

Chapter II

Some final thoughts

Globally, knowledge and acceptance of FMNR as a low-cost, rapid and scalable land and tree cover restoration technique is growing rapidly.

- At World Vision alone, FMNR is now being implemented in over 22 countries. A growing number of organisations are including FMNR in their work, and individuals and communities across the world are practising forms of FMNR spontaneously.
- Through the efforts of individuals in the World Resources Institute and the World Agroforestry Centre, major international donors, governments, other NGOs and UN agencies have become aware of FMNR.
- Some of the inspiration for the 2011 [Bonn Challenge](#) to restore 350 million hectares of land globally, and the World Resources Institute's [AFR100 Initiative](#), launched at the 2015 Paris Climate Change conference to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land, comes from the FMNR success stories in West Africa. What has happened in West Africa under very difficult circumstances gives great hope that similar successes will be possible elsewhere.

FMNR is not a project or an approach; it is a movement of people across the world taking ownership of their futures by restoring their lands. The goal of this manual is to support the growth of this international movement, providing organisations and individuals with the knowledge to facilitate effective and sustainable FMNR programming and support communities to improve their lives and lands.

You are ready!

We believe good FMNR facilitators give people hope.

FMNR is not just about regenerating trees, but about regenerating people and communities. By transforming themselves from helpless victims of poverty, climate change and natural disasters to empowered land managers working together with nature, communities become designers of their future. Landscapes that are sustainably managed at high productivity provide not only food, shelter and water for the current generation, but hope for the future and incentives for communities to invest in – and remain in – their homelands.

We are glad that you are joining this movement, and we can't wait to work with you for the future of our globe. We look forward to hearing your success stories, learning, questions, concerns and calls for help at the [FMNR Hub](#).

The FMNR movement is a community; the more we share knowledge and experience, the more we all benefit.

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