

THE ESSENTIALS: BENEFITS OF GREENHOUSE GAS OFFSET PROJECTS



BENEFITS

Economic

Taking part in an offset project represents an economic development opportunity. Offset projects create a revenue stream from the sale of offset credits that can help fund community priorities. Projects in sectors such as forestry, agriculture and waste management can present employment opportunities. In communities where employment is tied to natural resource development, offset projects may be able to provide jobs related to better management of the land and reduced carbon pollution.

Environmental

Offset projects represent a way to earn revenue from activities that mitigate climate change. Offset projects that involve improvements in land management practices may also offer other environmental co-benefits such as improved wildlife habitat, soil quality, water quality, and conservation of forest.

Social

Land-based projects can improve wildlife and plant populations for cultural and traditional use, and support activities such as hunting and harvesting. Other project types related to waste management can reduce the risks of harmful pollutants and improve community well-being and health. Offset project development may also help to build community capacity through the development of new skills and knowledge.

