

TIST — Small-Group Tree Planting & Carbon Program (Soroti District, Uganda)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Uganda

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 1999, TIST has organised smallholder farmers into self-governing 'small groups' across Kenya, Uganda (incl. Soroti), Tanzania and India. Verra's verified count: 239,450 farmers, 26M+ trees, 6M+ tCO₂, 70% of carbon revenue paid directly to farmers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	3/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Clean Air Action Corporation \(CAAC\) / Institute for Environmental Innovation \(I4EI\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[Verra: Planting Trees, Growing Futures — the TIST Model](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

[TIST Program: About TIST](#) — accessed 2026-07-16

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