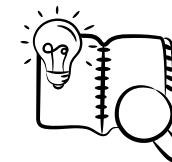


## ... and why you should see more than carbon

Farmers intuitive knowledge is based on generations of local knowledge and observations from working in the fields.

Women and men make similar observations of tree-crop interactions, but the relative importance may differ between women and men, depending on their (other) tasks.



**Tree planting projects need to understand what trees farmers are familiar with, works in their systems and why women and men may have different preferences. Thus, when you offset carbon or support projects, you need evidence that projects.**

- Are not planting monocultures
- Maximizing carbon sequestration at the expense of farmers' livelihoods



### Our studies show that

- Farmers often prefer a diversity of trees because of their different benefits
- The mix of trees, as long as they stand, will contribute to carbon stored in soils, below ground and above ground. You and your offsetter can breathe out – and so can farmers!