

Action Against Desertification Project

Action Against Desertification is an EU funded project to support Great Green Wall Initiatives of Sahara and Sahel. In the Gambia, the project is executed by FAO and implemented by Four Implementing partners: Department of Forestry, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Agency for the Development of Women and Children (ADWAC) and National Consulting for Forest extension (NACO).

The **overall objective** of the project is to contribute to:

- I. Poverty alleviation
- II.** Ending hunger
- III.** Improving resilience to climate change, using a landscape approach.

The specific objective of the project is to improve the condition and productivity of the agro-sylvo-pastoral landscapes affected by Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD) in three regions in The Gambia: North Bank Region, North of Central River Region and Upper River Region.

Local communities in the selected landscape units (including women, youth and schools). The project focuses on rural farmers including schools who have already indicated an interest in participatory forest management and in developing agro-forestry practices on their farms. The project will assist local communities and schools to participate actively in planning and managing natural resources in their landscape units. They will benefit from employment and revenue-generating activities, as well as from awareness raising activities.

The project will contribute to developing the capacities of NGOs, CBOs and POs to enable local communities to play their role.

Technical and financial partners: these include all bilateral, multilateral, regional and international institutions supporting the Government and people of The Gambia to implement sustainable land management practices/approaches to adapt to and mitigate extreme events (drought and floods) associated with climate change.

PROJECT RESULT AREAS

RESULT 1: Coordination mechanisms, as well as Institutional and policy frameworks at national and local level towards sustainable and equitable Land and Forest management are improved.

RESULT 2: Local communities in the three selected landscape units have adopted and are using improved sustainable land/forest management practices and technologies.

RESULT 3: Knowledge and awareness are enhanced among key target audiences and stakeholders, including the education sector.

RESULT 4: Project management, monitoring, evaluation and information dissemination.

Project intervention areas; Three regions North of the Gambia with 67 communities including the schools);

Project duration:

41 months; One year extension is given up to February 2020.