

Sankofa - Empowered by Alliances for Action

Supporting climate-smart agriculture towards sustainable livelihoods



WHAT IS THE SANKOFA PROJECT ABOUT?

Sankofa is a unique project that holistically supports climate-smart farming practices in **Ghana**, for people and planet. It promotes more resilient cocoa production and trade by training Kuapa Kokoo farmers to implement **dynamic agroforestry (DAF)** systems that improve food security and incomes through crop diversification and reforestation. Through the Alliances for Action approach, these farmers are also linked to markets to improve sales, growth and livelihoods. The DAF system works primarily to improve the soil and biodiversity using various techniques: mulching, stratification and planting a wide variety of trees and associated crops, including ones that are pruned each year and used for biomass. Sankofa also contributes to **climate change mitigation**, and its impacts are measured using the **Gold Standard for the Global Goals**. This project has been designed to:



improve livelihoods of farmers



reduce vulnerability to climate change



increase cocoa yields for farmers



increase forest cover and enhance biodiversity within the landscape

SANKOFA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The project contributes to achieving several SDGs, among others SDG 12 fostering responsible commercial alliances and SDG 17 for partnerships from bean to bar. The SDGs depicted are the ones that are measured and reported to Gold Standard for the certification of this project.



Improved Food Security

as a result of crop diversification and enhanced farm resilience to unpredictable weather



75,000 tonnes of CO₂

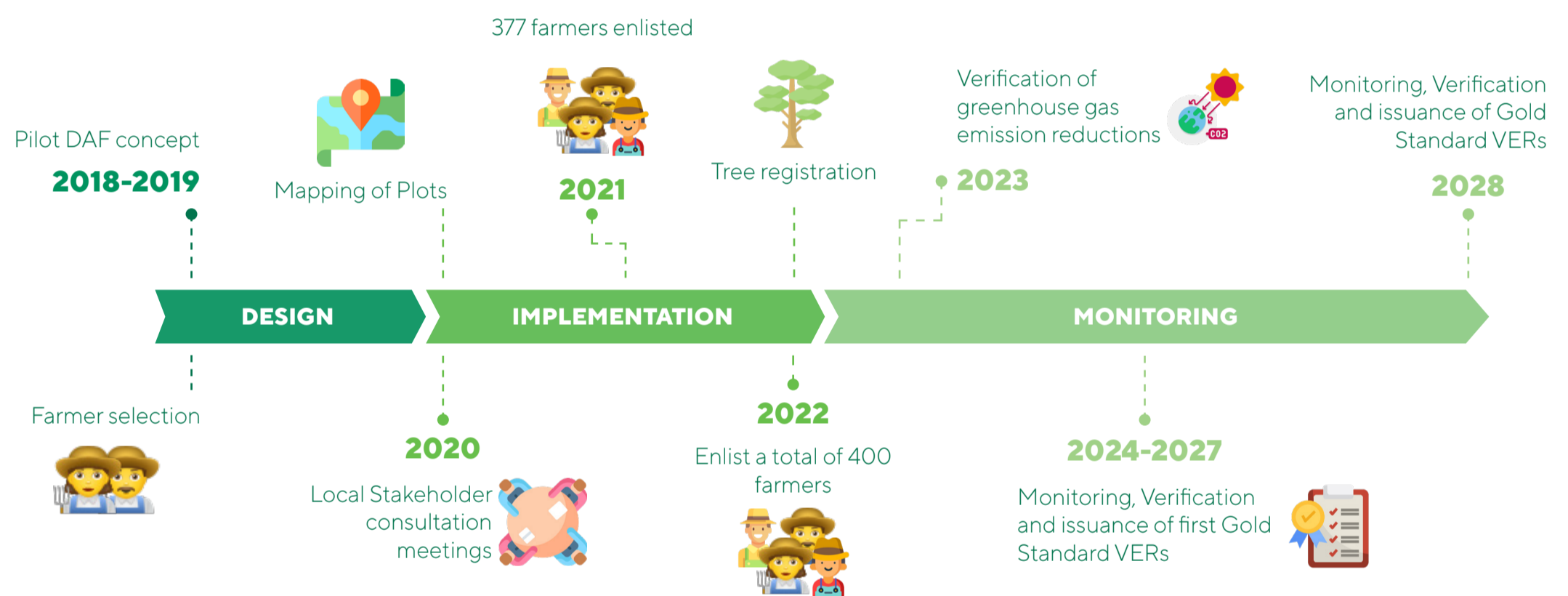
will be sequestered because the project helps prevent degradation and deforestation



400 hectares

are being reforested sustainably

PROJECT TIMELINE



THE IMPACT

ECONOMIC

Increase cocoa yields and diversify crop production which will positively impact farmers' incomes



Additional income (after 30 years) from timber production



SOCIAL

Enhanced capacity of participating farmers to implement sustainable land management practices



ENVIRONMENTAL

Enhanced carbon sequestration



Improved biodiversity of DAF farms



KEY OUTPUT FROM LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

- To qualify, farmers must be part of Kuapa Kokoo Cooperative Cocoa Farmers and Marketing Union Limited and must have a minimum of 1ha non-forested land
- Farmer agreements have been revised to cover 15 years instead of the initial 30 years, with the option of renewal for another 15 years
- The project supplies certified seeds and seedlings preferred by farmers.
- Farmers own their plots and provide their own labour
- Tree ownership is guaranteed through registration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana and trees planted may be harvested after 30 years
- Farmers derive benefits through technical assistance, planting materials and farming inputs
- Planting spacing is well calculated to accommodate a variety of species
- Farmers are trained on pruning for shade management and on the application of organic chemicals for pest management
- Monitoring and evaluation are key components of the project

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