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Pilot Project on Community Based REDD Mechanisms for Sustainable Forest Management in Semi-Arid Areas (Case of Ngtilis in Shinyanga Region)



REDD Project at a Glance

Restoration of Ngitilis has social, economic and environmental contribution in improving peoples' livelihood in Shinyanga. The Shinyanga REDD pilot project focuses on strengthening and supporting local communities to continue managing their Ngitilis in a sustainable manner using carbon incentives resulting from REDD. The 4 year project (2010-2013) is financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Norway.

The overall *goal* of the project is to reduce green house gas (GHG) emissions through sustainable forest management and carbon market incentives.

Its *purpose* is to assist 250 Ngitili owners in 10 villages of Shinyanga rural and Kahama districts to establish a robust local institutional framework that effectively manages the restored Ngitilis to capture benefits arising from REDD.

Key Project outputs

- Formalized and capacitated institutional framework for REDD implementation at community level.
- Baseline Scenarios for potential carbon sources established.
- Measures for addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation developed and implemented.
- Mechanisms for benefit sharing established and Ngitili groups empowered.
- Project performance and impacts monitored, evaluated and documented.

Benefits to beneficiaries and environment in Shinyanga

- Ngitili groups formalized
- Management of Ngitilis improved leading to increased carbon stock.
- Increased household income and revenue from REDD and other income generating activities.
- Increased land productivity and crop production from adoption of improved agronomic and land use practices.
- Increased access to alternative and efficient energy technologies and services.
- Reduced amount of fuel wood use.
- Improved livelihood for communities in project sites.