



Scaling out context-based practices; Ghana's Northern Restoration Initiative (NRI) process and Gender Research in Land Restoration

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Northern Restoration Initiative (NRI)



Broader objectives of the NRI

- To Create a Platform for scaling up successful restoration practices in the Northern Landscapes
- Serve as a sustainability Legacy for the project in Ghana

NRI Process

- Stakeholder fora at district, regional and national levels
- Focused grouped discussions and KII interviews
- Dissemination and feedback of findings

Road Map to the Northern Ghana Restoration Initiative

Where we've come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we going?

The change we want to see

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Guiding questions for the following themes:
 What works well?
 What should change?
 What are the opportunities?

District level engagement

Dialogue and exposure & follow up discussions

Cross-regional dialogue

- Scaling Practices
- Enabling Policy and institutional environment
- Science, Evidence and Information
- Partnerships and Platforms

Major opportunities for change

Proposal for the Northern Ghana Restoration Initiative

National SHARED Workshop

Advocacy

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Effective coordination with tailored strategy and interventions to the savannah mosaic landscape

Accelerate the scaling of landscape restoration, increased food security and resilience to climate change and the impact in Northern Ghana

What worked well?

- FMNR as regreening
- Community bushfire prevention
- Tree planting and management
- Governance (by-laws, district environmental committee, involvement of chiefs)
- Behaviour change (FMNR club in schools, community sensitisation)
- Advocacy

Priority actions

- Scaling FMNR and agroforestry
- Improve fire management (data collection and management)
- Implementation of bylaws
- Participatory engagement process and sensitisation
- Alternative income generation
- Reward systems and incentives



The Gender Transformative Approach.



GTA:

Participatory Tools aimed:

- Awareness of gender roles and norms
- Challenge allocation of resources/ decisions/duties
- Addressed power relationships between women and others
- Identifies shifts in norms/behaviors/ other barriers

Key Outputs:

- Access to fertile farming land
- Balance of household chores
- Input into household decisions
- Improved household relations

What Does Gender Transformative Approaches Outputs mean for Land Restoration outcomes?



Women's rights of land use access remains embedded within men's rights=continuous engagement +action.

Resilient Households: How?

- *RE-Distribute household decisions/ access/control amongst HH men and women.*
 - i. Dialogues and trainings-unpack underlying causes of inequalities.
 - ii. Set goals – mark progress – review –continuous support- and action.
 - iii. Cultivate community champions
 - iv. Scale GTA into other programmes
 - v. Continuous Training, and Advocacy.

Challenges and opportunities observed



Opportunities

- Northern landscapes share common characteristics and hence single designs of restorations approaches can be applied widely.
- There are several partners working to improve the conditions of Northern landscape but require effective coordination to achieve broader impacts

Challenges

- Sustainability of Funding
- Data gaps
- Policy gaps

Key lessons and messages

- ❑ Periodic review of policies to address gaps in land restoration policies.
- ❑ Enforcement of planning and bylaws
- ❑ Continuous research and integration of environment and land degradation issues into the educational curriculum



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