

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

CREATING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Project title:

**RESTORATION OF DEGRADED LANDS FOR FOOD SECURITY
AND POVERTY REDUCTION IN EAST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL:
TAKING SUCCESSES IN LAND RESTORATION TO SCALE**

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The Communities of Practice on the restoration of degraded lands aims to foster relationships, develop learning situated in practice, create and share new knowledge to restore degraded land, returning it to effective and sustainable tree, crop and livestock production; thereby increasing land profitability and landscape and livelihood resilience.

The formation of Communities of Practice will enable the implementation of action research in a co-learning cycle. We will implement nested Communities of Practice each with their own platforms tailored to the specific contexts (Figure 1).

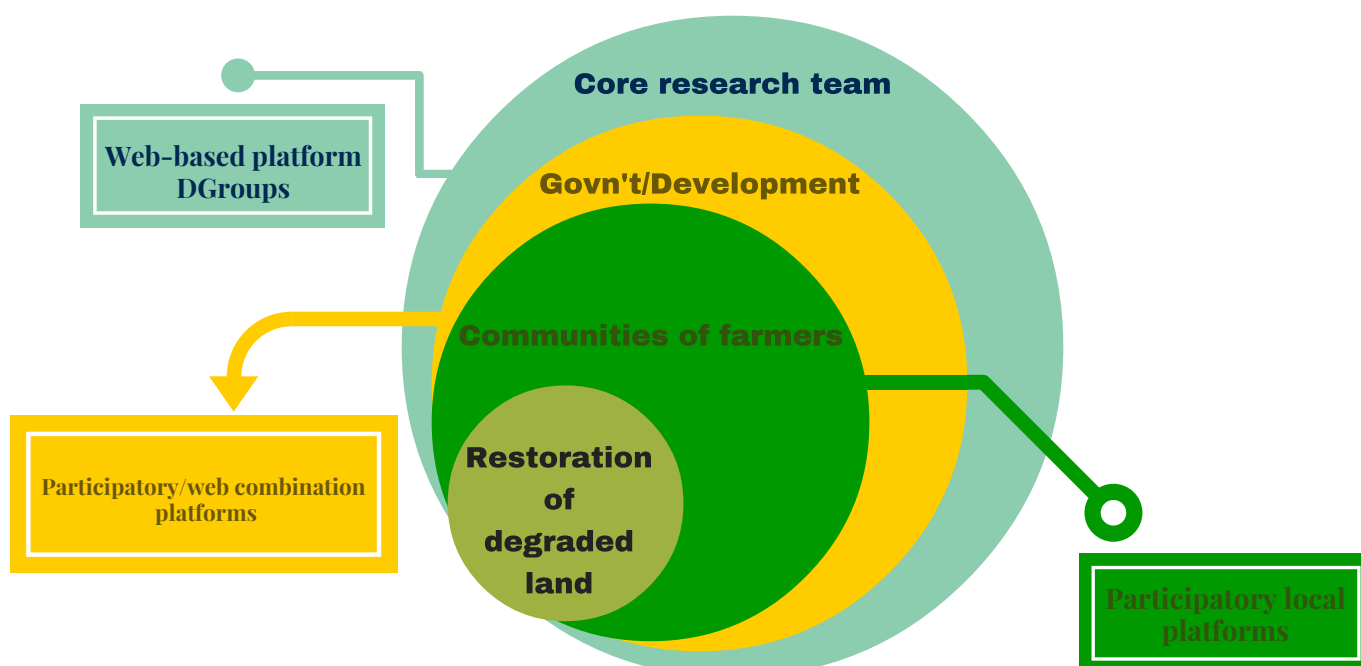


Figure 1. Nested communities of practice with refined tools, methods, and guidelines for taking land restoration to scale.

Lifecycle of a community of practice

We plan to bring together key partners and stakeholders through the creation of nested Communities of Practice including research, development, extension, farmers and governance institutions to work together in an iterative co-learning cycle. The life cycle of a Community of Practice has five stages as outlined by Kaplan and Suter (2005) illustrated in Box 1.

Design: Activities, roles and processes will be defined.

Prototype: A community will be piloted to jumpstart commitment and refine strategies outlined at design stage.

Launch: Prototype will be rolled out to include a broader audience.

Grow: Members will be engaged in collaboratively creating and sharing knowledge through various activities and platforms.

Sustain: The knowledge created and shared will inform a co-learning paradigm across an appropriate range of contexts to determine what ingredients work where and for whom.

Box 1: Lifecycle of a Community of Practice (Kaplan and Suter (2005))

The project action countries include Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Mali and Niger. To get involved in the Communities of Practice please contact us!

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