

Our impact matters



On more than 73,000 ha in South America, The Forest Company protects native forests and sustainably manages tree plantations. At The Forest Company, we are impact-driven, supported by strong pillars defined as impact goals, contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Our commitment focusses on making a difference at a local scale, empowering communities and employees, protecting native forests and managing landscapes, while delivering investment returns.

In these impact series, we put in spotlight voices from the field that represent our reality, the value of our work and its impacts at the local scale. Stories like these move, inspire and make us smile in our day to day operations.

Our communities

Our operations are located in low-income regions of the tropics near small towns and villages. Our aim is to create value in these communities. We empower community leaders, local authorities, schools, organisations, associations, and other stakeholders and develop joint strategies to increase income, education and cultural opportunities to improve their quality of life without creating dependency.

'No ano passado fundamos uma ótima parceria com a KAA e eles nos apoiaram com instrumentos musicais de cordas para um projeto social que é a orquestra de crianças e adolescentes. Temos 106 estudantes de música, 30 que estão na orquestra e 76 que estão caminhando para a orquestra. A doação da KAA foi direta e muito importante, numa época em que os alunos precisavam dos instrumentos. Então foi um momento propício e todo mundo ficou feliz da vida'.

'We created a great partnership with KAA [The Forest Company, Brazil] and they provided us with stringed musical instruments for a social project, an orchestra of children and teenagers. We have 106 music students, 30 who are in the orchestra and 76 training to be part of it. They play classical music with violins, violas, and cello. Any child between 7 and 17 years old can participate and the project is open to the three schools in the municipality. Since the arrival of the music project, we perceived that the school grades of the students taking part in the project have improved. Some students believe that if they do not have good grades, they cannot participate in the orchestra, although grades are not the criteria. The students involved in the music project are all excellent ones'.

Ederson Bachista

Coordinator of the secretary of culture, Tunas do Paraná
Brazil

THE FOREST COMPANY IS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

'We are good neighbours. Who are the good neighbours? We all are, together, MS Timberland [The Forest Company, Colombia] and the local community. We take care of each other. Some years ago, when they [MS Timberland] asked us what we needed, I told them 'First the aqueduct!' And so, they helped us to build an aqueduct, because we had none and the water we had access to was of bad quality, and without clean water we cannot live well. Also, when we had problems with our bridge, which was damaged, and we could not go anywhere, neither to markets nor to the doctor if we got sick, we asked the people of MS Timberland if we could use their private roads, and thank God, they let us. We are very fortunate to have a good relationship with them. We created Christmas handicrafts to sell. MS Timberland contracted a female expert to teach us how to manufacture them with forest and recycled materials. She was an excellent teacher, very qualified, both as a human person and as a teacher. We made some spectacular handicrafts. MS Timberland bought 120 of them. 120! I did many very beautiful ones. It was an unforgettable experience for us. We started with about 22 people, then 14 more came, then more and more. Now there are so many of us, I cannot even count them. They [MS Timberland] also trained us on project elaboration. So, 18 of us elaborated projects in groups of four people. At the end of the training, MS Timberland chose the best project and supported the winning group to go to Medellín to present it to the managers. It was a playground for about 30 children who did not have anywhere to play at their primary school. We presented, with video projector and everything, and it was so good that they funded it to us! They gave us all the means to implement it because they saw how dedicated we were to this project'.

Maria Eugenia López

Community leader, La Culebra village
Colombia

'Hicimos manualidades de navidad, para vender. El equipo de MS Timberland consiguió la profesora para enseñarnos a realizarlas con materiales reciclados y cositas del bosque. La profesora fue excelente, como ser humano y como profesora. Hicimos artesanías espectaculares. MS Timberland compró 120 manualidades, 120! Yo hice muchas, muy bonitas. Una experiencia inolvidable'.



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