

## Afforestation: Example "Afforestation of the hills of Boreta-Gerado-Dengego" – Peasant Association

Boreta, Gerado and Dengego are villages at the bottom of the hills carrying the same names. In 2006 we were asked to afforest these hills in collaboration with the peasant associations as every year several hectares of cultivated land was destroyed by erosion (soil being washed away and landslides).

Since 2007 we do afforest these hills and we have even expanded the activities to neighboring peasant associations.



2006 May, eroded hill range



2006 November, destroyed cultivated land at the bottom of the hill, caused by water runoff



2007 April, seedling production at the nursery in Dukem



2007 July, planting day



2007, January



2011 February, a forest develops



2009 January, strong growth



2011 October, a government official is surprised about the changes possible within a few years only



2008 July



2011, October, our forest

The afforestation at this hill is an example and is widely used as model. At the bottom of the hill 3 fresh water springs evolved, allowing people to find water for their own consumptions as well as for their cattle close to their homes even during dry season. Neighboring peasant associations have started contacting us to extend afforestation into their villages.

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