

1TREELLION GLOBAL FUND

RESTORATION TO A WAR-TORN LAND & HOPE TO A WAR-WEARY PEOPLE

Q&A



Why Ukraine?

1treellion helps create sustainable communities around trees. Ukraine and its people being devastated by this war need to start restoring their country, their lands, and their lives. It is our duty to help in the way we know how, and this is by planting trees.

During COP27 on a video call, President Zelensky shared that the war in Ukraine has destroyed 5 million acres of forest. 1treellion can help and start restoring.

Why Now?

The war is not over, yet there are locations where the areas are back under Ukrainian control. Those people are starting to restore their lands. They need funding to do so. We are providing much-needed support. The support isn't at the front line but at areas where things are starting to be restored.

This is the message we received from a local forester near Kyiv (not our partner): "Hello Tali. It's a great idea to plant trees here. Because our nature is suffering from war too much...Now it's good ...to come here...I will try to help you."

Why Trees and Not Food and Housing?

Many people in Ukraine have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, instability, and political turmoil. Some have been internally displaced, while others have had to seek refuge in nearby countries. There are many charities supporting affected Ukrainians, supporting with defense, humanitarian, medical aid programs, and more. 1treellion can help with restoration, starting with trees.

Focusing on nature-based solutions to rebuild Ukraine - in sustainable land and forest restoration - providing job opportunities. Many villagers lost their jobs, forestry is their life, and now they have a chance to have that.

Why Not Wait Until The War is Over?

The people of Ukraine need our help now. Mother Earth needs our help now. If we wait we miss the time to plant as the optimal time is Spring. The area we are planting in is safe and secure. Environmental damage like splintered trees and polluted waterways may seem like a secondary concern, given the atrocities against people documented in places like Bucha and Mariupol, and the violence currently being inflicted by Russia on residents in Ukraine's east. But the war's effects on the environment will be felt long after the shells have stopped exploding, long after the bullets and the guns have ceased.

Spring is the perfect time to plant, and this is what we are aiming for.

THE PLANTING SITE - THE ██████████ REGION



The Area Pre-War

For many years there was illegal amber mining and planting of technical forests in the area.

Our partner started working with the cooperative 2 years before the war and started planting biodiversity forests and training foresters in sustainable business. They visited the area regularly and chose to work with the cooperative because of the local community's involvement and desire to develop the area. This worked got to a halt due to the war, now we are starting again.

Who Are The People We Are Planting For?

There are approximately 7,000 people in the location of our planting project. They will all indirectly benefit from this project.

Due to the war, half of the inhabitants are left there. Some of the women with young children have left but this did not affect the morale of the team.

Our project has 10 women who stayed in the region and will continue to live there. The main problem now is that due to the destruction of facilities that provide electricity in the village, there is no light and all work on the restoration of the region has been suspended. There are no roads and no electricity. There have been no direct missile strikes in this region, so there are no destroyed buildings, which is why we can continue to plant forests there.

Jobs & Sustainability

For the past three years, our local partners have been training foresters in sustainable forestry, soil analysis, crop selection, and creating jobs for women. 1Treellion is helping them get back to doing what they do best - supporting the land and people of this area.

The Condition of The Planting Area

Luckily, this area has suffered little from the war because there are no military installations. Our local partner have continued to plant forests and we have not slowed down the pace despite the fact that the composition of the team has been partially changed. They asked for our help and we are answering the call.

Is It OK to Start in The Spring?

Spring is the perfect season for tree planting in Ukraine. Just as the snow melts and the soil is ready to accept the new trees.

And because the military operations do not affect the ecology of the region therefore this is best for us to start.

What About The Soil, Does It Need to Be Treated?

Some areas need to be treated and all of this is taken into account in our budget and our process.

How Safe Are The People And The Trees?

The safety of people is the #1 priority. Yet, there is always some danger in anything we do. This is a war zone, we need to make sure the partner and the location are in an area occupied by Ukraine and that there is no immediate danger or risk of it being invaded.

No attacks will occur in the area making sure people are safe and the trees will not be destroyed after planting.

Why Work With 1Treellion?

1treellion specialized in planting within small communities. Restoring and reforesting lands where communities are integrated into the change. This is precisely the case in Ukraine. When you support 1treellion you support a planting that regenerates a land and a community. Changing from literally the ground up.

We vet our partners as well as present at the planting. The goal is not to throw money at the trees but to support the community while supporting nature.

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