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Instruction

Acorn projects are required to provide Acorn with an Annual Report within 3 months after the end of each reporting period. This document represents the template that should be used and is intended to record project progress. It differs from the Acorn Design Document (ADD) in that the ADD captures the project design and the annual report reflects the outcome of the design.

Depending on results and developments within a project, changes must be recorded in the ADD in addition to the annual report. Please see Table 1b below in this document to guide you on what document and what section requires updating. The annual report, and if applicable together with the updated ADD, should be uploaded onto the portal. Acorn is available for assisting the local partners in drafting the required documentation. For version numbering and file naming please consult Acorn.

On a randomly selected basis, the certifier and a third-party auditor will review a project's design and progress. Therefore, these parties will require annual report(s) and an updated ADD. Annual reports can also be used for the purpose of updating (potential) buyers.



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Overview

Location:	The project is located in Uganda and spread across the following districts;		
	Arua		
	• Gulu		
	Kasese		
	Masaka		
	Mbale		
	Mubende		
	Nebbi		
ADD Approval Date: The Acorn Design Document for this project was approved in June			
	was not yet functional to upload ADDs on to the platform. Therefore the		
	date that it was available on the Acorn platform (01/01/2023) is different		
	to the date that certification approved the ADD.		
Project Start Date:	The agroforestry project was established in 2017. The collaboration		
	between Acorn and Solidaridad Uganda began in 2021. However, it did		
	not become an approved project with Acorn until June 2022.		
Reporting Period: The reporting period for this project is from March 2023 until I			
Submission Date:	The submission date of this report is August 2024.		
Auditing:	This project was validated during December 2023.		
Auditing Date:	December 2023		

Executive Summary

This Acorn project implemented and led by Solidaridad Uganda has reached its second year on March 2024. During this year, the project has made considerable progress in terms of carbon removal units generated , onboarded farmers and total project size. More specifically, the project generated a total of 31598 CRUs during this reporting period, which translated into increased benefits to project participants. At the moment of drafting this report, the project has reached more than 40.000 onboarded farmers and a total extension of 23264 hectares.

Besides the mentioned milestones, another remarkable event of the reporting period is the validation and verification of the project and its carbon removal calculations. While the final outcome of this is still to be defined, the initial findings of the validation process have been detailed in this document and the project local partner has already addressed them and provided a response to the validators.



1 Acorn Design Document Updates

Complete Table 1a to describe any changes made to the ADD in this reporting period. Add additional rows as required and follow Table 1b for regular section updates.

Complete Table 1b with details of the most recent update to parts of the ADD.

Complete Table 1c with details of responses to any corrective actions or forward actions required from validation, verification, or ADD/annual report reviews. Add rows as required.

Please upload the updated ADD to the Acorn Platform and refer here to the file name.

Table 1a Summary of Changes to Acorn Design Document

ADD Section	Description of Change
Project summary	The amount of farmers has increased, from
	36.000 to 41.000. This also led to a decrease on
	the number of potential participants (new value
	of 15.000), as the onboarded farmers have
	increased. The project extension increased
	along with the number of participants, reaching
	a total of 23.264 hectares.
Carbon Baseline Assessment	A total of 174 plots have failed a T-5 check.
	Meaning that these, are no longer eligible to
	generate CRUs until the biomass loss is
	recovered.
Project Council and Grievance Mechanism	Recently raised grievances have been added to
	the ADD
Stakeholder Analysis	New contact information has been added for
	many of the identified stakeholders. This is a
	request derived from the validation carried out
	during 2023.
Payment and Benefit Sharing	The use of earmarked funds was added ,
	removing the details on the use of a separate
	bank account, as Solidaridad has opted not to
	make use of it.
Risk Assessment	New high risk for tree cutting has been identified
	during the validation of 2023. As a result, the
	project has now a high risk for tree felling.

*Table can be left blank if no updated to the ADD were made.

