Sankofa - Empowered by Alliances for Action
Supporting climate-smart agriculture towards sustainable livelihoods

WHAT IS THE SANKOFA PROJECT ABOUT?
Sankofa is a unique project that supports climate-smart farming practices in Ghana. It promotes a more diverse cocoa production by training farmers to implement a dynamic agroforestry (DAF) system and linking them to markets through the Alliances for Action approach. The system works primarily to improve the soil using various techniques: mulching, planting a wide variety of trees and associated crops, including ones that are pruned each year and used for biomass. Sankofa also contributes to climate change mitigation, and its impacts are measured using the Gold Standard for the Global Goals. This project has been designed to:

- improve livelihoods of farmers
- increase cocoa yields for farmers
- reduce vulnerability to climate change
- increase forest cover and enhance biodiversity within the landscape
- support climate-smart agriculture towards sustainable livelihoods

SANKOFA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Improved Food Security: as a result of crop diversification and enhanced farm resilience to unpredictable weather
- 75,000 tonnes of CO₂ will be sequestered because the project helps prevent degradation and deforestation
- 400 hectares are being reforested sustainably

PROJECT TIMELINE

- 2018: Pilot DAF concept
- 2019: Mapping of Plots
- 2020: Tree registration
- 2021: Farmer selection
- 2022: Enlist a total of 400 farmers
- 2023: Verification of greenhouse gas emission reductions
- 2024-2027: Monitoring, Verification and issuance of Gold Standard VERs

THE IMPACT

- ECONOMIC: Increase cocoa yields and diversify crop production which will positively impact farmers’ incomes
- SOCIAL: Enhanced capacity of participating farmers to implement sustainable land management practices
- ENVIRONMENTAL: Enhanced carbon sequestration and improved biodiversity of DAF farms

KEY OUTPUT FROM LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

- To qualify, farmers must be part of Kuapa Kokoo Cooperative Cocoa Farmers and Marketing Union Limited and must have a minimum of 1ha non-forested land
- Farmer agreements have been revised to cover 15 years instead of the initial 30 years, with the option of renewal for another 15 years
- Tree ownership is guaranteed through registration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana and trees planted may be harvested after 30 years
- Farmers derive benefits through technical assistance, planting materials and farming inputs
- Monitoring and evaluation are key components of the project
- The project supplies certified seeds and seedlings preferred by farmers
- Planting spacing is well calculated to accommodate a variety of species
- Farmers are trained on pruning for shade management and on the application of organic chemicals for pest management

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