



**The Global Environment Facility invests in the Moringa Fund to fight global environment degradation and promote sustainable land management.**

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund invested USD 12 million in the African compartment of the Moringa Fund under the GEF6 Non-Grant Instrument.

The GEF6 Non-Grant Instrument is a USD 110 million pilot program launched by the GEF on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 to demonstrate and validate the application of non-grant financial instruments to fight global environment degradation. This pilot program supports projects that deliver global environmental benefits and help the GEF to expand its positive impact in several areas such as climate change, land degradation, biodiversity, international waters management, forests preservation and chemicals and waste management.

With objectives in line with the GEF strategies on land degradation, the Moringa Fund was part of the three first innovative projects selected in 2015 to benefit from GEF6 Non-Grant Instrument pilot program.

The Moringa Fund invests in the development of sustainable, scalable and replicable agroforestry projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Through its investments, the Moringa Fund drives better land management and biodiversity preservation while increasing and diversifying smallholder's income.

The GEF will help the Moringa Fund up-scaling investment in agro-forestry activities in select African countries to reduce land and forest degradation and promote a sustainable and productive use of land. This GEF investment has been made in partnership with the African Development Bank, a GEF agency.

Since 2015, alongside with the Moringa Fund, six additional projects have been selected to benefit from GEF6 Non-Grant instrument.

The GEF Trust Fund was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems and meet the objectives of the international environmental conventions and agreements.

According to the GEF, one-third of the Earth's land surface is degraded, affecting more than 2.6 billion people. By promoting sustainable land management and land degradation neutrality, the GEF investments aim to arrest and reverse desertification and deforestation. Since 2006, the GEF has invested more than USD 876 million in resources for at least 190 projects and programs that encourage the use of sustainable land management practices.

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