



PROMOTING SMALL HOLDER TREE GROWING WITHIN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

GROUP -4- AFGHANISTAN, LAOS, BANGALADISH, PNG, VANUATU

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BACKGROUND

- ❑ Poverty reduction is an integral component of sustainable development; Sustainable Development Goals which envisage ending poverty by 2030.
 - ❑ Eradicate poverty at the forest dependent community
 - ❑ Small holder tree growers can play very important role
- ❑ The existing policies of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Laos, PNG and Vanuatu are not suitable for small holder tree growing by the community.
- ❑ Small available land with heavy demand is the scenario of the targeted area. Participation of the local community is a must for any successful forestry program in this part of the area



OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Recognising Smallholder growers through government policies.
- ❑ Encouraging and assisting forest dependent communities to participate in tree farming.
- ❑ Target poverty reduction in the forests dependent community
- ❑ The program will help restoring the biodiversity and rehabilitate the forest areas.

CURRENT BARR



- Mismatch between smallholder realities and market requirements/ standards
- Inappropriate regulatory environment for the establishment of small woodlots/community-based enterprises
- Growing domestic and regional markets for forest products.
- Lack of capacity and resources at the decentralize level

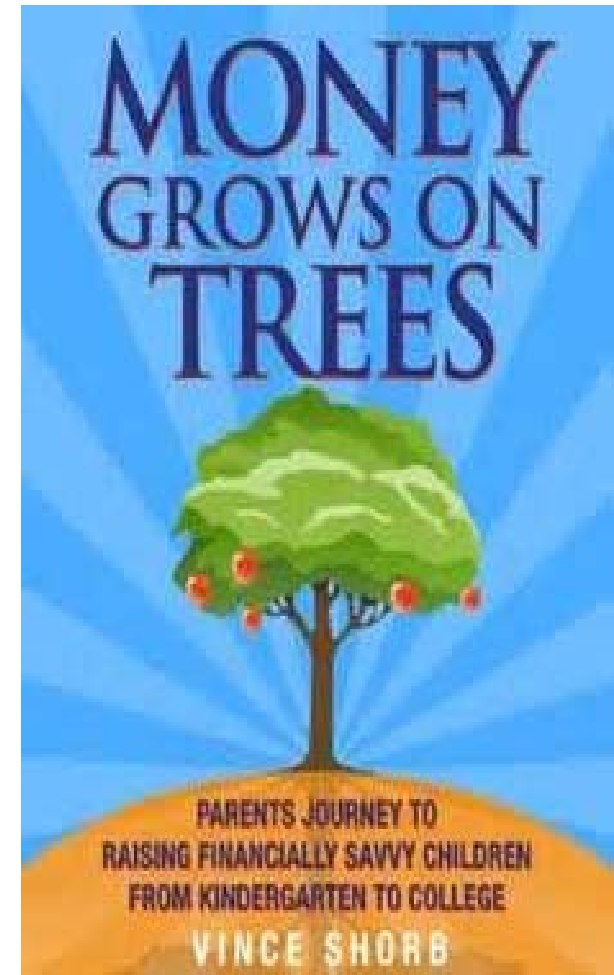


WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

- Review and reform tenure system; more small holder tree growing oriented.
- Available barren land/ Degraded land can be tenured by poor local communities for small holder tree growing.
- Involvement of Forest Research Institute for species selection
- Technical assistance from Forest Department
- After 10/15 years the tree growers will get a pre-set share of the profit. It will surely upgrade the standard of living.

Conclusion and Recommendations

- Reform and strengthen existing policies in a way to be easier for small holders
- A need for more supportive environment for business including training and capital
- Decentralization of power is also needed
- Farmers' access to market will ensure the sustainability of this programme
- Having strong believe that Forestry can contribute to Poverty reduction



THANK YOU

