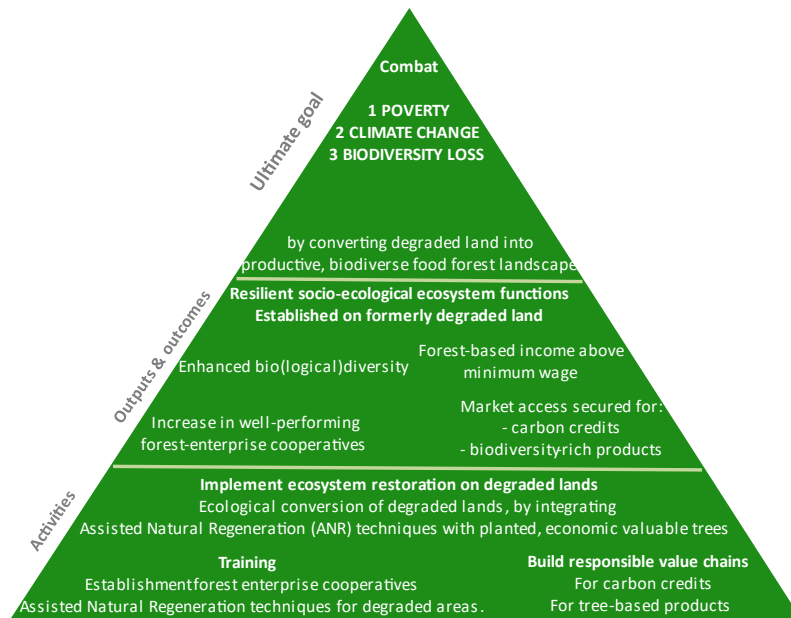




Tropical forests are facing tremendous economic, social and environmental challenges which threaten biodiversity and increase GHG emissions. Rural communities, who depend on these forests for their survival, are becoming marginalised and face increased livelihood vulnerability. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity now and into the future for people and the planet, including forests. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are both urgent and crucial.

At CO<sub>2</sub> Operate, we believe that the private sector holds a key position to advancing the SDG 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As a social enterprise, we offer financially self-sustaining models of positive change for society and the environment.

At CO<sub>2</sub> Operate, we have aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and have structured our Theory of Change (ToC) along six SDGs which are most relevant to us. Our ToC strongly focusses on the selected global goals which aim to reach marginalized groups and lift sustainability barriers.



## Our SDG mission

*Combat poverty, climate change and biodiversity loss in an integrated manner by converting degraded land into biodiverse, productive food forest landscapes for people and the planet.*

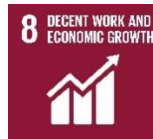
## Aligning our CSR ambitions to the SDGs

We are highly committed to strengthening our company values along the SDGs. Our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) ambitions provide a powerful opportunity to harmonize our ToC with the global goals at the company level. Six SDGs constitute our pillars that place people and the planet at the centre of whatever we do along the value chain. In close collaboration with our partners and suppliers in the value chain, we aspire to achieve inclusive, responsible growth that ensures equality of opportunity for all.



### **1 Impact on environment**

Soil, climate, air, biodiversity, production methods. We actively engage in ecosystem restoration, including the reduction of GHG emissions, while protecting and enhancing biodiversity. Our commitment to nature-based solutions that restore degraded areas into productive food forests are integral to global climate action. We have adopted practices that integrate conservation needs and development priorities to ensure environmental protection and the sustainable use of natural resources. We strive to ensure waste reduction and aim for circularity throughout the entire value chain.



### **2 Impact on responsible value chains**

We promote responsible consumption for all. We respect internationally recognized human rights and basic working conditions throughout the entire value chain and refuse any form of corruption. To improve incomes and resilient livelihoods, we contribute to the responsible procurement of ethically produced products and materials in every aspect of the value chain. The income level of the communities we work with have on average incomes that are around 50% of the official minimum wage, we aim for incomes that minimally match the official minimum wage within the provinces we work. We base employment relationships on the principle of equal opportunity and fair treatment. We promote democratic, local association development within our areas of operation.



### **3 Impact on people**

We aim to reach and improve the livelihoods of marginalized and under-represented people at the forest fringes, including women, as well as under-represented racial and ethnic groups and people with disabilities. We honour the capacity of people to decide, influence, and exercise control over material, human, intellectual, and financial resources in the family and the community, free of coercion. Land acquisition and restrictions on land use can have adverse impacts on the people and communities relying on land. We commit to ensuring that the people we work with are able to continue to own or access important productive resources in line with their own cultural norms, beliefs, and perceptions. These principles are deeply rooted in our operations at the community level and beyond.

*We have established a monitoring and evaluation system that ensures compliance with this CSR charter.*