# **Anhuang Afforestation**

#### Take a peek at the project

Right in the heart of China, the wonderful project is bringing new life to lands that were once struggling with desertification in the beautiful rocky karst mountain region of Guizhou province in southwest China. It's so exciting to see the transformation happening!





## The good stuff

- reducing ongoing soil erosion from intensive farming
- helping over 25,000 farmers gain valuable skills and enjoy better livelihoods and income. 60% of the wonderful farmers employed and trained are women
- helping with welcoming back wildlife and boosting biodiversity in what was once just rocky karst terrain

#### The story

Welcome to Anhuang Afforestation Project nestled in the beautiful Guizhou Province, China! The project breathes new life into the Yunnan-Guizhou plateau, which has sadly faced unsustainable management for quite some time. The good news? The limestone karst rock environment is just perfect for tree-planting efforts! It's exciting to see planted native trees like fir, cypress and pine to create wonderful new forests and give the environment a much-needed boost.

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The local villagers are the proud owners of this land, with village committees taking care of the sustainable forest management. Instead of commercial logging, villagers earn their income from improved crop yields that come from the reforestation work. It's a win-win situation - the forests help boost biodiversity, reduce soil erosion, and improve water retention, resulting in a lovely green blanket of biomass covering the area.

Since the project area belongs to the local communities, everyone gets to share in the income it generates. Carbon financing plays a crucial role in transforming the area sustainably. It's creating jobs for community members (mostly women!), and providing friendly training sessions on CO2 emissions, carbon sequestration, plant cultivation, sustainable forest management, and forest ecosystems. Thanks to improved soil conditions, crop yields are increasing too! This heartwarming project doesn't just benefit nature - it's making a real difference in the lives of local people too.

### **Making a Difference Together**

Did you know that the project is aligned with some of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG\*)?









\*UNSDG: "The Sustainable Development Goals are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection."

For more info: <a href="https://sdgs.un.org/goals">https://sdgs.un.org/goals</a>

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