

Tree Planting & Forest Conservation

Helping communities to sustainably conserve their forests and grow trees

PROBLEM

- Widespread deforestation because of rapid population growth
- Families move to the hills and clear land for new farms
- Once the land is cleared, the rains wash away the topsoil
- 95% of the population use wood or charcoal for cooking
- Wood is used to burn bricks, and timber is used for building
- No ownership by the local community
- No enforcement



SOLUTION



- **Local ownership** to control deforestation
- **Forest Conservation Committees established**
- **Simple bylaws adopted** and enforced by the community
- **Forest regeneration encouraged** on the hills
- **Over 2 million trees a year are planted** by individuals and communities
- **Trees for timber, firewood, and fruit trees**