



Livelihoods' call for:  
**REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE &  
AGROFORESTRY PROJECTS**

## YOU ARE:

An **NGO, a social business, a cooperative...** working closely with rural and agricultural communities, whose livelihoods strongly depend on the natural resources they live by. You have successfully implemented projects in **regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, pasture/grassland sustainable management...** which help improve soil health, restore natural resources, improve food security & income. As such, you are:

- An organisation with **deep local roots** and an expert understanding of the **social, economic, and environmental** challenges the communities in your action perimeter are facing.
- A **trusted leader with a vision** on how to provide households with sustainable agricultural solutions that improve their livelihoods.
- Able to **show a successful track-record** in implementing these projects and ambition to reach a larger scale (more than 1,000 hectares of forest or land restored).
- Willing to embark on a **co-creation partnership** with us, based on mutual trust, complementary skills, and common values to generate impact.

## WE ARE:

An impact investment fund designed to support the efforts of rural and agricultural communities to restore the natural ecosystems which are the foundations of their **livelihoods, food security and income**. For more than 10 years, our action has been driven by the conviction that **climate change, rural poverty and biodiversity preservation are interlinked**. As such, we:

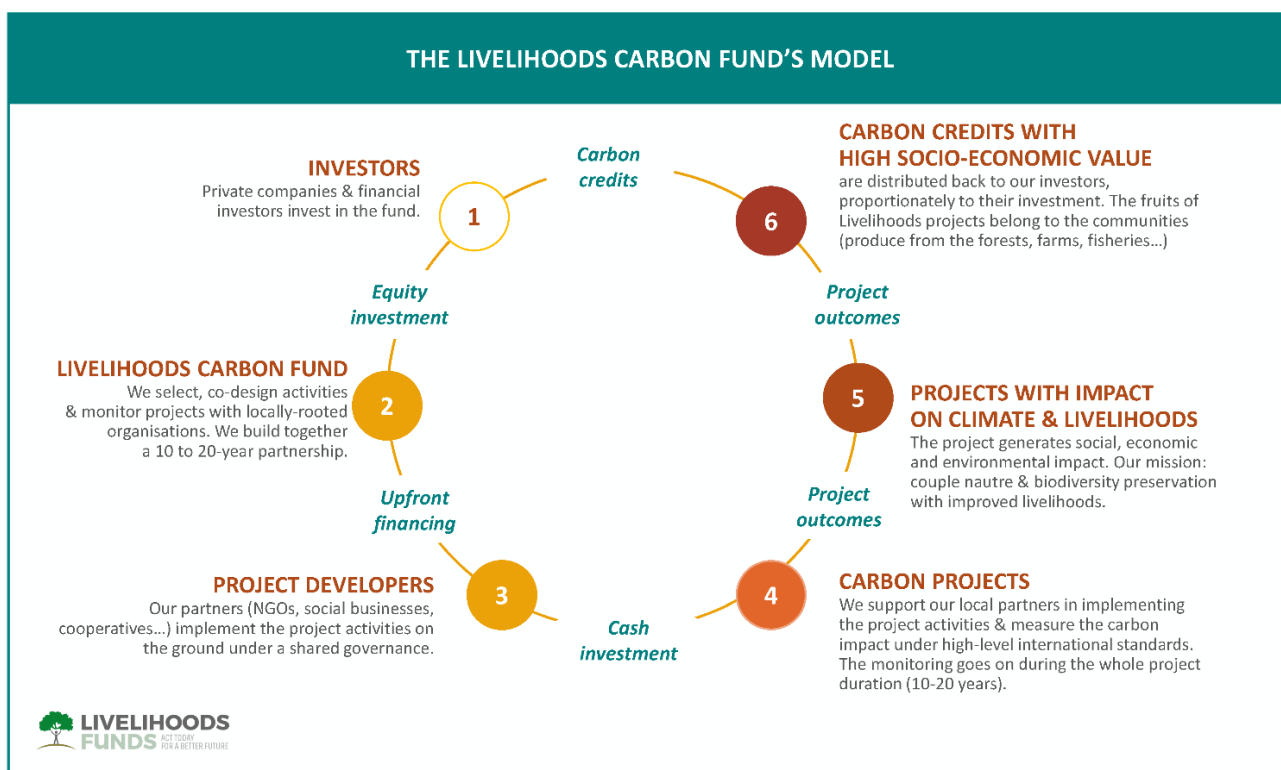
- **Pre-finance** the project activities & **share risks** with our local partners.
- **Invest & commit** in the **long run**: from 10 to 20 years.
- Make sure the local **communities are directly involved** in the project activities and are the actors of change.
- Support **large-scale projects** (> 1,000 hectares at least) to achieve a systemic change.
- Bring **advisory & technical support** to monitor and evaluate the project's impacts.

