



New Forests Project

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Seed Program

This year NFP sent seeds to four organizations we had worked with in the past. Although reports are only just coming in, it appears that most of the seeds sent have provided their recipients with funding, training aids, firewood, and deforestation tools. The least successful seeds still had a 55% success rate will most had a 70-91% germination rate. These seeds have provided \$1,200 a month in profit for ZimConserve to continue protecting their environment, training, and continuing their cookstove project NFP help to fund with last year's mini proposal. In Cameroon, the establishment of a community agroforestry tree nursery has begun due to NFP seeds. The United Women Association has used their seeds in school farms and nurseries, given to farmers, planted in private gardens, and distributed to children to allow them to generate income on their own.



Small Grant Program

In the second half of 2014, we approached NFP's biggest donors to ask for a small grant for a reforestation effort in Cameroon to be managed by Nature-Care Cameroon, a project which has been receiving seed shipments from NFP for many years. The project aims to promote appropriate agroforestry practices among small scale farmers at the buffer zones of the community forest where agricultural activities are taking place. This can be achieved by assisting and training them to establish and manage a community agroforestry tree nursery for the production of agroforestry tree seeds intended for the improvement of the vegetation cover at the buffer zones of the forest, the restoration of some degraded portions of the forest as well as for the establishment of live fencing especially on areas vulnerable to extensive grazing. Through agroforestry, farmers are less dependent on yields of one crop and can rely on other sources of income or food if changes in weather cause a specific crop to fail. By accompanying the community in the restoration of the degraded forest patches, participants in the long run will benefit from the regular flow of water all year round in the community and women and children will no longer cover long distances to fetch water.

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