



Welcome to the USAID Carbon Reporting Initiative

Throughout the world, USAID supports land use/ land management activities that have direct, significant and positive impacts on the climate. USAID's Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) programs help mitigate climate change in 119 countries by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere or by reducing emissions of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. The impacts of these activities are real, but until now projects have not had the ability or tools to translate these impacts into reportable, quantifiable measures of carbon benefits.

The AFOLU Calculator employs IPCC-based accounting methods that allow users to estimate the CO₂ benefits and potential climate impacts of eight different types of land-based project activities: forest protection, forest management, afforestation/reforestation, agroforestry, cropland management, grazing land management, forest degradation by fuelwood, and support/development of policies. Each of these tools within the AFOLU Calculator transparently documents the methods, discusses the assumptions, and presents the underlying data along with its associated sources of uncertainties.

Support, guidance and assistance to users is provided through several features in the AFOLU Calculator, including usage manuals, video tutorials and open discussion forum.