

TOGO

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Organization: Groupement E-D/ADCF.

Project title: Strengthening the participation of civil society and local communities in forest protection in Togo.

Project goal: Contribute to strengthening the capacity of the Togolese Republic in forest management through adaptation to climate change and reducing carbon emissions.

Project location: West Africa, Togo, Central region and the Kara region.

Project duration: 9 months

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PROJECT SUMMARY

In its specific objectives, the project aims to:

- (i)** involve 2100 men, 2100 women, 1050 people living with disability and 1050 elderly people in the REDD + process and forest conservation in the Central and Kara regions, through mass awareness campaigns.
- (ii)** Increase the level of knowledge on topics related to climate change, REDD + in Togo, the role of different stakeholders in the protection and sustainable management of forests of 45 actors from NGOs / Associations, local Authorities, decentralized state services, and community-based organizations in each region.
- (iii)** The project implementation of these objectives will achieve the following results:
 - a.** All social classes (men, women, children / students, people living disabilities, the elderly) are informed and have knowledge about conservation and sustainable forest management.

- b. The stakeholders involved in the REDD + process (NGOs, associations, Development Committee neighborhoods and villages, the decentralized services of the State, local authorities .) are prepared to support future actions to ensure better adaptation of climate change and low carbon in Togo.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Contribute to strengthening the capacity of the Togolese Republic in forest management through adaptation to climate change and reducing carbon emissions.

Project Objectives:

- i. To involve 2100 men, 2100 women, 1050 people living with a disability, 1050 elderly in the REDD + process and forest conservation in the Central and Kara regions, through mass awareness campaigns;
- ii. Increase the level of knowledge on topics related to climate change, REDD + in Togo, and sensitize on the roles of different stakeholders in the protection and sustainable management of forests of 45 actors from NGOs /Associations, local authorities, decentralized state services, and community-based organizations in each region.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The main activities under this project are:

- 1) **Mass awareness in communities:** This include 21 mass awareness sessions on forest conservation in 5 districts of the Central Region and 7 districts in the Kara Region. These mass awareness will target men, women, people with disabilities, and the elderly. The Central Region will host 9 sessions while 12 sessions will be hosted in the Kara Region. The localities will be selected according to the upsurge of destructive forest activities by the population. 21 local committees of 07 members will be installed. These members will have their capacities strengthened during the Action phase of REDD + project.

2) **Organization of two capacity building workshops:**

A workshop organized by region will bring together 90 participants from NGOs / Associations, Local Authorities, decentralized state services, and community based organizations. This training will focus on topics related to climate change, REDD + in Togo, and the role of different stakeholders in the protection and sustainable management of forests. In addition to these main activities, other actions will be undertaken to contribute to the achievement the objectives of this project, these are:

3) **Radio broadcast:** A total of 20 broadcasts on the importance of forest protection will be hosted on community radio for the duration of the project. These interactive programs will be run in local languages and French.

4) **Production and distribution of commercial spots:** spots in French and local languages on the importance of the forest protection will be produced and broadcast on community radio stations in the two regions.

5) **Official launch ceremony:** will ensure good visibility of the project. It will also bring together local authorities and get them more involved in supporting the implementation of the project.

PROJECT OUTCOME RESULTS

Expected results:

- i. All social segments of the community are informed and understand about the protection and sustainable management of forests.
- ii. 21 mass awareness sessions are facilitated in 12 districts of Central and Kara Regions.
- iii. 21 local committees of environmental protection are installed.
- iv. 80 stakeholders are involved in the REDD + process (NGOs, associations, Development Committee neighborhoods and villages, the decentralized services of the State, local authorities are prepared to support future actions to ensure better adaptation to climate change and a low-carbon path in Togo.
- v. Two capacity building workshops are organized and hosted in the capitals of regions.
- vi. 20 radio programs are run on local radio stations in the two regions.
- vii. Commercial spots are produced and broadcast on local radios.