Table 1b Date of Most Recent ADD Updates

ADD Section	Required Update	Date of Submission or
	Frequency	Most Recent Update
Part A; Project Summary	When applicable	03/2024
Part B; Eligibility Checklist	Once at the start	06/2023
Part C; Additionality Assessment	At least every 10 years	06/2023
Part D; Carbon Baseline assessment	At least every 3 years	1/03/2024
Part E; Project Baseline Assessment	At least every 10 years	06/2023
Part F; Project Activities	At least every 3 years	06/2023



Part G: Project Council and Grievance Mechanism	When applicable	06/2023
	When applicable	06/2022
Part H: Organisational Capacity	When applicable	06/2023
Part I; Financial Feasibility	When applicable	06/2023
Part J; Payments and Benefit Sharing	When applicable	03/2024
Part K; Stakeholder Analysis	At least every 3 years	1/03/2024
Part L; Risk Assessment	At least every 3 years	1/03/2024
Part M; Monitoring Plan	When applicable	1/03/2024
Part N; Technical specifications	At least every 3 years	1/03/2024
Annexes	When applicable	1/03/2024

Table 1c Response to open Corrective/Forward Actions Required*

CAR/FAR	Timeframe	Response	Source
CAR 01/23	Within 6 months	A detailed response to	It did not require any
Solidaridad Uganda, a		Solidaridad's	update on the ADD.
legal entity authorized		implementation of the	
to work in Uganda, has		project was provided,	
the capacity and ability		with emphasis on the	
to mobilize resources		process employed to	
for the project based		distribute seedlings	
on the organization's		and how these will	
history. However,		continue to be	
during the farm visits,		distributed in the	
more than half of the		coming years.	
sampled farmers are			
yet to receive tree			
seedlings under the			
project. The Local			
Partner shall justify the			
implementation of the			
project and how tree			
seedlings are, and will			
be, facilitated to the			
participants.			
CAR 02/23	Within 6 months	Solidaridad explained	It did not require any
The local partner has		the process used to	update on the ADD.
developed a		explain the Participant	
participant agreement		Agreement to farmers	
and a consent form for		prior to their signing.	
data sharing to be		At the same time, the	
signed by project		explanations was	
participants. Four out		accompanied with	
of twelve visited		visual aid material used	
farmers indicated that		by enumerators and	
they did not sign the		field officers to	
participants'		enhance the	
agreement. Not all		comprehension of the	
participants are aware		agreement by	
of the contents of the		participants.	



participant agreement			
as it is in English, a			
language that they do			
not fully understand.			
CAR 03/23	Within 6 months	Traceability was	It did not require any
Traceability shall be		proved with different	update on the ADD.
demonstrated from the		evidence. Some of	
CRUs generated to the		these were	
final payment to the		screenshots of mobile	
farmers, including		payments, in which the	
• • •			
informing project		payment of CRUs was	
participants. Field		explained and also of	
audit demonstrated		payment ceremonies	
that farmers received		carried out by the local	
CRU pay-out without a		partner and farmers.	
clear notification of			
being related to this.			
NIR 01/23	Within 6 months	The local partner does	Part I: Payment and
Interview with local		not make use of a	Part J: Payment and
			Benefit Sharing
partner representative		separate account but	
indicated that there is		evidence was provided	
a separate account for		to prove the	
CRU's different from		traceability of the	
the operational		farmer share through	
finances account. LP is		the use of earmark	
required to provide		funds, as paid out by	
evidence of the		Acorn Rabobank.	
separate account or			
earmarked funds for			
financing the			
participants.			
CAR 04/23	Within 6 months	Solidaridad explained	It did not require any
The participants		the process used to	update on the ADD.
agreements are in		explain the Participant	apuate on the ADD.
English language.		Agreement to farmers	
Interview with		•	
		prior to their signing.	
participants indicated		At the same time, the	
that not all of them		explanations was	
understand English		accompanied with	
language thus not fully		visual aid material used	
aware of the contents.		by enumerators and	
Although the		field officers to	
agreement is explained		enhance the	
to farmers, they		comprehension of the	
indicated that they		agreement by	
have to accept what		participants.	
they are told despite			
not being sure if all the			
document is currently	1	1	



