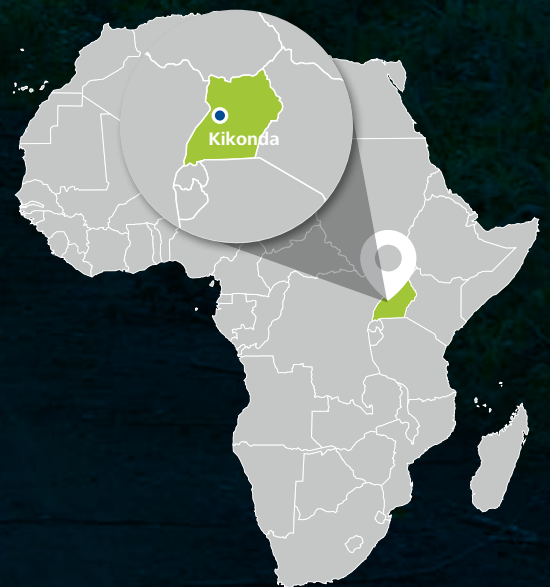




KIKONDA FOREST RESERVE UGANDA

**Building the forestry industry to protect the
environment and strengthen the economy**



This Ugandan reforestation project combines climate, environmental and social benefits and serves as an example for sustainable development in the heart of East Africa.

The Context

Uganda, still one of the poorest African countries, with an income level of about half the sub-Saharan average, is in need of funding to foster sustainable development. In the area of Kikonda, economic hardship is rife, and streets passing through the Kikonda Forest Reserve were frequented by street-robbers. By creating economic value from previously degraded and deforested land, this project provides a pathway out of poverty for local communities while ensuring the protection of the natural environment.

The Project

This reforestation project is financed by carbon revenues and addresses both the critical local economic situation, educational and environmental issues in the region and global warming. In the 120 km² spanning the project area, over one million trees (muses, pine, and eucalypts) are planted and managed in an advanced agroforestry scheme. Twenty percent of the project's acreage is reserved for conservation, protecting wetlands along riverbeds throughout the plantation area. Besides the project's core activity, great efforts are undertaken to support local schools, fight illiteracy, qualify locals and restore local ecosystems.

The Benefits

The project employs more than 600 people, providing new opportunities for mostly young adults who no longer have to migrate to the cities in search of work or turn to illegal logging. Women receive particular support through the free provision of nurseries so they can work and generate a higher family income. The project owner also provides the employees with appropriate housing, access to medical services and access to clean water. The project supports education with a community forestry program to train people in tree planting as well as by paying the salaries of local teachers and holding weekly traditional medicine workshops with Anamed NGO.

This project is the first ever to be granted both Carbon Fix and Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCBA) certification for its positive social and ecological impact.



Gold Standard

CCB Standards
The Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance



300 families

receive training in forest management through community forestry program



600 jobs

created by the project providing stable income streams to communities



1,000,000+ trees

have been planted, reversing deforestation and restoring natural habitats



213,368 tCO₂e

will be reduced in total during the project lifetime, through carbon sequestration

For more information on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, please visit: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

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