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299 Women fully engaged in Agroforestry in Sierra Leone



Training of farmers in a nursery / Photo : NEA Sierra Leone

Since the end of March 2021, as part of the implementation of activities 1.3 and 1.13 which highlight the identification and implementation of learning plots for the benefit of farmers, WHH has been working with 1,500 registered farmers in 62 communities of 7 chiefdoms. These communities are spread over 3 Districts of Sierra Leone, namely: Kenema, Kailahun and Pujehun. Among these farmers 299 are women. 800 farmers received cocoa plants, timber trees and fruits (pineapple suckers, banana / plantain suckers, imported cutlass, digging chisel). The training of farmers was also carried out on the process of field preparation, this training resulted in the establishment of agroforestry plots for the cultivation of cocoa in all the communities. The activities carried out with these communities continue to yield encouraging results. It is also noted that 700 new farmers have been added to this planting cycle and have already received 157,500 polybags. These farmers respond well to instructions given to them in nurseries. Several have improved their level of knowledge in the preparation of nurseries and cocoa-cultivation.

Sierra Leone: Farmers trained in forest landscape restoration



Femmes sur un champs d'apprentissage / Photo ANEx Sierra Leone

In order to provide training sessions for key stakeholders and their target groups, Gola Rainforest Conservation Limited Guarantee, which works in collaboration with the National Executing Agency of Sierra Leone, enabled 225 individuals benefit from its interventions and is working on the restoration of approximately 225 acres on nine sites. Until the end of March 2021, this group of farmers had received 450 plants per acres. But before, these farmers had training in agricultural techniques as well as training of trainers at Njala University. Refresher training for farmers to commit to filling their gaps and for new farmers is scheduled for April 2021, before transplanting seedlings to the sites.