			,
explained to them. The LP is required to provide information to participants in a language or format that they can easily			
understand.			
CAR 05/23 The ADD shall be updated and provided to the validation team, including all the available and updated information at the time of validation	Within 6 months	The Acorn Design Document was updated and shared again with the validator for its reassessment.	Part "K" Risk Assessment and "L" Monitoring
NIR 02/23	Within 6 months	The Acorn Design	Part "K" Risk Assessment
Part L (Reversal Risk Assessment) of the ADD shall be updated to reflect the actual risk of logging by participants. Risk mitigation actions should be reviewed as well (see CAR 05/23).		Document was updated and shared again with the validator for its reassessment	and "L" Monitoring
NIR 03/23 The Local Partner is required to provide identity proof of the sampled participants.	Within 6 months	Solidaridad explained that national identity cards have been recently employed at a country level and not all farmers are able to access them for different reasons. As a replacement, Solidaridad has developed their own farmer ID card. The process for the creation of this cards and farmer profiling was explained.	It did not require any update on the ADD.

*Table can be left blank if no CARs or FARs are reported.

2 Project Implementation

2.1 Carbon Regulations

Describe project's current understanding of national and/or regional carbon regulations and if any actions were taken to comply with these regulations. Indicate how this may impact the project and whether it forms any risks.



Uganda still does not have an approved or operational carbon regulation. A first draft of the Uganda Carbon regulation was presented by the ministry of water and environment in a stakeholders' consultative meeting held in November 2023.

The key issues highlighted in the draft regulations when implemented will have some impacts and potential risks:

- Project proponents who wish to conduct any carbon project should submit a request to the minister for a letter of no objection with relevant project documentations which will be responded to in 14 days. There is a risk of delays in kick starting projects as there is a lot of bureaucracies in the government ministries and departments
- Taxation of carbon credits is not yet captured in the regulation. The farmers are aware that they will receive 80% of the CRU proceeds and a heavy tax levy on this 80% will cause farmers dissatisfaction and may contribute to increased dropout rate in the carbon projects
- Not all verified carbon should be transferred or sold to external voluntary markets, so as to contribute to Uganda's determined contribution of carbon emission reduction to 24.7% from 27% by 2030. This presents a risk as it is not clear whether Uganda government will compensate for its nationally determined contribution
- A person who wishes to transfer verified carbon credits shall notify the minister in 100 working days prior to transfer especially for international transfers. Some of the verified carbon expires in a short time some in a month this means the 100 days is too long to wait also based on the discussion with the buyers, this would not be practical
- Verifiers/validators must be approved by the ministry and verification reports also submitted · According to the draft regulation looks like there is too much work that will come to the office of the minister, and this approvals are too many this can delay processes and efforts of actors to contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

2.2 Project Council

Complete Table 2.2 to provide details of the project council(s) that have been carried out during the reporting period. If multiple councils exist within the project, add rows for each.

Provide project council report(s) in Annex 1. Where available, helpful to added additional evidence in the Annex 1 as well (e.g. photo, video etc.)

