

Donor country Denmark			
Project/programme title Sustainable utilisation of fire wood			
Purpose A socio-economic sustainable utilisation of renewable energy and local energy resources based on decentralised self administration of these resources.			
Recipient country Burkina Faso	Sector Energy/NRM	Total funding 6 Mill. DKK	Years in operation 2000-2008, 8 years
Description Support to fuel wood was included in the Danish energy support from 1999. Groups of woodcutters have been trained in forest management, fuel wood cutting and storing and in management including price negotiations. The fuel wood activity is performed by men in the otherwise inactive dry season. The forest area is managed in 12 slots, one a year for harvest and 11 for regeneration. The collected fuel wood is gathered at a loading place assessable to a dealer and his truck. Half of the income from the fuel wood is going to the collector himself. Forest management and forest assistance is taking 40 % and the remaining 10% is given to the village management fund. The cash income reduces the villagers' vulnerability to draught as it makes them able to buy food. Cash is also used for medicine and village improvements. Several other villages have expressed keen interest in being trained in fuel wood management, as they have seen the direct benefits to the participants – whom themselves say “We have fallen in the honey and the animals are even coming back to the forest”.			
Indicate factors that led to project's success Local ownership and possibility for cash income. Time of work load coherent with season with minimal traditional work load. Appropriate capacity building methodologies based on learning by doing and adjusted to the base knowledge of the trainees.			
Technology transferred Forest management tools, small scale business development.			
Impact on greenhouse gas emissions/sinks Increased forest cover			