Sodo/Humbo Community Managed Reforestation

We are ready to protect our forest. We are ready to face any challenge. We need to establish the legacy of the project for the community and strive for more benefit for the entire community.

Female community member

High quality carbon credits derived from afforestation hand in hand with rural communities

» Location
   Ethiopia

» Project Area
   3,227 ha

» Emission Reduction
   1,052,183 t CO₂

» People benefiting
   >50,000

Project Story

Local communities have developed the reforestation project in Sodo and Humbo (circa 300 km south of the capital Addis Abeba) hand in hand with the NGO World Vision. Active participation and self-determination of local communities are the project’s main focus. People living in communities around Mount Damota are directly responsible for the project’s implementation. Its goal is to protect the heavily degraded forest at the slopes of the mountains and to plant new trees through Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) supporting the ecosystem’s long-term restoration in the region. The project is an outstanding example of community driven reforestation, offering significant social, biodiversity and carbon sequestration benefits.
Social benefits
» Community ownership and management
» Strong local communities benefits (decreased health risks, improved nutrition and improved school attendance)
» Training programs in livestock farming, management and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) helping income diversification
» Long-term and fair employment (more than 2,000 jobs created so far)
» Improved infrastructure (roads, health facilities and schools)

Ecological values
» Mountain slopes erosion control and flood prevention
» Sustainable forest management resulting in legal timber harvesting by local farmers
» Water springs development (12 new wells) and soil protection
» More than 25 endangered animal species protected

Sustainable Development Goals
1. NO POVERTY
2. ZERO HUNGER
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. GENDER EQUALITY
6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
13. CLIMATE ACTION
15. LIFE ON LAND