Date project council took place	Project Council	Representation of council	Number of people present	Location (region)
20/03/2023	Central region Masaka (PC 8)	Ndugu and Kyotega farmers	26	Mubende

Table 2.2 Project Council overview



02/04/2023	Acholi sub region (PC 7)	Omoro- Amuru – Gulu -Nwoya farmers	25	Acholi subregion
2/04/23	Lango subregion (PC 4)	Lango subregion farmers	21	Lango subregion
30/03/23	Alur subregion (PC 6)	Nebbi and Zombo district farmers	24	Nombo subregion
02/03/23	Sebei region 1 (PC 3)	Kapchorwa , Kwen, Sironko, Bukwo and Bulambuli farmers	30	Sebei region
03/03/23	Sebei region 2 (PC 5)	Sebei region farmers	23	Sebei region
29/03/23	South West Region (PC 9)	Kanungu district farmers	30	Kanungu
03/04/23	Western Region (PC 2)	Kasese farmers	30	Kasese
30/3/23	Lugbara region (PC 1)	Jugbara farmers	21	Arua
02/02/24	Acholi sub region (PC 7)	Omoro- Amuru – Gulu -Nwoya farmers	24	Acholi subregion
12/01/24	Alur subregion (PC 6)	Nebbi – Zombo farmers	22	Paidha
10/01/24	Sebei region 1 (PC 3)	Sironko – Mbale and Bududa farmers	23	Sironko
08/01/24	Central region (PC 8)	Mubende, Mityana and Kassanda farmers	30	Mubende
04/01/24	Lango subregion (PC 4)	Oyam – Dokolo – Lira – Apac – Kwania and Kole district farmers	21	Oyam
8-01-24	Lugbara region (PC 1)	Arua district farmers	21	Arua
16-01-24	Sebei region 2 (PC 5)	Kapchorwa , Kwen, Sironko, Bukwo and Bulambuli farmers	30	Sebei
9-01-24	Western region (PC 2)	Kasese district farmers	27	Kasese
10/01/24	South West region (PC 9)	Kanugu - Sheema , Mitoma and Busheny council	30	Kanugu - Bushenyi



2.3 Grievances

Complete Table 2.3a to provide an overview of the total number of grievance raised throughout the project period.

Complete Table 2.3b to provide a summary of grievances received in this reporting period. Enter a row for each grievance raised this during the reporting period. Also enter a row and report on grievances left unresolved from previous reporting periods.

Table 2.3a Summary Grievance Register

Grievances Raised	Grievances Resolved	Grievances Unresolved	
7	6	1	

Table 2.3b Grievances and Resolutions

Date	Channel	Grievance	Resolution
March 2023.	Project council meeting	Destruction of newly planted tree seedlings by stray animals.	Community bylaws and district ordinances to help in the management of stray animals
July 2023	Feedback from lead farmers to the field technicians	Some male farmers requested the project to change the onboarding details from their wives to theirs so that its the man who receives the CRU money	Proper sensitization using Solidaridad Gender Action Learning system (GALS) resolved the grievance
January 2024	Project council meeting	Some farmers expect CRU payment in less than 1 year from onboarding	Thorough sensitization on the cycle of carbon trade/ payment for ecosystem services
April 2024	Direct communicatio n from cooperative leaders in Central and South- Western Uganda	Some cooperatives question what they would benefit from the CRU proceeds and demand that the CRU money be channelled through the cooperative bank account and they pay the farmers. To them, this would promote farmer loyalty and promote coffee sales through the cooperatives	The Acorn framework and methodology was explained to the cooperatives and why the payment comes directly to the farmers.



August 2023	Feedback from lead farmers and enumerators during seedling application	Some farmers are interested in planting tree species that are not recommended by the Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA). These are mainly fruit trees like jackfruits and mangoes	Farmers were advised to invest in these trees if they wish and plant them outside the coffee fields to reap other benefits that come from them
June 2024	Feedback to the M&E team during quarterly monitoring	3 neighbouring farmers combine their plots to make an acceptable plot size for onboarding, its registered under one farmer but all the 3 are expecting CRU payments	They were advised to build trust within themselves and communicate when the payment comes and share among themselves since they are close relatives
June 2024	Feedback from the lead farmers to the field technician	A farmer sells his onboarded plot and hands over the farmer ID to the buyer	Solidaridad will offboard the former owner and will onboard the new owner, meeting the requirements of a standard onboarding procedure

2.4 Other Stakeholder Consultations

Complete Table 2.4 to provide a summary of all stakeholder consultation activities carried out during the reporting period (NOT including Project Council meetings). Add rows for each activity.

