



MORE FORESTS FOR ABURRÁ VALLEY COLOMBIA

**A landscaping strategy for reforestation and
community benefit**



Climate Change and El Niño have caused severe impacts on the Aburrá Valley. To tackle the consequences, smart solutions for natural capital restoration are required. They help to assure water availability for cities, reduce carbon emissions and create jobs. Private and public sector partnerships can facilitate the financing process.



The Context

The More Forests for Aburrá project seeks to improve the environment, support livelihoods and contribute to rural development in areas surrounding Medellín. It does this through a public-private sector partnership approach, combining cross-sector resources to utilise different environmental management alternatives such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) within the Kyoto protocol and payment for environmental services (PSA).

The Project

This project consists of enlisting small landowners in rural areas of the Aburrá Valley to implement sustainable land management strategies. Forest plantations and silvopastoral systems are established on private land and assisted natural regeneration (ANR) is applied on degraded public and private property. This reduces the pressure on relict forests and helps to conserve soils and the biodiversity of the area.

The Benefits

In addition to improving land quality and promoting biodiversity in project areas, the CO₂ captured by restored forests is used to generate carbon credits. This investment into natural capital has a double positive impact: It supports climate change mitigation and enhances economic development in rural areas.

Due to this project, food security, the quality of water resources and water access in the project area has improved.



This project contributes to decent work and economic growth by creating new income pathways for poor rural communities.



This project contributes to sustainable cities and communities by making sustainable alternative incomes available to landowners.



This project contributes to climate action by restoring forest that sequesters CO₂ emissions affecting climate change.



This project protects life on land by promoting biodiversity in protected forests.

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