

Funded by: The Balcombe Trust

Target Areas: Androy region, deep-south littoral zones

Beneficiaries: 30,418 in Phase 1 (2009) and 107,985 Phase 2 (2010-2012)



Thanks to funding from Balcombe Trust, ALT has been able to implement an emergency relief programme that has engaged local communities in 'money for food for work'.

The project pays villagers a day rate to participate in activities that address their most pressing environmental issues – dune formation, deforestation and water storage.

It brings long term benefits for land management, agriculture, and animal

husbandry whilst helping people to purchase food for their families during the annual three month 'hunger gap'.

The project has planted over 15,000 filao (*causerina* sp) trees raised in the ALT tree nursery in Tshiombe. This is the first joint project between ALT UK and ALT Mg and benefits from the technical direction of ALT's local consultant, Steven Lellelid (Tshiombe).

Summary outputs

Phase 1 : 2009

- 4,867 workers employed on day rates = approx 30,418 indirect beneficiaries
- 27 dunes stabilised
- 43 water capture basins excavated
- 5300 trees planted around the dams
- 68 hectares of forest replanted with indigenous tree seedlings/cuttings
- 86,000 tree seedlings and cuttings planted
- 300,000 sisal plants planted
- 15,000 ipomoia (*lalanda*) planted

Phase 2 : 2010-2012

- 17,278 workers employed on day rates = approx 107,985 indirect beneficiaries
- 58 dunes stabilised (47 of which with trees as well as creeping bean and *lalanda*)
- 32,178 filao (*causerina* sp) trees planted
- 62 water basins (inc 3 dams) excavated for water catchments
- 118 hectares of spiny forest replanted with seedlings/cuttings
- 130,850 indigenous tree cuttings planted
- 243,708 ipomoia (*lalanda*) planted
- 59,029 beach bean seeds planted