Provide evidence for stakeholder consultation activities in Annex 2.

Table 2.4 Stakeholder Consultation Activities

Date	Activity	Stakeholder Group	Description	Attendees
10th to 20th/09/2023	Data sharing workshop	Cooperative leaders, the district officials and the selected farmers representatives	Event to share information on the Acorn project among district officials and cooperatives	Total 56 (Males=45,F emales=11)

2.5 Project Scaling

Complete Table 2.5a to provide a summary of newly added participants and land to the project in this reporting period.

Complete Table 2.5b to provide a summary of the impact of scaling on Agroforestry Design and Business Case.



Include details of new participants and proof of signed consent and participation agreements for selected sample farmers in Annex 3. You will receive sample farmer ID's from Acorn. Add updated map with plots and ecoregion(s), if applicable in Annex 4.

Table 2.5a New plots & participants

Ecoregion	Agroforestry design	Project Council Please note, this is an approximate indication, since project councils are organized based on geographical proximity and not based on ecoregions	Number of newly added Participants	Number of New Plots	Total project size (ha)
Victoria Basin forest	Solidaridad Uganda existing agroforestry design	Sebei region 1 (PC 3) or Lango subregion (PC 4) or Central region Masaka (PC 8)	11028	11028	14552.23
Albertine Rift Montane Forest	Solidaridad Uganda existing agroforestry design	Alur subregion (PC 6)	4915	4915	4036.81
East African Montane Forests	Solidaridad Uganda existing agroforestry design	Sebei region 1 (PC 3) or Sebei region 2 (PC 5) or Central region (PC 8)	2122	2122	1880.64
East Sudanian Savanna	Solidaridad Uganda existing agroforestry design	Sebei region 1 (PC 3) or Acholi sub region (PC 7) or Central region Masaka (PC 8)	1435	1435	1913.35
Northern Congolian Forest savanna mosaic	Solidaridad Uganda existing agroforestry design	Lugbara region (PC 1)	581	581	832.78



Rwenzori-	Solidaridad	Western Region	5	5	37.77
Virunga	Uganda	(PC 2) or South			
montane	existing	West region			
moorlands	agroforestry	(PC 9)			
	design				

Table 2.5b Describe the impact of scaling on the Agroforestry Design and Business Case

While the increase in project participants was moderate (13% increase) and did not require any additional resources, Solidaridad and Acorn decided to update the existing Business Case, to replace the initial forecasted costs with the costs the project has actually incurred on. This new Business Case can be found as an attachment to this document (*available upon request*). At the same time, during the 3rd reporting period, the project will include an additional 10.000 farmers, which will be enabled through a grand and a loan requested to Rabo Foundation. For this scaling, Solidaridad has developed a specific Business Case for the new cohort of farmers. *However, this changes and scaling will be reflected in the next Annual Report.*

2.6 Double counting

Describe if the project is receiving/seeking credit removals from a project intervention under another GHG program. Provide evidence of no double issuance.

This project is not receiving nor seeking removals from any other project intervention. Therefore, there are no double counting claims reported within the reporting period nor risks of this taking place.

3 Project Finances

Complete Table 3a to describe any changes made to the business case during this reporting period. Add additional rows as required. If changes are based on scaling addressed in section 2.5, please state this change also in Table 3a.

Complete Table 3b to describe the financial revenue and expenditure of the project since the start of the Acorn project, including this year's reporting period. For each type of in-kind provision please add a new row.

Complete Table 3c to describe the financial revenue and expenditure of the Acorn project for this reporting period only.

Please upload the updated or new Business Case onto the Acorn Platform and state the file name and date in Annex 6. Also please attach the benefit-sharing mechanism report(s) of during this reporting period in Annex 7.

