



WE FUND leaders and organizations supporting smallholder farmers in the tropical, biodiverse forests of Ethiopia and Indonesia, with special attention to the role of women, Indigenous communities, and young people. We also look globally for new ways to test what we think we know, fill knowledge gaps, and help inform decisionmakers in agriculture, conservation, and development fields. Our grantee partners are creating sustainable economic opportunities within their communities and balancing those with essential conservation goals.



TROPICAL FORESTS harbor rich biodiversity and provide critical resources to the planet, including vital ecosystem services for local communities such as water and forest products. Local communities living in and around tropical forests have historically had mutually beneficial relationships with the natural environment. However, agricultural production is contributing to significant deforestation, biodiversity and critical ecosystem loss, and persistent poverty for rural and forest-dependent communities.

THE DAVID AND LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION'S Agriculture, Livelihoods and Conservation strategy aims to protect forests and biodiversity while ensuring that the people who rely on them can thrive by supporting sustainable smallholder agriculture. We believe unequal access to agricultural, financial, and educational resources must be addressed in order to achieve lasting, high-impact conservation and development outcomes.

OUR APPROACH centers on smallholder farmers and forest-dependent communities who are working to protect the planet's rich biodiversity while building thriving economic futures for their communities. When these farmers are central to decision-making about tropical forests, management is informed by their expertise, instead of being implemented at their expense.

FOR 2020-2024, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

ETHIOPIA

\$3 million per year

Supporting Afromontane forest communities sustainably managing forest resources and contributing to economic development, focusing on smallholder farmers—especially on women and young people.

INDONESIA

\$3 million per year

Supporting forest-dependent communities that play a key role in forest conservation and sustainable economic development, focusing especially on Indigenous communities, women, and young people.

LEARN & BUILD

\$1.5 million per year

Researching, supporting, and informing additional pro-smallholder farmer and tropical forest conservation models around the globe.



ETHIOPIA

The forests of southwest Ethiopia contain a great degree of plant and animal diversity and is the center of origin for wild Arabica coffee. Agriculture is the most important sector in the Ethiopian economy and the main source of livelihoods for 85 percent of the country’s population. ALC focuses in southwest Ethiopia, where smallholder farmers play an important role in forest conservation and rural development.



WE FUND leaders and organizations strengthening sustainable value chains in Ethiopia for smallholder farmers that align with conservation efforts as a product moves from farmer to market.

OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS ARE WORKING TO:



Limit deforestation due to agricultural expansion



Promote the role of local communities in managing healthy forests



Support smallholder farmers who are ensuring their local economies thrive



Complement government policy and funding priorities that balance conservation with rural development

SPECIAL FOCUS

In Ethiopia, we seek to improve smallholder farmers’ access to agricultural, financial, family planning, and other resources, especially for women and young people. For example, we support local forest management cooperatives and community and women’s groups that are pooling resources and information to ensure that agricultural development can incorporate conservation as well.

We also support solutions to improve quality reproductive health information and services available to women and young people, in alignment with the Foundation’s **Reproductive Health** program goals.

