

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Promoting people and the environment

We work in partnership with people in rural communities around the globe that face multiple challenges on a daily basis, most notably caused by climate change, depletion of natural resources and population growth.



WE BELIEVE

We believe that sustainable utilisation of natural resources and conservation/preservation is not viable without the active involvement of the surrounding communities and government. Equally, the sustainable development of rural communities and their livelihoods is to a large extent dependent on available natural resources for the benefit of all. In essence rural community development and natural resources sustainable practices cannot be carried out in isolation from each other. This is coming more and more to the fore resulting from the pressures of climate change and population growth. We believe that holistic management practices, combined with natural resources benefit sharing and awareness are key to ensuring viable rural communities development. As well as enhancing incomes, food security and resilience this empowers communities and governments to manage their own future responsibly.

WE ARE

Our Rural Development and Environment team is staffed by experienced professionals with unique experience gained from the successful implementation of rural development and resource management projects globally. We are recognised as a leader in enabling solutions for the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources at local, regional and national levels. We continuously learn from our successes to develop lasting, climate-smart solutions that can be replicated in rural communities across the globe and scaled for national and international implementation. We bring experience and proven methodologies for working with people, institutions and governments to solve problems together; we deploy high quality, state of the art technical knowledge and competencies to help develop lasting solutions; and we use creative thinking and innovation to ensure we can scale solutions to national and global levels.

WE WORK

As consultants and technical advisors, we bring to the fore professionalism, solid project management, technical skills and a passion for what we do. Our approach is based on 60 years of reliable and responsible project implementation and focused around the key principles of:

- participation and empowerment of rural communities;
- good governance and supporting regulatory frameworks;
- benefit sharing; and
- developing holistic solutions promoting community development with the environment.

Our sector is in a continuous state of flux due to new challenges. Within this, we see ourselves as being at the cutting edge of good practise and technical solutions, through a highly qualified and experienced staff, regular trainings and presence on relevant forums and information sharing platforms. We are continuously learning and reinventing how we work.

Our participatory, process-orientated approach to programme planning and delivery ensures the long-term sustainability of the projects we implement for our clients.

26



Team members

8



Nationalities

10



Spoken languages

62%



Women

38%



Men

43



Average age

GOPA has many years of highly successful project and programme management and consulting across the globe in the following areas:

Rural community development

- Rural economic development
- Services for rural populations
- Land governance
- Food security
- Resilience
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Environmental tourism
- Integrated water resource management

Natural resources management

- Biodiversity management
- Ecosystem based adaptation
- Forestry management
- Fisheries
- The marine environment
- Coastal zones management
- Conservation areas management
- Park management
- Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

- REDD +
- LULUCF
- Feasibility studies for adaptation and mitigation
- Green Climate Fund Readiness Support
- MRV
- Emission Trading Systems

Good environmental governance

- Participatory management
- Policy development
- Awareness raising
- Environmental education
- Change management

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