

CREATING POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE GROUND

Project	Impact to date - July 2020	Future ambition > 2020	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Environmental management			
 Landscape restoration/replanting (nursery) activities.	7500 seedlings	>6000 seedlings per year	
 Energy efficient stoves using 40% less firewood compared to the traditional three-stone-fire method. This results in CO ₂ reduction and supports women by spending less time on firewood collection and cooking. Stoves are locally produced by an NGO based in Burkina Faso: Nafa Naana. Additional training is provided by the manufacturer of the stoves.	400 stoves distributed; impacting 5000 women	>600 stoves per year	
Health & Education			
 Training on shea processing and shea parkland management for women groups to increase knowledge and improve the quality of the nuts and yield. BLC supports the Sustainability Program of one of their main suppliers in Benin. This program focuses on women empowerment through training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and business development.	3646 women trained	>6000 women per year	 
 SOS children villages Burkina Faso BLC supports Social Centers and SOS families to ensure vulnerable children have access to essential material, education and health and social services. BLC will finance a water reservoir in one of the gardening sites to ensure the land is suitable for agricultural activities. Income generated from these activities can be used to pay school fees of the children in the SOS families.	90 families; 800+ children	>100 families and their children per year	 
 Co-finance the construction of a school in a village that supplies to BLC.	470 women shea collectors and 123 children	Support access to education	
Socio – Economic Development			
 Local processing: The shea nuts are crushed locally and the shea butter is further processed in our plant in Tema, Ghana.	97% of shea nuts are crushed locally, 85 direct employees, 229 indirect employees	>90% local crushing	
 Shea rollers to increase yield, limit collection time and prevent collectors from snake and scorpion bites and physical strain.	800 rollers; impacting 4000 women	>800 rollers per year	
 Support the construction of warehouses at community level for women collectors to store their nuts. The quality of the nuts is preserved and larger quantities can be sold, resulting in higher incomes.	1 warehouse in Ghana supporting around 500 women.	1 warehouse per year	