**SUBMIT A PROJECT PROPOSAL**

## LET'S JOIN FORCES TO REACH IMPACT AT SCALE:

With a first fund launched in 2011, the Livelihoods Carbon Funds<sup>1</sup> (LCF) invest in large-scale projects to restore natural ecosystems, promote sustainable farming practices and renewable energies. These projects have a positive impact on the environment while improving the livelihoods of rural communities. A second Livelihoods Carbon Fund was launched in 2017. Since 2008, Livelihoods has implemented with NGO partners a wide range of solutions from agroforestry to land restoration in Kenya, Rwanda, India, or Guatemala, to name a few. To date, more than 1.5 million people benefit from our support, more than 130 million trees have been planted, including mangroves and agroforestry trees.

Capitalizing on its long-term experience on the ground, Livelihoods has launched a 3rd Carbon Fund (LCF3) to scale-up its action. This new fund has a capacity of **€150 million** and aims to **improve the lives of 2 million people** across the world.



<sup>1</sup> The Livelihoods Carbon Funds are supported by 21 companies & financial investors: Danone, Firmenich, Schneider Electric, Voyageurs du Monde, Hermès, La Poste, Caisse des Dépôts, Michelin, SAP, Crédit Agricole SA, Crédit Agricole Midi-Pyrénées, Eurofins, Mars Incorporated, Chanel, Orange, McCain, l'Occitane, Bel, Mauritius Commercial Bank, DEG and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

## OUR AGROFORESTRY & REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PROJECTS:

### ARAKU VALLEY, INDIA:

From marginalization to premium coffee production with indigenous communities



In 2010, Livihoods supported local NGO **Naandi Foundation** to help Adivasi farmers regenerate their forest through sustainable land practices. They learned how to make their own compost, increase soil fertility, and produce their own high quality and organic “**araku coffee**” that is now sold internationally. In 2018, Livihoods & Naandi launched an even more ambitious project to combine landscape preservation, soil restoration and sustainable agriculture. Their joint mission is to restore the entire landscape, improve food security, preserve biodiversity to ensure the economic development of the entire valley. **Watch the film** of the incredible story of Adivasi farmers.

### JHARKHAND & WEST BENGAL, EASTERN INDIA:

Agroforestry and silk tree plantation with Adivasi communities



Launched in 2020, the project builds on an initiative successfully implemented by local and reputed **PRADAN NGO** which has set up the whole value chain of tasar sericulture for the past twenty years. The production of tasar silk involves rearing silkworms on forest trees to produce cocoons, of which silk yarn is later extracted to produce silk fabric. Within the project, 3,000 hectares of tasar silk trees are being planted in privately owned wastelands, to generate income for 4,000 rural households represented by women. The project will also help preserve 3,600 forest hectares and support 1,200 households undertake silkworm rearing in host trees. It will sequester 1.4 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over 20 years. **Learn more.**

### RULINDO & BUGESERA DISTRICTS, RWANDA:

Agroforestry at scale for soil, water, and food



On the hilly slopes of Rwanda, East Africa, Livihoods is implementing a large-scale agroforestry and fruit tree planting project through the plantation of 3.7 million trees. Close to 30,000 farmers are being trained to convert to sustainable agriculture. The project is implemented by local NGO **ARCOS** (Albertine Rift Conservation Society) which benefits from a strong network of public and private actors and an excellent relationship with local communities. Highly involved at every step of the project, local authorities are supporting several activities such as nurseries preparation, tree planting activities, and farmer cooperatives. The project will sequester more than 2.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over 20 years. More about **Livihoods’ project in Rwanda.**

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