



**REGREENING
AFRICA**

Project Brief



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Implementing Partners:



Background

The Sahel and Horn of Africa are grappling with an interconnected crisis of land degradation, climate change, food insecurity, and poverty, all of which threaten the survival of communities that depend heavily on agriculture. In the Lake Chad Basin—spanning Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria—the lake has shrunk by nearly 90% since the 1960s, dwindling from about 26,000 km² to less than 1,500 km². This dramatic decline has devastated ecosystems, fisheries, and agricultural livelihoods, putting at risk the well-being of more than 30 million people who rely on its resources.

Phase I of Regreening Africa (2017–2023) reached over **500,000 households** and restored nearly **1 million hectares** across eight countries. It demonstrated that scaling simple, low-cost practices such as **Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), agroforestry, soil and water conservation, and tree-based enterprises** can simultaneously restore land and strengthen livelihoods.

Phase II builds on this foundation to consolidate lessons, expand proven approaches, and scale impact more sustainably by integrating policy engagement, community participation, evidence generation, and rural entrepreneurship.

Project Outcomes

Outcome 1:



Smallholder farming and pastoral households adopt and refine diverse, appropriate, and profitable regreening practices

Outcome 2:



Smallholder farmers and pastoralists, local and national governments, civil society, and private sector partners use restoration evidence to enhance and adapt their decision-making.

Outcome 3:



Green and restoration-focused rural enterprises, youth- and women-oriented employment opportunities, and tree-based value chains are upscaled and strengthened.



QUICK FACTS

- Donor:** European Union
- Timeframe:** 5 years (2025 – 2029)
- Budget:** 2,000,000 Euros
- Implemented by:** CARE Nigeria, CRS & CIFOR

PROJECT GOAL:

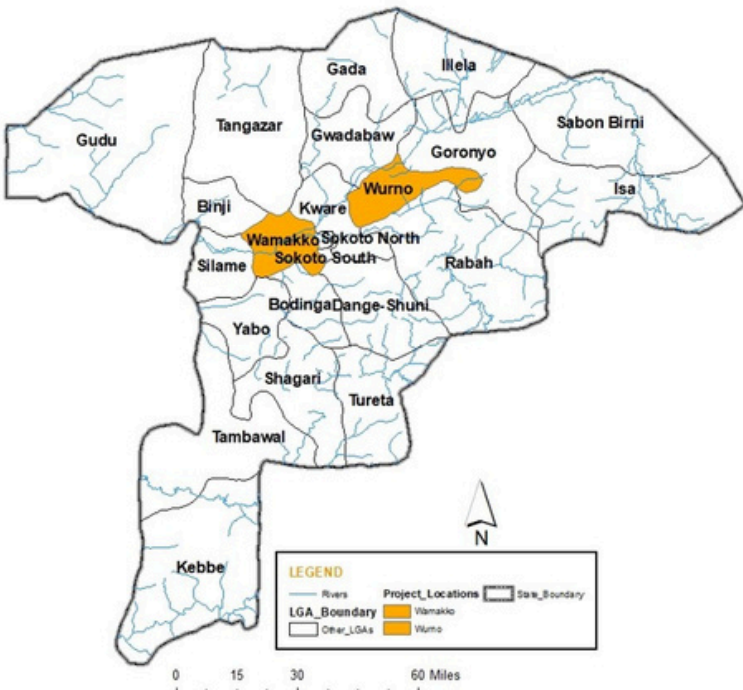
Strengthened resilience of smallholder farmers, pastoral households and communities through Regreening practices, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods.

TARGET POPULATION:

- 40,000 smallholder farmers
- Women and youth

PROJECT IMPLEMENTING SITES: Sokoto State

- Wamakko LGA
- Wurno LGA



The Regreening Africa Approach

The Regreening Africa Approach is built on six interconnected pillars that guide implementation, scaling, and sustainability of land restoration practices across Africa:

➤➤➤ Systems Scaling & Incentives

Community-led hubs, farmer-to-farmer exchanges, outreach campaigns, governance reforms, and value chain investments.

➤➤➤ Options by Context

Tailored restoration practices suited to local agroecological and social contexts (FMNR, agroforestry, soil health, grazing, indigenous species).

➤➤➤ Evidence-Based Decision Making

Continuous monitoring using the Regreening App, land health surveys, satellite data, and citizen science to guide scaling and policy.

➤➤➤ Local Value Chains & Enterprises

Strengthening tree-based value chains (fruit, fodder, fuelwood, beekeeping) and supporting youth/women entrepreneurs with training, certification, and markets.

➤➤➤ Inclusion & Sustainability

Gender-transformative and youth-inclusive approaches, with climate-resilient planning and governance.

➤➤➤ Stakeholder Engagement & Learning

Joint Reflection and Learning Missions (JRLMs), policy dialogues, cross-country learning, and structured multi-actor engagement.





Improved food and nutrition security, incomes, and job opportunities in target communities.



Strengthened policy and governance frameworks enabling sustainable restoration.



Enhanced soil, land, and water health, with increased biodiversity and carbon sequestration.



Evidence-based innovations, tools, and knowledge widely shared and adopted across Africa.



Key Activities

- Community-Level Scaling: Farmer-to-farmer learning, rural resource centres, seedling nurseries, and gender/youth transformative approaches.
- Policy Engagement: Advocacy at local, national, and regional levels to reform land/tree tenure rights, enable decentralised governance, and secure investment.
- Evidence Generation: Use of the Regreening App, land health surveillance, household surveys, carbon mapping, and impact evaluations.
- Capacity Development: Training farmers, local leaders, and rural entrepreneurs; supporting women and youth-led enterprises.
- Enterprise Development: Support to micro and small businesses in tree-based and livestock-linked value chains; improving market linkages, certification, and finance access.
- Awareness & Outreach: Radio, digital campaigns, schools, youth groups, and champion farmers to spread regreening knowledge and practices

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