Sankofa - Alliances for Action
Supporting climate-smart farming practices

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. The system works primarily to improve the soil using various techniques: mulching, planting a wide variety of trees, 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 livelihood of farmers
- Increase cocoa yields for farmers
- Reduce vulnerability to climate change
- Increase forest cover and enhance biodiversity within the landscape

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 will help prevent degradation and deforestation
400 hectares will be reforested sustainably

PROJECT TIMELINE

2018
- Pilot DAF concept
- Mapping of Plots

2020
- Farmer selection
- Local Stakeholder consultation meetings

2021
- 377 farmers enlisted
- Tree registration

2022
- Verification of greenhouse gas emission reductions
- 2024-2027 Monitoring, Verification and issuance of first Gold Standard VERs

2023
- Enlist a total of 400 farmers

THE IMPACT

ECONOMIC
Increase cocoa yield and diversify crop production which will positively impact farmer's income
Additional income (after 30 years) from timber production

SOCIAL
Enhanced capacity of participating farmers to implement sustainable land management practices
Farmers own their plots and provide their own labour

ENVIRONMENTAL
Enhanced carbon sequestration
Improved biodiversity of DAF farms

KEY OUTPUT FROM LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETINGS
To qualify, farmers must be part of Kuapa Kokoo Farmers Union 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
The project supplies certified seeds and seedlings preferred by farmers

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