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WHO WE ARE

Green Landscape Association (GrEEN) is a Cameroon based nonprofit organization working in the South West, North West and West, Regions of Cameroon.

GrEEN is contributing in restoring degraded landscapes and impacting the lives of smallholder farmers through agroforestry and tree planting, conservation of biodiversity through advocacy and sustainable management of degraded agricultural lands, promoting environmental education, as well as empowering rural communities through innovative economic and livelihood development programs.

GrEEN was founded as Green Landscape Association (GrEEN) with registration No 26/G.37/C84/VOLI/SAAJP/A3 and legal head office in Buea, Fako Division, Southwest, Cameroon.

OUR VISION

We believe in a world where humans live in harmony with nature, biodiversity conserved and degraded landscapes restored.

OUR MISSION

GrEEN mission is to conserve species, empower rural communities and improve on the food security and income of resource-poor farmers through the restoration of degraded agricultural lands.

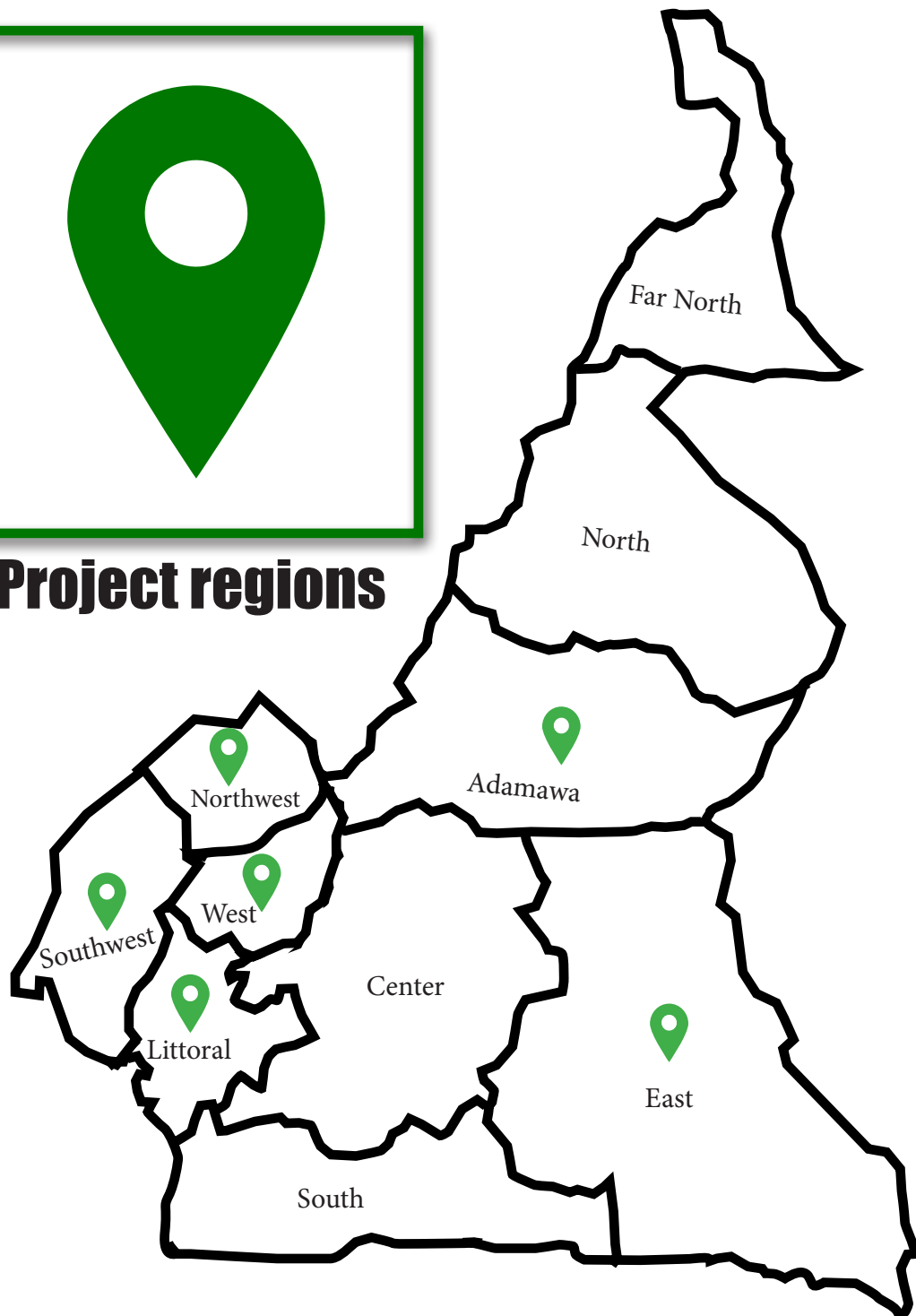


WHERE WE WORK

GrEEN is working across the South-West, North-West and West Regions of Cameroon with a special focus on the Mount Bamboutos. According to the Organisation's Strategic Action Plan for the next 10 years, GrEEN has decided to extend its operation across the Adamawa, East and Littoral Regions of Cameroon



