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ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION

Desertification and land degradation are very serious challenges, leading to hunger and poverty, unemployment, forced migration and conflict. They also increase the risk of extreme weather related to climate change. But recent successes in restoration and sustainable land management show that **real solutions exist**.

The **Great Green Wall Initiative** is Africa's flagship programme to **combat climate change and desertification**, aiming to transform the lives of millions of people by creating a **great mosaic of green and productive landscapes** across North Africa, the Sahel and the Horn of Africa.

Action Against Desertification is a key partner of the Great Green Wall initiative, supporting rural communities in **Africa, as well as in the Caribbean and Pacific**, with large-scale restoration of degraded land, while stimulating growth by developing the economic potential of non-timber forest products.

780 million
HECTARES
GREAT GREEN WALL
CORE AREA

232 million
PEOPLE LIVING
ALONG THE
GREAT GREEN WALL

10 million
HECTARES IN NEED
OF RESTORATION
PER YEAR UNTIL 2030

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LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMING



LAND RESTORATION

Putting rural communities at the heart of restoration and upscaling interventions to meet the massive needs in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific



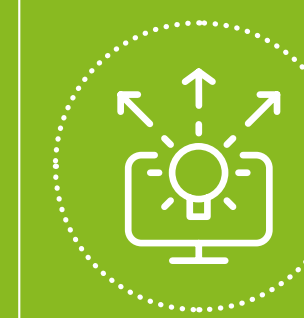
NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS

Developing value chains of non-timber forest products to support economic growth, while promoting sustainable management of natural resources.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening technical capacities of individuals, communities and organizations in sustainable land management and the restoration of degraded land.



INFORMATION SHARING

Knowledge exchange and awareness raising about the causes of land degradation and desertification and the best ways to tackle them.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

Keeping track of progress made, measuring bio-physical and socio-economic impact, while producing groundbreaking data on the world's drylands.



SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Sharing lessons learned from the Great Green Wall experience across Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific to help partners halt and reverse land degradation.

CARIBBEAN

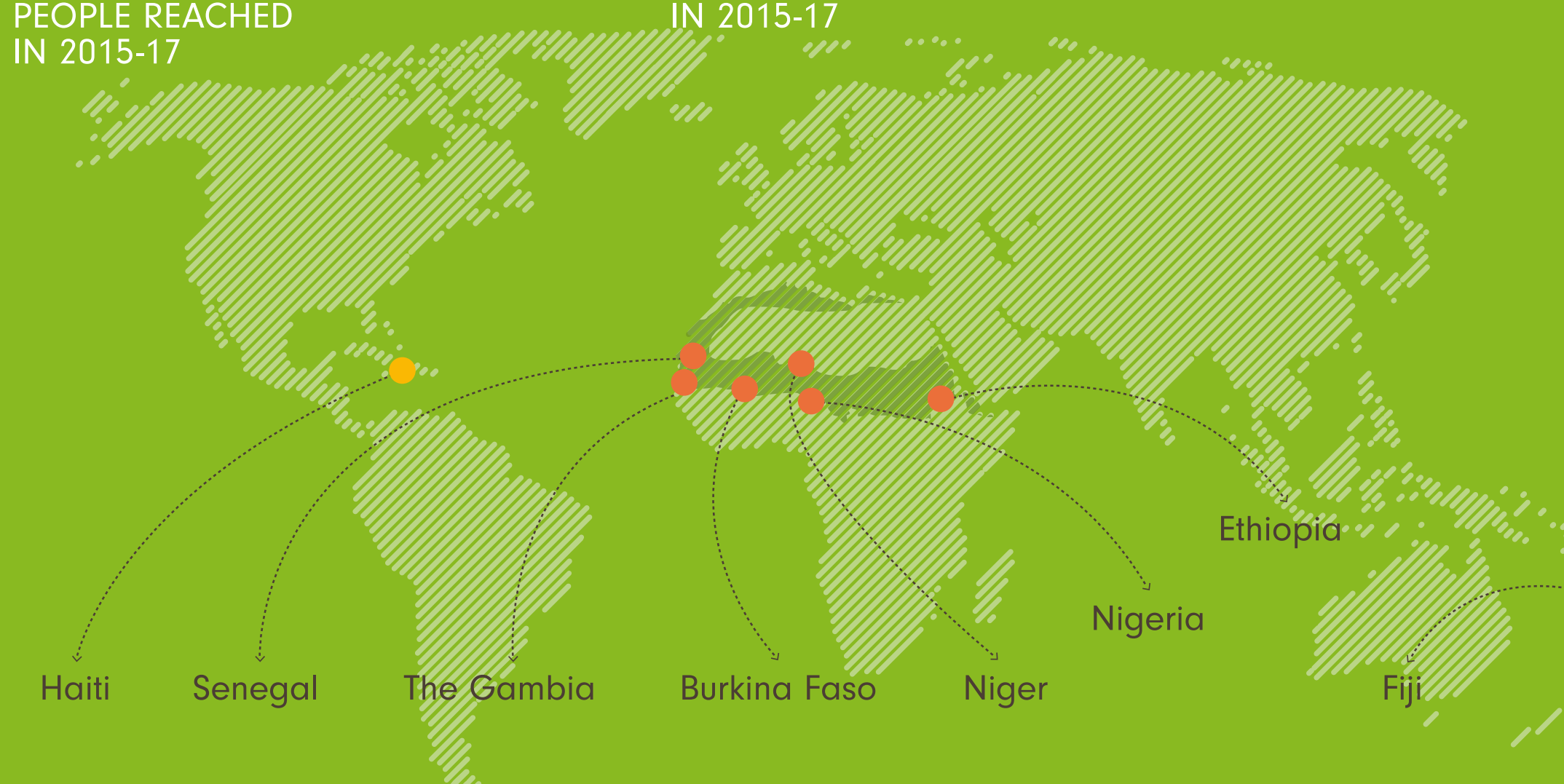
- 1 250 HA RESTORED IN 2015-17
1 500 HA IN 2018
- 500 000 SEEDLINGS USED IN 2015-17
750 000 IN 2018
- 3 000 PEOPLE REACHED IN 2015-17

AFRICA

- 12 000 HA RESTORED IN 2015-17
18 000 HA IN 2018
- 1 500 000 SEEDLINGS USED IN 2015-17
- 500 000 PEOPLE REACHED IN 2015-17

PACIFIC

- 2 000 HA RESTORED IN 2018
- 1 000 000 SEEDLINGS TO BE USED
- 6 200 PEOPLE TO BE REACHED



"A wall of opportunities"

BBC Discovery, September 2017

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