AGROFORESTRY FOR LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT (ALIVE)

Creating societal changes to enable the realisation of human rights and economic empowerment of small-holder farmer families through market-led, sustainable agriculture based on agroforestry.
OVERALL GOAL
The ALIVE programme will contribute to a sustainable environment that enables women and men living in poverty to improve their lives.

Theory of change

Situation analysis

Small-holder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa are already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change. This includes vulnerable exposure to frequent extreme weather conditions, increased risk of pests, water deficiency among others. This has a direct negative effect on food production.

Women face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change in situations of poverty. The unequal participation in decision-making processes and labour markets compound inequalities often prevent women from fully contributing. Economic empowerment leads to increased opportunities, power to control and make decisions. Gender equality and empowerment of all women is a pre-condition for the eradication of poverty as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Over 65% of the population in Africa is below 35 years and the unemployment and under-employment particularly among the youth is rising. This is a serious threat to social cohesion, political stability and the future socio-economic development prospects in Africa.

Farmers’ organisations play a big role at national, regional and global level. Grassroots farmer organisations mobilize the smallholder farmers to be able to connect with the national actors. They also provide a platform where women youth and men can jointly prioritise focus areas to improve their lives.
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