

Report back to The Funding Network

1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN:

Plant your Future, July 16th 2014

2. What was the project you sought funding for from TFN?

What are its aims and objectives? Have these changed since receiving TFN funding?

Project: Planting for the Future in the Peruvian Amazon: piloting agroforestry activities in Ucayali Region.

Aim: To create a financially sustainable model for smallholder farmers in the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest.

Objective: To empower subsistence farmers in Peru to transition out of poverty by improved land management and access to markets.

3. Were you able to do this work as you described it in your application and presentation?

Yes

No

What evidence do you have for the success or failure of the funded project?

We asked TFN for funds to help with the implementation at a new pilot site Ucayali, with the installation of 5 ha of pilot community agroforestry. We were not able to implement the work in Ucayali with the funds we were awarded but have been implementing in Loreto instead. We had to adapt our plan, and have used the funds to install 5 new ha of pilot community agroforestry in Loreto. This adjustment was made to allow us to still scale up with the planting of over 5,000 new timber and fruit trees, but to ensure we could do this within budget we had to expand to work with new farming families in Loreto where costs were lower as we could build off our existing infrastructure and team. The work is still underway - the establishment of new agroforestry systems has to be aligned with the seasons; currently we have over 7000 trees in our new village nursery which was facilitated and funded through the generosity of support from TFN. (see attached photo of the nursery). The saplings are growing in the nursery currently and will be planted out in into degraded areas in October/November with the onset of the seasonal rains.

4. If you were not able, please explain what happened and why?

Can you quantify any changes? Eg ...expanding number of employees, number of projects, geographical scope.

We have identified five new farming families to work with in Loreto. We have setup a new community nursery and employed a local farmer from the village to manage it. We have cultivated 7,000 new trees- a mixture of fruit and timber species. Within the fruit species we are piloting the growing of cocoa trees, with cocoa used for chocolate obtaining good prices in the market currently. Funds from TFN have been used to construct the infrastructure for the tree nursery which has included seed beds, the construction of palm roof protection for young saplings from the intense sunshine and rain, and for the collection of seeds, purchase of fertilizer and grow bags and for the management of the nursery by local people.

5. Can you measure, assess or describe the change that happened as a result of this work?

What actual change did the funded project generate? What proportion of the project/work did TFN fund (eg all/x%)?

We have been able to expand our operations by 25%. We have been able to employ a nursery supervisor who is a farmer from the local village to manage the tree nursery.

The benefits will be reaped in the future when the trees are planted out and start to produce fruits. Capacity of local people is being built through hands on training and “learning by doing” at every stage.

6. As a result of presenting at TFN, did you experience any of the following;

new subscribers to your mailing list

new volunteers to your organisation

further funding from individual donors

further funding from institutional funders

an introduction that benefited your organisation (e.g. to an individual, business or other organisation)

other benefit (please describe)

We received a small grant from an institutional donor/foundation.

7. Could you give us an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded project/work and by how much? We are working with 5 new families which includes 35 direct new beneficiaries.

8. Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of funding from TFN?

The project is already starting to see evidence of wildlife returning to the degraded lands the project is restoring. On the farm owned by Vicente he has had an owl regularly visiting. (see photo below)

9. Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any significant change(s) which our donors would be interested to know about (these changes do not need to be related to the experience of presenting at TFN).

Plant your Future is pleased to announce the certification of the first ever “programmatic” project certified under both the Climate Community and Biodiversity (CCB) Standard and the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). Following an external audit by the Rainforest Alliance, an accredited independent certification body, confirmation of validation was received in early 2015 for this first-of-kind innovative framework that combines the Grouped Project VCS mechanism with the new provisions of the programmatic approach of the 3rd Edition of the CCB Standard. This project has also received gold level recognition for climate adaptation and community categories under the CCB.

10. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?

We are so grateful to the donors from last June for their support.