

Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action

Commitment Form

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Type of Organization or Government: NGO

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Short Commitment Statement:

Please specify how your organization intends to implement, use, or deliver on the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation in 100 words or less. Note this text may be listed on webpage.

At Tree Aid, we are committed to implementing the Principle of Locally-led Adaptation through our Programmes across the drylands of Africa. A large part of our programmes works with rural communities to create local management and decision-making structures where they are empowered to lead in managing their natural resources. We also do this by advocating and building capacity in local authorities regarding ecosystem restoration. Another part of our programme builds sustainable value chains from tree products, working primarily with women and internally displaced people in setting up village tree enterprises and nutrition gardens, which has improved their access to land and increase women's voice, choice and control.

Detailed Commitment Narrative

Please describe in more detail what changes will be made or current practices strengthened to better incentivize or support adaptation that is driven by local stakeholders, to deliver on these principles. Please add rows and additional pages if needed. Note this is voluntary, but highly encouraged.

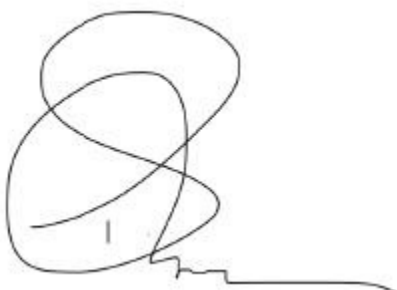
Principle Number	Detail of Implementation
1. Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level	Our projects support the implementation of decentralized natural resources governance systems, by strengthening the capacity of local stakeholders (municipal authorities, technical services and communities) to locally, sustainably and equitably manage natural resources through: • Local forest management committees, with decentralized decision-making processes that promote the rights and responsibilities of local forest users and communities. • Forest dialogue groups and steering committees involving all local stakeholders, which provide an open forum for discussion and to address any conflict over forest use. • Case Study result from a project in Ségou, Mali: 75% of respondents believe that, after project activities, they now have fairer and equal access to local forest resources.

	See more detail about this project and how it implements the principles here .
2 Addressing structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, people with disabilities, displaced people, Indigenous Peoples & marginalised ethnic groups	Participation in inclusive forest governance and enterprise development: Our projects provides marginalized groups (who have insufficient land to ensure food security or who are landless) with finance that they wouldn't otherwise have access to, allowing them to grow businesses and incomes. We provide support towards the development of Village Tree Enterprises, which are small businesses based on non-timber forest products (shea, honey, moringa, baobab, locust beans, etc.) where local people, most often women, work in groups of 20-30 people to develop products and share the benefits equally. Enterprises receive organizational and technical support to improve production processes, product quality, and business and financial skills. VTE members establish goals and investment needs, from its members and externally. The financial flows from the Tree Aid project are decided by and for local communities through the VTE structure. Case study result from our project in Ségou, Mali: Since the VTEs and local forest management committees were established, 87% of women now report a moderate or equal ability to choose how to spend their own income (compared to 29% from a control group of households measured in a neighboring region of Mali).

Authorization

By submitting this form, my organization agrees to have its logo publicly listed as endorsing the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation and commits to being part of a learning community of practice on locally led adaptation action. I certify that I am authorized to make this commitment on behalf of my organization.

Signature:



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