## Project Update: February 2018

Farming is the main livelihood activity for most people in rural Ghana but the scarcity of fertile land has created a major challenge for most farmers. The availability of 'free' land for farming through this project has made more than 40 farmers express interest in participating in the project. Some of the farmers have started clearing their allotted lands awaiting the rains to start planting.

With the assistance of some farmers and forest technical officers, more than 10,000 seedlings of teak have been raised for the project. Also, about 1,000 seeds of indigenous tree species (namely Ofram, Emere and Mahogany) have been nursed. The initial commitment of the farmers to the project predicts the success of the project, all things being equal. If the project progresses as planned, in a few years to come the 'grassland forest' will turn into a 'tree plantation forest' with multiple benefits to the farmers in the surrounding communities.



Labourers clearing the land for the project



Two month old teak nursery