

**Forest landscape restoration (FLR) and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) in the Sahel region**



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The project, which is located in the Sahel zone, combines aspects of international governance or aspects which result from national commitments with local restoration actions. It is assisting three municipalities in Burkina Faso and three municipalities in Niger with the restoration of the landscapes of their territory and the development of income-generating activities, by setting up municipal financial services and a participatory decentralized management of natural resources.

**CONTEXTE ET OBJECTIFS**

Over two billion hectares of land are degraded around the world, in particular in the Sahel region. Forest landscape restoration (FLR) aims to address this by transforming degraded or sterile land into healthy and fertile landscapes where communities, ecosystems and other stakeholders can live together in the context of sustainable land management (SLM).

In the Sahel region, populations are highly dependent on the exploitation of natural resources: pastoralism, subsistence farming, collection of non-timber forest products for food or pharmacopoeia and wood as a source of energy for cooking. These natural resources are subject to strong biophysical pressure: low and erratic rainfall, high temperatures, intense aridity, soils often poor and easily degradable. This is exacerbated by anthropogenic pressure: demographic boom, climate change, deterioration in security, weak governance.

**DESCRIPTION**

The project provides for actions at the municipal and national levels in Burkina Faso and Niger and actions at the subregional and global levels:

- Local actions implemented in an innovative and decentralized manner with rural municipalities (three in Burkina Faso and three in Niger), in the context of the Great Green Wall for the Sahel and Sahara Initiative;
- Subregional actions (CILSS/ECOWAS zone) to support planning, the biophysical and socioeconomic estimate of impacts, subregional monitoring-evaluation, capitalization/dissemination at subregional level; general actions for overall monitoring-evaluation, identification.

**IMPACTS**

- Municipal level: build the capacities of Municipal Councils and local stakeholders in terms of planning and logistical means; financing and monitoring-evaluation of FLR/SLM actions and development of income-generating activities, with the opening of municipal financial services dedicated to these two themes (restoration objective of 500 ha/Municipality).
- National level: capacity building for an FLR/SLM policy, creation of a database on past SLM actions, creation of a code of FLR/SLM good practices, development and dissemination of teaching materials, creation of a monitoring-evaluation handbook of FLR/SLM actions.
- Subregional level: satellite mapping to monitor changes in landscapes at national and regional level; assessment of

01/09/2017 Project start date

31/12/2020 Project end date

23/06/2011 Project grant date

Burkina Faso Location

Sustainable agriculture and forests , Land degradation and chemical pollutants sector(s)

subvention Financing Tool(s)

6 487 559 EUR Amount of the program Including FFEM funding

1 800 000 EUR Amount of FFEM funding

4 ans Duration of funding

FAO Beneficiaries

AFD Cofinanceur(s)

Agence Française de Développement Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Institution responsible

- costs/benefits of FLR/SLM; knowledge sharing.
- Global level: knowledge sharing and advocacy; attracting private financing for FLR/SLM.