Agroforestry

Key objective
To enable group members to improve soil fertility and conservation and family nutrition through increased understanding of the properties and value of local trees

TOOLS required
Agroforestry guide, Facilitation Skills Workbook

Personnel required
Trainer to share skills in facilitation and to give confidence in group facilitation, ideally with some experience in agroforestry

Anticipated outcomes
− Increased awareness of the value of agroforestry in improving soil fertility and preventing soil erosion
− Improved family nutrition
− Tree nurseries established and maintained in local communities and a variety of recommended tree species introduced
− Farmers encouraged to experiment and compare various techniques for tree planting
− Improved awareness of the value of local trees and improved levels of confidence in traditional knowledge
− Fuel wood more available, benefiting the local environment.

Suggested approaches
− Work through ‘Agroforestry’ with a local community group or farmer group
− Hold a workshop for local farmers and community leaders and use ‘Agroforestry’ as the basis of the training and small group work, including practical work
− Establish a tree nursery and use illustrations from ‘Agroforestry’ as posters to raise awareness.