

# PFGS

## Planted Forest Grant Scheme

Planted Forest Grant Scheme is a Ministry of Land, Environment, and Rural Development project, (through the National Sustainable Development Fund) funded by World Bank and implemented by NIRAS Finland. The goal of the project is to generate sustainable rural income through the promotion of small and medium commercial tree plantations, as well to restore priority degraded areas aiming to establish a minimum of 3,000 hectares of sustainable, multipurpose plantations and restoration of an additional minimum of 500 hectares of degraded forests.

### Grants

USD 2.75 million has been allocated by FNDS for result based payments on restoration and plantation schemes. The disbursement will be made against presentation and approval of the results by evaluation committee. The SP is developing an innovative grant scheme that include public, private forest industry and community-based financing model. The forest incentive is a pioneer initiative and if proved successful it could be scaled up in Mozambique.

### Planning

The PFGS plans to establish commercial forest plantations to reduce the felling of native trees. This will allow access to wood sources for sawmills, poles, logs, fence posts, etc. At the same time, the EFF plans to restore degraded forest areas, protect water sources and springs. In this regard, natural regeneration of forests and planting native species will be done.

### Learning

Beneficiaries (SMEs, associations) gain experience in establishing commercial forests, especially species such as eucalyptus and acacia and restoration using native species. The project also aims to provide local nurseries with good nursery management practices to ensure production of quality seedlings to potential beneficiaries. Through the PFGS, beneficiaries gain a holistic understanding of forest from a business perspective, as well as gain awareness of the importance and value of forests.

### Performance

Three thousand hectares of land planted with commercial forests by 2022. Five hundred hectares of degraded areas restored and or conserved by 2022. 100 beneficiaries attracted, 30 percent of whom are women. In the future, a sustainable forest industry will be established and many jobs will be created. So far, more than 900 jobs have been created.



“I am honored to be part of this magnificent project which in addition to boosting our forest industry makes a significant contribution to the conservation of the environment. I hope many people will benefit from this initiative and engage in the Planted Forest Grant Scheme”, Mariamo Sotomane

#### Fight against climate change

United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 says: “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.”

#### Conserving forests

Let’s show the world the benefits of forests. If you know how to conserve the forests, the community only wins.



### Project Details

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