TFS and Local Government Authority
- Land demarcation through land use plans (Village land use planning and setting aside lands for forest development (CBFM), improved grazing management)
- Review/Development of Village Forest management plans and agreements.

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Achievements cont...

- Appropriate alternative natural resource and forest-based livelihoods and NTFP Technologies (Increased income by 40%)
- Greater awareness of rights, roles and responsibilities regarding the forests, as per government's Forest Policy
- Communities have developed a range of skills to help them work on their own and develop sustainable forest-based livelihood systems.

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1: Ethiopia
2: Uganda
3: Kenya
4: Tanzania

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THEORY OF CHANGE

To ensure the management of forests is both environmentally sustainable and financially sustainable for smallholder farmers

MISSION

GOALS
Forest conservation | Development of income generation activities

STAKEHOLDERS
Government | Forest-dependent communities | Private sector partners

OUTCOMES
Forest management agreements | Forest-based business development

OUTPUTS
Forest management | Management capacity | Access to finance* | Trade facilitation* | Business capacity*

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Incentives

- NTFP collection
- Water level increase in rivers
- Beekeeping
- Fines through patrol
- Increased crop production/income

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FARM AFRICA - CORE SECTORS

- Agriculture**
Technology, Land and water resource management, Climate-smart agriculture
- Natural Resource Management**
Participatory forest management, Participatory rangeland management, Ecosystems management, Value realization
- Market Engagement**
Trade facilitation and marketing, Access to finance, Business development
- Community Engagement**
Participatory process, Generating and sharing knowledge

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Achievements

- Introduction of energy saving stoves, reduced the use of charcoal and firewood
- Introduction of beekeeping has promoted tree planting, increased income and environmental conservation in general
- Value addition and Market linkages of NTFP has encouraged communities to conserve forest

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Lessons Learnt

- Forest management objectives need to be clearly negotiated between the government and community so as to balance forest protection and sustainable use
- Government support at different levels and in all stages of the forest management process is essential.
- Alternative livelihoods options should be forest/natural resource-based such as the raffia and beekeeping
- Capacity building of both government staff and community members is essential to develop and sustain new forest management systems/ approaches.

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PFM work in Tanzania

Sustainable Nou Forest Ecosystem Management Project in Babati and Mbulu Districts (2002-16)

- Nou Forest is surrounded by 33 villages
- Covers 320 square kilometres'
- Source of 28 permanent rivers and directly affects the livelihoods of more than 200,000 people

AIM

- To alleviate poverty of forest dependent communities through sustainable land use plan, participatory forest management and implement livelihood activities.

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Achievements cont...

- Establishment of VNRCs and Patrol teams reduced the poaching incidences by 40%
- Conservation agriculture has improved soil fertility and reduced soil erosion therefore increased crop production
- Establishment of woodlots has reduced tree cutting pressure in the Nou forest reserve for firewood and poles

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Recommendations

- Incentives should be the main theme
- Work closely with the community and government
- Sharing of information and lesson learnt amongst practitioners
- IGA is a driving factor for forest conservation
- GAP and LUP is a core factor for forest management

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Key Challenges

- Pressure from agricultural activities
- Illegal harvesting of forest resources; Uncontrolled exploitation of forests for charcoal and fuel wood is occurring; Harvesting of poles for the construction of houses
- Unplanned grazing occurs due to a lack of land use plans and weak institutional and governance structure at ward and village levels.
- Lack of incentives to forest dependant communities

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