Donor country

European Union

Project/programme title

Village Tree Enterprise project, Region West Africa – 2005

Project duration

60 months

EC contribution to Project budget

€2.4 million

Main proposer

UN Food and Agriculture Organisation

Technology transfer element

This project helps villagers analyse and develop options for income generation sustainable management of forest resources, building on their existing knowledge of resources and markets. It puts the local people at the centre of this process, facilitating strategic alliances and forging market linkages, bringing together local organisations rooted in the community and key government agencies with mandates covering natural resources, rural development, private sector activation and promotion of gender equality. Community owned enterprise development plans are an intermediate output, and the project will provide support to implement these plans, to optimise the long term 'survival rate' for small-scale community-based enterprises.