



GhaFFaP Charcoal Producers in Forest Landscape Restoration

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Brief About GhaFFaP

- » GhaFFaP is a Federation of Forest and Farm Producer Organisations(FFPOs)
- » Members drawn from three (3) Ecological Zones (ie **Savannah, Transition** and **Forest Zones** of Ghana)
- » GhaFFaP's evolution influenced by the **Forest and Farm Facility** (FFF) & members desire to maximize Strength in Numbers to:
 - **Build Sustainable and Profitable Forest and Farm Businesses**
 - **Contribute to Shaping National Policy**
 - **Promote Climate Resilient Landscapes at scale**

Membership-**1,042,780** made of **478,623** women (46%), and **564,157** men (54%)) of which 20%) are youth representing **12** FFPOs



The Production Chain of Charcoal – driving deforestation



Inefficiency



Sustainability –
Producers & FLR

Producers
missing link

Disconnect –
traders & FLR



High wood mass
Low product value

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Key Issues from Initial GhaFFaP Scoping Survey

- Lack of clarity on tenure and user rights to land and resources, including trees.
- Inefficient methods of production resulting in larger wood mass for lesser charcoal production.
- The government of Ghana loses potential revenue from the charcoal trade - because most producers and traders are not mobilized in groups and difficult to track the trade flow for the required levies/taxes.
- Current charcoal value- chain management has driven some charcoal producers into the black economy
 - – where they try to avoid being identified, they trade illegally and offer low prices compared to the market value in order to meet their basic financial needs.



Mobilization of Charcoal Producers into Association



- Mobilizing producers into grassroots-national associations - **535 charcoal producers and value chain actors (60% women) in 17 districts** across the forest, transition and savanna ecological zones of Ghana
- A database of these producers is being compiled- Validation of data has commenced.
- Challenges & opportunities for charcoal producers being compiled through initial grass root consultations
- Training models as also been identified on sustainable charcoal production as an initial strategy to create environmental awareness
- Partnership : FC (REDD+ Directorate), MLNR, EC, DEV'T PARTNERS etc.

GhaFFaP - Targeted Impact

Strength in Numbers of Charcoal Producers

Charcoal Producers Associations in the forest, transition and savanna zones

National Apex Charcoal Producers Association partnering with government and contributing to national policy



Strength in Business Collectively of Charcoal Producers

Strong sustainable Charcoal Production businesses that show evidence of landscape restoration in the ecological zones

National Apex Charcoal Producers Association build a Sustainable Charcoal brand as an emerging choice for domestic and international markets & improve govt revenue mobilization



Strength in Climate Resilience and Forest Landscape Restoration Collectively

Improved vegetation cover in charcoal production landscapes

National Apex Charcoal Producers Association contributing to ongoing national climate change and landscape restoration activities

Thank You for your attention