Project regions



WELCOME, FOUNDER/CEO

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We are very grateful for the wonderful support we continue to receive from our partners and supporters across the globe. This allowed us to start new projects across Cameroon. We completed the review of our new project that would run for the next 7 years. The project involves coordinating and supervising the planting of 1,000,000 trees to restore fragile mountains and

lowlands and their ecosystem functions and services in community-led restoration projects by 2030. Improve the livelihoods of at least 2,000 smallholder farmers and their households through increased tree crop production, improved diversified nutrition, increased household income, and improved value chains of tree products leading to household food security and economic stability by 2030. The project will plant 1 million trees, serve 30,000 local people, benefit about 5 million Cameroonians.

We work to improve food security and incomes of smallholder and marginalized farmers. This is being achieved through a holistic and sustainable development of the Forest Garden model that has proven to secure long term impact beyond the local communities to other urban areas. All our programmes were metamorphosed into integrated ecological landscape programmes. The integrated ecological landscapes were developed to tackle the problems of extinction, degradation and co-habitation of species and humans. We will continue to count on all your long-term support to achieve the remarkable victories for wildlife, ecosystems and people of Cameroon and Africa.

GrEEN is assisting smallholder farmers to establish Forest Gardens. Forest Gardens seek to increase food security and nutrition, raise incomes and profits and increase environmental protection.

The agricultural programme seeks to improve on food security, nutrition and income of resource-poor farmers through the restoration of degraded agricultural lands and optimization of smallholder farmers in and around protected areas and biodiversity hotspots in order to reduce significantly the human pressure on the fragile habitats and ecosystems for biodiversity conservation.

Today, smallholder farmers with less than 5 hectares of land, produce around half of the world's food. However, many of them are living in poverty and suffer from food insecurity and malnutrition. Women are particularly at risk in this equation, as they are more likely than men to report food insecurity, be disproportionately impacted by climate change, and live in poverty, often depending on common pool resources.

Consequently, women are especially affected by food depletion. In response, countries all around the world are redirecting their compass to align with the Global Goals for Sustainable Development – 17 goals to achieve an end to extreme poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030. From citizens and civil society groups, companies and organizations, to academia, cities and national governments, everybody has a role to play in ensuring that humanity can thrive within our planetary boundaries and enjoy full human rights.

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A PAUSE....

GrREEN is an award-winning organization

The Environmental Conservation Award 2023 was presented to GrREEN at the National Conference for Local Organizations, organized by the Council For Local Organizations. The conference brought about over 100 CSOs across Cameroon. One of the keynote speakers was the Program Officer at the UNESCO Regional Office for Central Africa, Dr Njoh Vavanje Jr.

At GrREEN, we believe that sustainable solutions emerge when communities work closely with ecosystems.

Our projects are designed to impact beyond their lifespan; they are catalysts for change at the grass-roots level. By empowering local communities, we are not only building resilience but also fostering innovation that transcends geographic and conceptual borders. It is about having a global impact on a localized scale.



We are committed to introducing sustainable farming methods to improve the food security and nutrition of small holder farmers



OUR PROGRAMS

Restoration of degraded ecosystem

The restoration program focuses on improving the health and diversity of ecosystems. It includes tree planting, natural regeneration and assisted natural regeneration.

Tree planting is used to establish new tree populations in depleted or degraded areas, while natural regeneration allows native plant species to repopulate on their own.

Assisted natural regeneration is a combination of both, where native plant species growth is promoted through methods like seed dispersal and weed control. The goal is to restore the balance and resilience of ecosystems through the promotion of native plant growth and diversity. Food security and Livelihood



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Food security and Livelihood

Promotion of sustainable agriculture, agrobiodiversity, agroecology, agroforestry, organic farming and forest gardening for the rural small-scale farmers.

Supporting local livelihood development with alternative income generating options such as bee keeping, cassava processing, animal husbandry, and processing of non-timber forest products (NTFPs).

Food security is improved, income is increased, and production is made more environmentally friendly through applying ecological innovations and locally adapted cultivation and production methods. When trees are planted in between crops on farmland in specific ways this can increase the income of farmers by increasing crop yields.





Conservation

Conservation of threatened species. Promote Education for Sustainable Development in communities around protected areas. Support continues Research and Bio monitoring. Support ecotourism development

The target animal species are facing innumerable threats ranging from habitat destruction, rampant hunting, poaching, trafficking, as well as inadequate conservation measures and education in the target region

To make the situation worse, there is lack of community education and awareness on conservation. In this context, conducting dynamic sensitization and awareness programmes as well as rainforest expedition and training on biomonitoring, will improve active community participation and engagement to collectively address conservation issues related to the target species.

The relatively intact highland rainforests of Cameroon's South West region are home to populations of Critically Endangered Cross River gorillas, chimpanzees and other species. They are threatened with extinction due to habitat loss, the Anglophone crisis, the bush meat and corona virus crises.

