



Delivering nature-based solution outcomes

by addressing policy, institutional and monitoring gaps in forest and landscape restoration

Unsustainable agricultural practices and over-exploitation of natural resources, including forest degradation, have eroded ecosystem health on over approximately 2 billion hectares globally, including 60% of agricultural and pastoral lands in Africa.

This degradation continues to negatively impact 3.2 billion people globally resulting in reduced climate resilience, exacerbating poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, as well as increasing vulnerability to climate change.

Nature-based solutions (NbS), including forest and landscape restoration (FLR), have the potential to increase biodiversity and ecosystem services, secure jobs and improve livelihoods, while accelerating action on climate change at local, national and international levels. This requires multi-stakeholder commitment and action to co-generate the evidence and to implement evidence-based policies to deliver nature-based solution outcomes.



In Kenya there is an opportunity to strengthen policy implementation at the community, county and national levels. This includes the development and implementation of gender transformative solutions for reduced emissions, as well as cross-sectoral coordination and co-learning around monitoring of FLR at the farm, county and national scale.



Work packages

Objectives

- ✓ Increase capacity on implementation and monitoring of Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR)
- ✓ Implement evidence-based recommendations for reduced emissions at local, county and national levels
- ✓ Domesticate national policies (i.e. FOLAREP) around FLR at the county level
- ✓ Build capacity of Community Forest Associations (CFAs)
- ✓ Implement and incorporate gender-transformative, equitable and socially inclusive approaches into FLR implementation, activities and policies

Expected outcomes



Training of key actors to enhance skills.



Recommendations for policy/legislation on climate change mitigation.



Recommendations for actions to reduce emissions.



Enhanced and sustained capacity to monitor and implement NbS solutions from the field to the policy.



Disseminate communications products i.e. policy briefs, photo stories etc.



Establish and strengthen networks and partnerships at multiple levels to achieve NbS outcomes.



Co-development, implementation, and capacity building on NbS and FLR monitoring and reporting frameworks.



Domestication of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Implementation Plan (FOLAREP) 2023- 2027 into county-level governance.



Strengthening coordination of community forest associations (CFAs) and their contribution to county forest conservation and management policies.



Capacity development and engagement of key national-level stakeholders to strengthen implementation of cross-sectoral frameworks and policies.



GESI: Building institutional capacity for equitable and inclusive FLR.



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