

PROJECT 3 : Empowering Women Through Tree Planting in Kenya

Agence : EcoAct

Type : Forestry

Country : Kenya

Description:

This project is a combined tree planting, development and carbon programme. Smallholder and subsistence farmers organize themselves into community groups to plant trees on their degraded land to improve their livelihoods and address local, regional and global environmental issues such as deforestation, biodiversity loss, adaptation and vulnerability to climate change. The project has recently been awarded Best Offsetting Project in the Environmental Finance global survey.



Key Features:

- ❖ **Women employment:** about half of farmers and leaders who work with the programme are female. Females hold positions of responsibility like voucher payments and expansion. There is no formal education requirement which enable to alleviate the gender barriers
- ❖ **International recognition:** this project has won the award of Environmental Finance's Best Offsetting Project in 2014 and 2016. Audited benefits from increased food production, fodder, and income from fruits and nuts are on average \$3 per tree planted
- ❖ **Private sector:** the project has been running without the use of non-private fund since 2013 and the sales of carbon offsets is the only source of funding. Farmers are treated like partners and by contract receive a large proportion of the profits from the sale of carbon. The farmers own the trees. Moreover, an increasing number of farmers are raising fruits for local markets (jackfruit, mango, avocado, paw paw, passion fruit, macadamia nuts, etc.) and trying to develop a central processing plant for mango in Bushenyi.



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The price is 8 euros per tonne.