



ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION

BURKINA FASO

The degradation of land and forest landscapes, exacerbated by drought and climate change, pose a serious threat to the sustainable development of Burkina Faso. One-third of its national territory is degraded, over 9 million hectares of productive land, an area that is estimated to expand at an average of 360 000 hectares per year. Action Against Desertification aims to halt and reverse this trend by promoting large-scale land restoration and the sustainable management of natural resources.

Action Against Desertification supports the restoration of degraded land in Burkina Faso, combining techniques such as enrichment planting, direct sowing and fencing to encourage natural regeneration. In order to bring restoration to scale, the specialised Delfino plough is used for land preparation. Since their start in 2016 in the provinces of Soum and Séno in Burkina's Sahel region, activities have covered:

→ LAND RESTORATION

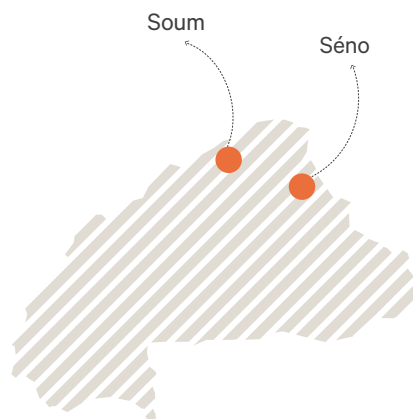
More than 4 200 hectares of degraded land, of which over 3 000 prepared using the Delfino plough, have been planted to start their restoration. Activities benefitted over 4 700 agro-pastoralist farmers, half of them women. Nearly 250 000 inoculated seedlings have been planted and over 13 tons of forest seeds of woody and herbaceous species were sown directly. For 2018, an estimated 2 000 hectares of land will be planted for restoration.

→ CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Around 8 000 people from 45 rural communities, 20% of whom are women, have benefitted from capacity development and increased their knowledge of techniques such as water and soil conservation, plot management and restoration. The knowledge is promptly put into practice, allowing the communities to better farm on degraded land, using the traditional Zai and half-moons, producing compost and making vegetation barriers and contour stone bunds.

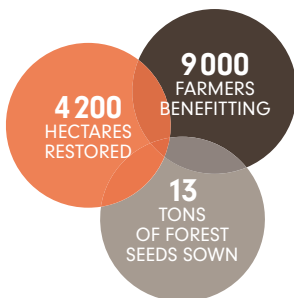
→ NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS

Seven organisations with a total membership of 500 people are receiving support for the development of non-timber forest products. This will contribute to the rehabilitation of degraded land and the sustainable management of useful species, while at the same time improving the living standard of the population. Products include honey, Balanites oil, fodder, forest seeds and edible fruits.





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An estimated number of 9 000 agro-pastoralist farmers from the communities participating in land restoration and communal producer groups of non-timber forest products benefit directly from the activities of Action Against Desertification.

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- Render Effective Aid to Children (REACH Italia/Afrique)
- Conseil Régional des Unions du Sahel
- Non-governmental organization Tiipaalga
- Laboratory of Forestry Microbiology, Department of Forestry Production, National Scientific Research and Technology Centre
- Municipalities of Séno and Soum
- Village development committees and community-based organisations

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