Table 3a Summary of Changes to Business Case

Business case tab & name	Row & Column number	Description of change
No changes were made, a new	Not applicable	Not applicable
Business Case has been drafted		
and is available upon request		



Table 3b Summary of Project Finances Since the Start of the Acorn Project

Provided. Concealed for data protection purposes.

Table 3c Summary of Project Finances for the Reporting Period

Provided. Concealed for data protection purposes.



4 Carbon Monitoring

4.1 Carbon Removal Units

Complete Table 4.1 to provide a summary of the number of Carbon Removal Units (CRUs) generated, issued, reserved and available prior to this year's reporting period (historic), this year's reporting period and both combined (total) within the project.

For real-time CRU information see our website [add project page link]

*Please note if the project is selected for validation/verification a data package for CRU Calculations is provided by Acorn.

Table 4.1 Summary of CRUs throughout the project period. (*This table will be prefilled by Acorn*).

	Calculation Period					
	Historic	Reporting Period	Total			
Status						
CRUs Generated	40595	31598	40595			
CRUs Sold	Provided. Conced	Provided. Concealed for data protection purposes.				
CRUs Reserved						
CRUs Available						
BRCUs Generated						
BCRUs Reserved						

4.2 Carbon Benefit Losses

No event with significant loss of carbon has taken place in this reporting period. Table 4.2 remains empty

*Table can be left blank if no carbon benefit losses were observed.

Table 4.2 Summary of Events Generating Losses of Carbon Benefits

Event Number	Not applicable
Project Area(s)	Not applicable
Affected	
Participants Affected	Not applicable
Description	Not applicable
CRU Impact	Not applicable
E&S Impact	Not applicable
BCRUs	Not applicable
Response	Not applicable



5 Monitoring Indicators and Risk Safeguards

5.1 Livelihood Monitoring

This section only requires updating every three years, when new assessments are conducted.

Complete Table 5.1a to summarize mandatory livelihood monitoring results and Table 5.1b for the additional indicator(s) selected at project design phase.

Indicator	Metric	Baseline Metric Value	Current Metric Value	Causes and Adjustments (If applicable)
Farmer Financial State	Carbon revenues + farm revenues) – operating expenses	0 Please note, this project has not surveyed participants on this specific indicators. As such, this has been incorporated into Acorn's framework after the start of this project.	0	Not applicable
Nutritional Variety	Average number of food groups consumed	4	4	No re-assessment has taken place. The next assessment will take place during the third year of the project

Table 5.1a Mandatory Livelihood Monitoring Results

Table 5.1b Additional Livelihood Monitoring Results*

Indicator	Metric	Baseline Metric	Current Metric	Causes and
		Value	Value	Adjustments
				(If applicable)
Agricultural land use productivity	Farm output value per hectare per crop type [kg/ha/crop].	Enter the initial metric value/state measured at the start of the project.	Enter the metric value/state at the end of the current reporting period.	No re-assessment has taken place. The next assessment will take place during the third year of the project
Women	Score and	10% of	10% of	No re-assessment
empowerment	weights of empowerment	participants are women	participants are women	has taken place. The next assessment will
	indicators.	38% of project council participants are women	38% of project council participants are women	take place during the third year of the project



50% of the local	50% of the local	
partner staff are	partner staff are	
women	women	

*Only the additional indicators chosen at project design need to be completed.

5.2 Ecosystem Monitoring

Complete Table 5.2 to summarize ecosystem monitoring results achieved during the assessment period of 3 years for the fixed indicators below.

Table 5.2 Ecosystem Monitoring Results

Indicator	Metric	Baseline Metric Value	Current Metric Value	Causes and Adjustments (If applicable)
Agricultural Biodiversity	Gini-Simpson Index value.	54.66%	54.66%	No re-assessment has taken place. The next assessment will take place during the third year of the project

5.3 Risk Monitoring

Complete Table 5.3 annually to report on the progress and status of mitigating actions of risk areas or potential negative impacts from the project identified in previous risk assessments. Changes to the risk assessment, should but stated in section 1 and in the ADD, such as after it is reassessed every three years or if a risk status changes.

