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East & Southern Africa
with Climate Asset Management



CRS is working with communities in Karamoja and other parts of the country to naturally regenerate and restore their environment. *Photo by Emmanuel Kintu/CRS.*

OVERVIEW

Funded by Climate Asset Management through the Global Evergreening Alliance, CRS Uganda is leading a consortium of partners including the World Agroforestry Centre (CIFOR-ICRAF), World Vision Uganda, ECOTRUST, Uganda LandCare Network, Caritas, CARE International in Uganda and Joint Efforts to Save the Environment (JESE) to implement the Restore Africa program in Uganda. The program is part of the larger Restore Africa Program that will restore 1.9 million hectares of land, supporting 1.5 million smallholder farming families across six countries - Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia. The commitment, first announced by the Global EverGreening Alliance with Climate Asset Management at COP26 in Glasgow is one of the largest community-led land restoration projects in the world and will significantly contribute to the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100), which aims to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

QUICK FACTS

Sector	■ Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
Funding/Funder	■ \$ 25.6 million ■ Climate Asset Management/Global Evergreening Alliance
Project Location	■ 32 districts in Southwestern Uganda, Karamoja and Mount Elgon regions
Target Participants	■ 352,500 households
Timeframe	■ 2022 - 2027



PROGRAM GOALS

The program aims to improve landscapes and smallholder and/or pastoralist resilience to climate shocks.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **560,000** Ha of ecosystems and ecosystem services restored, protected, or made more resilient to impacts of climate change.
- **17,335,734 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent** (t CO₂eq) emissions reduced or avoided and/or Green House Gas removals by sinks from forestry and land use activities.
- **352,500 smallholder farmers** supported to grow and maintain around 25 million trees and benefit from ongoing payments for carbon sequestration.

NOT JUST TREES

The restoration process is not about just planting trees. Across the 32 districts, the Restore Africa technical support teams will work with farming communities to upgrade and improve existing agroforestry practices and integrate trees into various farming systems to improve soil and water management and contribute to improved livelihoods. In Southwest Uganda, farmers will integrate trees that support and enhance their production systems and value chains such as improved shade management in coffee, vanilla and banana farming systems. In Karamoja, Restore Africa will work to use trees in reducing soil water loss and improve pasture management, while taking care not to impact existing grasslands. Activities focus on:

- Increased participation in climate resilient and green value chains that support land regeneration activities.
- Capacity building on agroforestry, assisted natural regeneration, low cost on-farm soil and water conservation practices.
- Facilitation of community dialogues and sensitization activities to address climate change related risks, human-ecosystem conflicts and stimulate adoption of regenerative practices.
- Community advocacy for relevant policies and by-laws that support sustainable land management.

- Climate stakeholders use evidence and learnings for planning.

All this work will contribute to reducing erosion, improving crop yields, promoting crop diversification, and diversifying income sources particularly for smallholder farmers, women and youth.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The partners bring together expertise, experience and geographical presence that is critical for the success of the programme.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the lead implementing organisation with expertise in agroforestry value chains and livelihoods programming.

World Vision Uganda brings on board expertise on Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR).

CARE in Uganda brings on board expertise on gender.

ICRAF provides expertise on forestry and agroforestry research, documentation, and learning.

ECOTRUST brings on board expertise in carbon financing processes.

Uganda Land Care Network brings expertise on community mobilization approaches for restoration.

Caritas in Hoima, Fort Portal, Tororo and Moroto bring local expertise in the districts in which they are operating.

Joint Efforts to Save the Environment (JESE) bring local expertise in the districts in which they are operating and on Integrated Natural Resources Management to improve livelihoods for smallholder farmers.

ABOUT CRS

CRS has been working in Uganda since 1965 in partnership with the local Catholic Church and Caritas to reach the most vulnerable people. Our current programs are in all regions with a focus in Karamoja, West Nile, Mt Elgon region and Central Uganda. Strategic Priority Areas include Health and Social Services Systems Strengthening, Resilient Food Systems, Emergency Preparedness and Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Local Leadership. The Strategic Priority Areas are supported by four cross-cutting priorities mainstreamed into programs. These include youth, gender, social cohesion, and safe and dignified programming.