

## Project Update: June 2017

One of the key tools identified by the project team for effective achievement of the project objectives is the CREMA concept and these has strengthening the local governance structures in all the communities selected for the project within this 3 month period which has been very eventful. Three community forums and two district forums has been organised to strengthen the traditional and community protocols for forest protection in the landscape.

5,000 farmers have been supply with planting materials including over 40,000 tree seedlings in their respective lands and sacred forest for planting through the CREMA committee members and monitoring is ongoing in the 10 beneficial communities. Linkages has been established with five CBOs, the local government authority, Forestry Commission, national civil society coalition on forest issues (Forest Watch Ghana) for information flow, advocacy campaign has been developed to cover other issues in the project such as the legal status on ownership and income from planted trees and inequity in benefit sharing from forest resources and project sustainability.

Next step is to facilitate participatory monitoring and evaluation in which various stakeholders will be tracking and evaluating changes occurring in their own domain as a result of implementing the project.

The project will focus on encouraging community members and CBOs to promote equity and representation in community decision-making structures



Left Stakeholders meeting. Right: Project Leader inspecting boundary planting in Community forest at Mafia C.



Nursery establishment for the supply of seedlings to community Forest at Mafia C landscape.



Women group supporting the tree planting initiative by the project at Mafia C.