Table 5.3 Risk Monitoring Overview

Identified Risk Areas or Potential Negative Impacts	Mitigation Action	Monitoring Action	Status
Change of land ownership and coverage	Sensitization of farmers regarding reporting mechanisms in case of change of land ownership, sale and migration. We informed the farmers that in case of any of those changes, they should report to their lead farmers, project council representatives and to the cooperative.	Solidaridad monitors the project at 3 different levels, the first being the partner/cooperative, second solidaridad project associates and finally the monitoring and evaluation unit. This was through randomly interviewing a select farmers on issues of land ownership which still remains a sensitive topic due to land grabbing that has been rampant in some regions	High



	Community Benefits &	Quarterly monitoring of	
	Ownership	the project partners on	
	Cancisiih	agreed KPIs per signed	
	Direct Benefits: By ensuring	MOU. These are also	
	the project delivers tangible	important for collecting	
	benefits to the local		
	community, like improved	feedback about the	
	soil fertility, increased crop	partnership, project and	
	yields, or access to new	farmers' feedback to help	
	markets for carbon credits	improve the partnership.	
	from farmer training. This	We track participation and	
	directly links their well-	utilisation of training	
	being to the project's	programs and resources	
	success.	provided to the farmers	
	success.	and partners in training	
	Decision-Making Power:	programs and project	
	We involve local partners in	activities.	
	project planning and		
	decision-making. This	Conducted surveys and	
	fosters a sense of	focus groups to gauge	
	ownership and empowers	satisfaction with benefits	
	them to champion the	and project goals.	
Waning or short-lived local	project within the		
partner commitment	community more		High
	importantly through project		
	councils.		
	Long-Term Vision &		
	Capacity Building:		
	Shared Vision: The project		
	has a clear, long-term vision		
	that aligns with the		
	community's aspirations to		
	mitigate effects of climate		
	change and improve coffee		
	productivity and livelihood.		
	Capacity Building: We have		
	provided training and		
	support to local partners to		
	develop the skills and		
	knowledge needed to		
	manage the project		
	effectively over time. This		
	includes training on carbon		
	farming practices, data		
		1	



	collection, project		
	management.		
	Transparency & Fair		
	Compensation:		
	Clear Communication: we have maintained a transparent communication with local partners about project goals, progress, and potential challenges. This has built trust and avoids misunderstandings. Fair Compensation: Ensure a fair and equitable distribution of benefits from carbon credits or other project outcomes. This incentivizes long-term participation and addresses potential conflicts.		
Logging risk	Solidaridad offers sensitization on the benefits of agroforestry, provides seedlings and advocates for the use of energy saving cookstoves. In the case of the latter, Solidaridad also promotes the use of pruning by-products (branches) as fuel for the cookstoves, avoiding the harvesting of full trees. In terms of sensitisation, Solidaridad makes use of different communication channels, such as radio messages, community meetings and also through producer cooperatives who pass on the message to farmers , promoting the aforementioned actions. In all of them, they inform participants that cutting of	We track participation and utilisation of training programs and resources provided to the farmers and partners in training programs and project activities. Conducted surveys and focus groups to gauge satisfaction with benefits and project goals.	High



trees can lead to	
disqualification in the Acorn	
program and its impact on	
CRU measurement	



Annexes

Annex 1 – Project Council Report(s)

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Annex 2 – Other Stakeholder Consultations

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Annex 3 – Sample Signed Agreements

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Annex 4 – Ecoregion Maps

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Annex 5 – Agroforestry Design

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Annex 6 – Business Case

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Annex 7 – Benefit Sharing Mechanism

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