Working with resident communities and internally displaced people, our project seeks to protect great apes and their habitat while also developing local rural economies through regenerative, climate-smart, socially inclusive, nature-based livelihood activities, addressing human development needs





OUR IMPACT

1. Restoration of degraded landscapes

GrEEN has successfully restored 27 hectares of degraded landscapes in 6 villages in the Southwest and Northwest Regions of Cameroon, improving the overall health and sustainability of these areas.

2. Improved lives of smallholder farmers

GrEEN's programs have had a positive impact on the lives of 250 smallholder farmers in Cameroon, by increasing their household income, access to resources and support for sustainable farming practices.

3. Assisted Forest regeneration

GrEEN's tree planting program has led to the planting of 100,000+ trees leading to the regeneration of forests in Cameroon, helping to combat deforestation and preserve biodiversity.

4. Conservation of biodiversity

GrEEN's advocacy and sustainable management of degraded agricultural lands have helped to conserve biodiversity in Cameroon by protecting and preserving ecosystems in the forest zones of the country.

5. Empowerment of rural communities

GrEEN's innovative economic and livelihood development programs have empowered 5 rural communities in Cameroon by providing them with the resources and support they need to build sustainable livelihoods.

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Testimonies from some of our small holder farmers

Kenfack Julius, 37, is one of the small holder farmers that received training and material support from GrEEN. He now runs a successful agroforestry farm in his village in M'mouck Fossimondi, southwest region of Cameroon.

“Since GrEEN started working in our village, farmers are now sensitized and trained on improved farming techniques. I have received training from GrEEN twice in 2023. In those trainings, I learned about agroforestry trees and their benefits, methods of inter-cropping and mixed-cropping to produce diverse crops”, says Kenfack Julius

He continues: “I sold avocado, plums, guava, beans and yams for around XAF 200,000 last year. I used part of the income to send my children to school”,

Mofor Angela, 30, a mother of 4 said that, “After harvesting our crops, we preserve part of the seeds for cultivation for the next year. So, we are no longer purchasing seeds as we used to do before. This has reduced the cost of production.”

“Since the introduction of organic compost by GrEEN, our rate of using synthetic fertilizer has greatly reduced. Thanks to GrEEN for training us on how to prepare compost-pits and produce organic manure from waste foods and leaves.”, adds Mofor



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Tree planting was one of the main activities that characterized and spiced our restoration efforts in the Mount Bamboutos landscape in the year 2023. Trees were planted in water catchments, riparian forests, sacred forests as well as individual farmers' farms.

GrEEN witnessed remarkable progress in its activities.

All activities earmarked in 2023 like tree planting and the training of farmers in agroforestry techniques were successfully carried out. Over 500 people were actively involved in ecosystem restoration. They were involved in tree planting and agroforestry.

Also, 250 Smallholder farmers were trained on sustainable diversified farming, non-timber forest products, fruit tree cultivation, agroforestry, nursery establishment grafting, pegging and composting. The increasing involvement of smallholder farmers in the practice of agroforestry led to the planting of 13,382 agroforestry trees on their farms.

These range from fruit trees such as avocado, plum, Orange to non-fruit trees like acacia and Leucaena and Prunus africana. The planting of these trees has not only eliminated the old practice of mono-culture which is not sustainable but will improve soil quality in the long run. Also, these agroforestry trees will in the next 3 years increase the incomes of these farmers substantially, thus alleviating poverty.

We have continued to train farmers in western Cameroon on how to graft fruit trees such as avocado. This method, the fruit trees are much more resistant to various environmental stresses and the yields much higher



SUPPORT US



We are grateful to all our partners and friends that have continued to support our work. The impact of your support is greatly felt by communities and wildlife. As a young and growing non-profit organization, we are determined to make a difference and put a permanent smile in the faces of especially small holder farmers and also build an ecosystem where people and wildlife thrive. Owing to this, we are imploring you all to keep supporting our work. We won't let you down!

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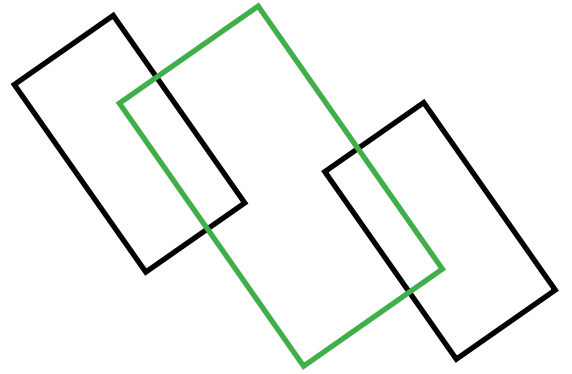
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YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP US TO:

- Restore degraded landscapes
- Improve the lives of smallholder farmers
- Regenerate our disappearing forests
- Empowering rural communities through innovative economic programmes.

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