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Smallholder Safety Net
Upscaling Programme

INCREASING ACCESS TO FINANCE AND MARKETS FOR COMMUNITIES IN TROPICAL FOREST LANDSCAPES



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services



Non-financial services



Market building



Internal management

CONTEXT

Forest management involves the planning, maintenance, and care of forests to ensure their sustainable use and conservation. It aims to balance environmental health, resource productivity, and social needs. Key aspects include timber harvesting, reforestation, biodiversity conservation, fire prevention, and pest management. Sustainable forest management focuses on maintaining and enhancing the economic, social, and environmental values of forests for present and future generations.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATIONS

Founded in 2018, Forest Wise is a social enterprise that sources, processes, and sells natural, sustainably harvested rainforest products. Working closely with Tropenbos Indonesia, Forest Wise has supported community members in West Kalimantan creating an economic incentive to preserve the biodiversity of the tropical lowland forests of Borneo while improving local wellbeing. Emfed Farms is a Ghanaian agricultural services provider offering farm management, input provision, and essential agricultural services to cocoa farm owners. It supported the restoration of 500 hectares of degraded land by planting over 265,000 trees between 2024 and 2029, creating approximately 70 jobs and benefiting around 400 people. Additionally, Emfed produces compost manure from cocoa husks, oil palm bunches, and poultry droppings, providing nutrient-rich soil amendments while reducing agricultural waste.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Through the Green Finance for SMEs Guarantee Fund (GFS), the project seeks to increase access to finance and markets for communities in tropical forest landscapes, hence contributing to building resilient, biodiverse landscapes while supporting inclusive economic development.

The expected outcomes of this project are:

- Enhance sustainability of 2,000 smallholders by training them in business management.
- Establish market linkages for at least three community-based businesses with a focus on ethical and sustainable trade practices.
- Adoption of sustainable practices including agroforestry, restoration and diversification for at least 50 smallholder farmers.

IMPACT INVESTOR



BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Two agri-SMEs: Forest Wise and West Kalimantan communities & Emfed Farms and Trading Company Limited Ghana

TARGET

2,000 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Wild nuts, cocoa, coffee

STARTING DATE

May 2025

DURATION

9 months

TOTAL BUDGET

€ 70,650
including € 50,000 (71%)
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