

JEJI RESTORATION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEME

Jeji Restoration is a tree planting initiative that works closely with indigenous communities and internally displaced people affected by war and environmental conflicts to restore degraded landscapes by planting trees as a means of livelihood development.

Community empowerment is a strong component of the project, where we engage farmers and climate migrant via capacity development, knowledge sharing and empowerment.



Brief Summary About Jeji Restoration

Nigeria has the highest deforestation rate of primary forest in the world, and has lost more than half of it in the last five years due to commodity-driven logging, subsistence agriculture, and climate change. Deforestation at such a scale has triggered a number of social, economic, and environmental crises such as biodiversity loss, climate-induced migration, and the farmer-herder clashes that have cost thousands of lives and escalated conflict and insecurity. This is where the thinking of a viable long-term solution began, and why Jeji restoration was designed as a model to address the multidimensional issues of land degradation, climate migration and loss of livelihood caused, and often intensified by deforestation.

Project Model

- Forest Landscape Restoration
- Agroforestry
- Livelihood & Economic Development
- Reduced Social & Economic Inequalities

Our project provides revenue generation mechanisms in different ways and through numerous initiatives, all of which are designed to integrate livelihood and economic status of locals. Through this initiative, we've opened up job opportunities, supported farmers with capacity building and learning tools on both agriculture and forestry extending to business management.

Impact Report

The community engagement scheme kicked off with providing insights into why the project, Jeji Restoration is important and viable to landscape management and the livelihoods of its beneficiaries. Dr. Abdulhamid Bala, the Director Forestry, Ministry of Environment encouraged the beneficiaries to ensure proper supervision of crops and avoid lackadaisical attitude towards the trees that have been planted on site, as the benefit of the success of the project is more impactful for them. He also noted the inclusion of women in the scheme and applauded Surge Africa for this.

Similarly, the Community members were addressed by Mr. Mukhtar Bala, the ESO Kano AEReSAL Project who admonished them to treat the jeji restoration project as a trust and encouraged them to protect the site from theft, destruction and other harms. He also admonished the community members to spread awareness on the importance of reforestation as the ills of climate change is evident in crop yields, rain pattern and the weather.

Strong emphasis was made on inclusion of women in the project scope, and ensuring their participation to bridge gender gaps in revenue and income generation. This has enable women to cater to their basic needs, providing food and financial security.

The community heads represented by the Wakilin Dagachi and Mai Unguwa of Kumbo expressed their gratitude and satisfaction with the incentive and further stated that the destruction of the sites, theft and other harms were as a result of herders encroaching on said places and promised to keep a watch out for them. They also mentioned the impact that the Jeji Restoration project has had on their wards as children as young as 8 can now plant and sustain trees.

Incentives provided to project beneficiaries

- Indigenous seeds of their chosen
- Organic manure
- Wheelbarrow
- Capacity Development

Snapshots of incentives



Highlight 1

Our partners from the government environment office joined us in mobilizing locals for this support.

Highlight 2

Local assemble to retrieve incentives after capacity development



Highlight 3

A farmer standing with his incentives. Many of the beneficiaries are also beneficiaries of other models of the project, where they have been given available land to farm, when they normally do not have any.



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