

Project name: Forestation project	
Thematic Areas: NRM	
Approx. value of the contract: PKR 14,000,000	
Country Pakistan	Location within Country (Districts) District Mansehra, Swabi
Name of Donor/ Funding Agency: Philip Moris Pakistan	Duration of Project (months): 12
Start date (month/year): April 2014	Completion date (month/year): April 2015
Name of Consortium Members (if the project was implemented by a consortium) N/A	
<p>Project Description: The project was initiated in April 2014 in District Mansehra and Swabi through the financial assistance from Philip Moris Pakistan of PKR 14,000,000 and was completed in April 2015.</p> <p>Project Objectives: The objective was restoration of fragile ecology through reforestation in the project areas. The project aimed to meet the requirement of fuel wood in districts Mansehra and Swabi which will ultimately protect timber wood forest for various uses. Project comprises of activities including plantation, nursery raising with the involvement of communities and direct seed sowing.</p> <p>Project Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a result the community conducted meetings with the Forest Department and passed a resolution for the provision of forest guards for the protection of plantation sites and to register the Tree Protection Committees with the Department. - During the sessions people were trained and informed about the proper methods of plantation, digging and handling nurseries. The beneficiaries of nurseries were also trained in the preparation of beds for nursery, tube filling, methods of making cuttings, sowing of seeds, preparation of soil for tube nursery and method of plantation of cuttings etc. They were also trained on marketing. - The purpose of this visit was to practically involve the community in learning nursery raising techniques such as preparation of nursery soil, nursery beds, tube filling and preparation of cuttings etc. The visit also aimed to build coordination among small nursery growers with the nursery market so that in future they would get easy access for the marketing of their nursery. - Each beneficiary has established their own nursery containing 5000-7000 tube plants of Samantha and Chir Pine and 5000 poplar cuttings. <p>List of major activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy session were organized for the communities of all UCs. In these sessions people were trained and guided on policies, laws and responsibilities of Forest Department and community. They were also trained on how to avail the services of the Forest Department at local level for the protection of their forests. 	

- A seminar was arranged at district level to celebrate world environment day. The main objective of the seminar was to make the community aware about major environmental issues and to discuss about conservation of natural resources.
- To build capacity of people on plantation and nursery raising in all working UC's, capacity building sessions were arranged for the community to train them in plantation and nursery raising techniques.
- An exposure visit for the communities of District Mansehra and Swabi was arranged for the individuals who signed TOP's for nursery raising in both UCs. They visited different nurseries of Haripur and Mardan.
- Direct seed sowing was planned with the coordination of local community for land stabilization in sliding areas. During the project a total of 200 Kg seeds of Samantha and Helianthus were sowed in four different sites of district Mansehra and Swabi where land was effected and destabilized by sliding.
- Meetings of local community were conducted with the Forest Department to build coordination and linkages of community with the department.
- On closing ceremony of project, a meeting of the community with Forest Department was conducted where MOU was signed. According to the MOU, the Forest Department will be responsible to provide technical assistance to the nursery beneficiaries and to facilitate them in marketing of their plants.