

# GREEN LANDS

## Water & Food Sovereignty, Restoration Camp & Social Architecture

Magnimasso, Burkina Faso

### Initiated by



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### About the project

Type of project: Communitarian Activism

**Green Lands** is a program that involves four basic aspects for selfsufficiency in rural areas. The process of implementation will be pedagogic, ecologic and focus on collective needs and global landscape. Searching for common health and wealth, landscape biodiversity and resilient capacity towards climate catastrophes, and local economies.

#### 1. Water Access

The first step is the digging of a Water Well, which will supply the habitants of Magnimasso, including the school and the future health center, both structures of communitarian use.

The construction of the water well will be done using traditional & today's technology tools, and by a local enterprise, specialized on the construction of wells, which will bring incomes to the local economies.

#### 2. Reforestation- restoration camps

Focus on Food Sovereignty, a communitarian & experts desing of a strategy plan of reforestation and restoration of the local land of Magnimasso, borders of the River Volta.

The plan will be developed on a collective base, as a continuation of the programs of the Great Green Wall, integrating ecological development, focusing on a longterm Organic Food Garden.

#### 3. Social architecture

The construction of a Health Center + Toilets & a Community space.

Building of public spaces, using local, ecological materials and knowledge as a requirement to achieve individual, social, economic and environmental sustainability of the territory.

#### 4. Educational program

The program aims to hold a safe space on collective intelligence, guided by professional specialists, together with the community; on tow topics: Food Sovereignty & Social Architecture.

The program will be developed during all the process of construction and restoration.

With practical scientific information and tools to support self capacities of ecosocial building and land caring, strengthening resilience capacities towards climate change.

### Context

Recent achievements in restoration and sustainable land management show that desertification and its social and natural consequences are not insurmountable. Action and investments are needed to boost food security, improve livelihoods and help people adapt to a changing climate.

It has been estimated that, by 2030, the availability of feed and other necessary resources will be insufficient to maintain most pastoralists and agropastoralists in sub-Saharan dryland countries, even at 50 percent of the poverty line (de Haan et al., 2016).

Solutions to this looming disaster may be found in restoring and enriching degraded pastoral landscapes with native fodder species, particularly in the GGW core area in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal, where over 10 million hectares around the Sahara must be restored every year to achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030.

The region of Mohoun is a territory of big ecosystematic importance, a bein of the Black Volta river.

We propose 'Green Lands' as a branched project of the Great Green Wall.

In Magnimasso, located 25 km from the province of Deadougou, where around 5.221 habitants + 3.277 habitants within the surrounding areas live. In 1994 and 2016 a 3 and 3 classrooms school was builted + 1 office, with a total of 250 children attending.

The closest access to water from the school is 1km away, and from Magnimasso to a Health Center is 7km away.

The territory is clearly a vulnerable region towards climate change, facing desertification, land degradation, undersupplyment of water and food. Communities with a lack of access to governmental support or public economic resources many times find themselves trapped on undercapacities for the development of them own health and basic supplies systems.

This contexts lead to hunger, disease and poverty, drive unemployment, forced migration and conflict, while increasing the risk of extreme weather related to climate change.

The emergency of projects that reforest and bring wealth and autarchy to communities with basic ecosystems and supplies is a fact that we, together with the community will address.

In 2018 the community donated a land, with 60,000 m2 intended to build the Health Center and dig a water well, located next to the school.



## Great Green Wall

By 2030, the ambition of the initiative is to restore 100 million hectares of currently degraded land; sequester 250 million tons of carbon and create 10 million green jobs.

This will support communities living along the Wall to:

- Grow fertile land, one of humanity's most precious natural assets
- Grow economic opportunities for the world's youngest population
- Grow food security for the millions that go hungry every day
- Grow climate resilience in a region where temperatures are rising faster than anywhere else on Earth
- Grow a wonder of the world spanning 8000 km across Africa

We focus on strategies, projects and actions that support **regeneration of individuals, fields and communities**, we have identified that all projects should be developed from a **collective, non-hierarchical** perspective, exercising symbiosis, transmission, fusion and sharing of knowledge, autonomy, flexibility, **diversity, sovereignty, durability, capability of self-correcting and effectivity in decision making.**

People in the GGW core area who raise livestock, whether in livestock-only grazing systems or mixed crop-livestock systems, are usually poor and **highly dependent on the environment.**

(FAO, NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS FROM RESTORATION TO INCOME GENERATION)

### Monitoring and Evaluation

Our objective is to define, together with a local organization in partnership and the community, the situation and its evolution: **pre, during and after project.** The after project M&E will be done for a period of two years, highlighting on both positive and negative project outcomes.

The assessment will correspond to a stage of characterization of the project context. The approaches will be holistic, multidisciplinary, intersectoral adapted and will involve different components (human, economic, financial, ecological, practices, techniques and methods implemented).

### Objectives:

- ☒ Enlighten the conduct and management of the actions, improve their effectiveness and relevance. Reorient them if necessary and ensure their sustainability by capitalizing on achievements and empowerment of actors.
- ☒ Report on the execution, results and effects of actions as a communitarian process of learning.
- ☒ Examine the durability of the observed effects (impact).
- ☒ Document learning and capitalization processes, campaigns, information, communication or advocacy.
- ☒ Explain / analyze a complex reality and how it works.
- ☒ Create documents that will be of utility and will serve as promoters of similar projects.

The monitoring and evaluation will be developed making

- Assemblies
- Documentary Filmmaking
- Forms
- Interviews

### Call for partnerships

With the partnerships we aim to the reinforcement of our values, on the glocal action need it, give support to Arts/ Cultural Preservation & Ecosocial needs facing climate change.

Through the partnerships we look to enrich pedagogies, common values and spread capacities of **Eco-social action** in the world.

With a clear objective: **Resilience towards Climate & Social Change**

Our scope is the artistic community and cultural values and practices in ancestral, traditional and contemporary individuals & collectives. Our objectives are to source tools of autonomy within the communities, support artistic autonomies, cultural preservation, actions & activisms for climate resilience and human rights based on access and self development.

Gender equality and rights are intrinsically related to our points of view and projects, we work from indigenous, ecofeminist ontologies, and social diversity.

As an associative organization, based on a collective funds economy model, our scheme is to clearly be a transparent fund and collaboration platform for the development of the project, strengthening the tasks through our cappacities of support, aptitudes and professional fields of the team involved.

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'as a regional integrative initiative, should catalyze financial support in arid lands and desert margins, which is critical for long term sustainability, peace and security' (FAO, 2010)



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